

O SORRISO DA HIENA

The Smiling Hyena



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Through the narration of a series of mysterious crimes, Gustavo Ávila reflects on the origin of evil and on the human mind.

Artur Veiga, a well-known detective suffering from Asperger syndrome, investigates on a series of homicides committed by a ruthless killer. The victims are couples that are killed in front of their children. William, a child psychologist, is called to help with the investigations. During the investigation, he will get in touch with the killer and remain involved in a deep net of psychological tricks that will have him face great moral issues on his behavior as a person and as a professional.

Is it possible to talk about evil and mean well? Is there a valid explanation to evil acts? In *O sorriso da hiena* Gustavo Ávila faces some central issues of the human mind and brings to light complex ethical themes with a fluid and engaging writing.

The film rights of *O sorriso da hiena* were acquired by TV Globo for a TV adaptation of the novel.

Moreover, Gustavo Ávila's second novel, *Quando a luz apaga* (2019), stars once again detective Artur Veiga as its main character.

Gustavo Avila is a Brazilian writer and advertising agent. He is the author of *O sorriso da hiena* (2017) and *Quando a luz apaga* (2019), both starring detective Artur Veiga. In 2015 he published the short story *Pá de Cal*. In 2016 TV Globo acquired the film rights of *O sorriso da hiena* for a TV adaptation of the story.