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the many dead who can't speak for themselves"--

"Two-fisted Kyrgyzstani detective Akyl Borubaev returns to investigate a savage series of child murders that threatens to topple the political order"--
