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### About the Author

Neal Asher was born in Billericay, Essex, and still lives nearby. His previous full-length novels are *Gridlinked*, *The Skinner*, *The Line of Polity*, *Cowl*, *Brass Man*, *The Voyage of the Sable Keech*, *Polity Agent*, *Hilldiggers*, *Prador Moon*, *Line War* and *The Gabble*.

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