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About the author

Henry Porter was a regular columnist for the Observer and now writes about European power and politics for The Hive website in the US. He has written six bestselling thrillers, including *Brandenburg*, which won the CWA Ian Fleming Steel Dagger, *A Spy's Life* and *Empire State*, which were both nominated for the same award. His most recent thriller was the universally praised *Firefly*. Henry Porter is frequently described as the heir to John le Carré. He lives in London.

Firefly Henry Porter

About the book

From the refugee camps of Greece to the mountains of Macedonia, a 13-year-old boy is making his way to Germany and safety. Codenamed 'Firefly', he holds vital intelligence: unparalleled insight into a vicious ISIS terror cell, and details of their plans. But the terrorists are hot on his trail, determined he won't live to pass on the information.

When MI6 become aware of Firefly and what he knows, the race is on to find him. Paul Samson, ex-MI6 agent and now private eye, finds himself recruited to the cause. Fluent in Arabic thanks to his Lebanese heritage, Samson's job is to find Firefly, win his trust and get him to safety.

Other books by the author

*Remembrance
Day* (2000)

Brandenburg
(2005)

A Spy's Life
(2001)

The Dying Light
(2009)

Empire State
(2003)

*White Hot
Silence* (2019)

Discussion points

- How much did you know about the refugee crisis before reading this book?
- At only 13 years old, Naji has had a difficult life. Do you think he acts like a child, or more like an adult?
- Do you think it's important that Samson is also a refugee?
- What makes this novel adventure writing?
- The author worked as a newspaper journalist. How do you think this experience might have helped him to write this book?

Suggested further reading

Beside the Syrian Sea by James Wolff

The Man Between by Charles Cumming

Accidental Agent by Alan Judd

The Spy and the Traitor by Ben MacIntyre

Useful links

[The Guardian – Firefly by Henry Porter review – flight from ISIS](#)

[NB Magazine – Firefly by Henry Porter](#)

[The Wilbur & Niso Smith Foundation – Q & A with Henry Porter](#)

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