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| John Hunt Publishing - **Roundfire** - announces the new title | | |
| **Steal a Few Cents**  Rupert Smith  Mpho Mamela, a young accountant at a coal mine in the Middelburg coalfields of South Africa is killed one night when he gets caught in the rollers of a conveyor belt. He is mangled beyond recognition. There will be an official State enquiry into his death, by the Inspectorate of Mining. Stephen Wakefield, the in-house lawyer and a director of the company, begins preparing for the enquiry, but he struggles to understand what happened - Mamela should not have been anywhere near the place he was killed. Bit by bit, Stephen’s investigation uncovers a story far removed from a simple workplace accident. A web of deception and massive fraud is unveiled; fraud perpetrated by a person who publicly insists on high standards of morality and honesty. It becomes clear to Stephen that Mamela had tried to blackmail the guilty party to help his lover, who is in prison for attempting to steal a trifling amount from the mining company. When the killer learns that his actions are about to be exposed, Stephen realises that his own life is now in danger...  **Author Bio** Rupert is a retired attorney who studied languages at university, and spent a 30-year career intimately involved with the South African mining industry. He lives in Johannesburg, South Africa.  **Endorsements** *In Rupert Smith's addictive new book, the mining magnates of old may have gone, but the cowboy antics of the industry haven't. Smith is suitably modest when describing his long involvement with mining - having been party to some of the most interesting post-apartheid deals, has also meant that he witnessed some of the shenanigans which goes with running mines in South Africa. It makes him uniquely placed to write a fast-paced thriller - but not one so fast paced that loses its balance of plot development and attention to detail. Unputdownable!* ***Kalim Rajab, writer and corporate executive based in Johannesburg***  **Promotional Plans** Social media promotion across JHP fiction imprints. Book festivals and events, endorsements, promotion via Book Revue (local to SA), Goodreads, Amazon. Blog reviews. Promote author as a fresh South African voice, building author's platform.  **USP** Steal a Few Cents captures the essence of modern-day South Africa, with its legacy of Apartheid, the pandemic of corruption, and the ongoing attempts of ordinary people to adjust to a non-racial future. It is a gritty detective story which raises issues of morality, economics and politics. Perfect for fans of Scandinavian crime fiction seeking a fresh voice.  **Competing Books** Spoor 9780798152501, by Deon Meyer Human & Rousseau, 2012  **Categories** FICTION (General)(FIC050000) -> Crime(FIC050000) FICTION (General)(FIC037000) -> Political(FIC037000) FICTION (General)(FIC022090) -> Mystery & Detective (General)(FIC022090) -> Private Investigators(FIC022090) |  | **Publication Date** November 2017  **Paperback** ISBN: 978-1-78535-607-0 $20.95  |  £12.99 8.5x5.5 inches | 216x140 mm 272PP  **e-book** ISBN: 978-1-78535-608-7 $7.99  |  £4.99  **Library of Congress** 2016954755 |
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