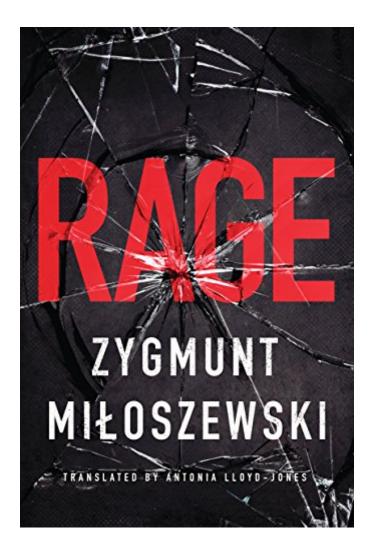
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Synopsis

Bestselling Polish crime by award-winning author Zygmunt Miloszewski.All eyes are on famous prosecutor Teodor Szacki when he investigates a skeleton discovered at a construction site in the idyllic Polish city of Olsztyn. Old bones come as no shock to anyone in this part of Poland, but it turns out these remains are fresh, the flesh chemically removed.Szacki questions the dead manâ ™s wife, only to be left with a suspicion sheâ ™s hiding something. Then another victim surfacesâ "a violent husband, alive but maimedâ "giving rise to a theory: someoneâ ™s targeting domestic abusers. And as new clues bring the murderer closer to those Szacki holds dear, he begins to understand the terrible rage that drives people to murder.From acclaimed Polish crime writer Zygmunt Miloszewski comes a gritty, atmospheric page-turner that poses the question, what drives a sane man to kill?

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"Most murderers never imagine they're going to kill. Just like normal people, they wake up, brush their teeth, and make breakfast. And then something happens, an unfortunate tangle of events, circumstances, and emotions. And that night they go to bed as murderers. It could happen to one of you, too." - Prosecuter Szackiln "Rage", Zygmunt Miloszewski explores just how far a man can be pushed until he is pushed over the edge. Racing against the clock, seasoned prosecutor Szacki must solve a heinous crime to save something very precious to him. Throughout the book, the author shows Szacki's own vulnerability to rage in small ways, building up to an unexpected ending. As an avid reader, I greatly enjoy thrillers that keep me both interested and on the edge of my seat. With that said, this book was a disappointment for me. The very slow pace of the story line development made it a challenge to keep reading. In addition, the writing style of the author made the book (especially the first third) require a substantial amount of time and focus for me to read. I'm a very fast reader, but this book (at about 400 pages) took me nearly six hours to read! The incredible amount of detail that is in the book (for example, describing the town's weather conditions in almost every chapter) wore on me, and I found myself wanting to give up. To me, much of the detail (particularly the daily news summaries at the beginning of the chapters) seemed quite unnecessary. I also felt that the author's intense focus on presenting the town as aesthetically and atmospherically ugly did not help the story line.After about the first half of the book, I did find myself beginning to enjoy the story.

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