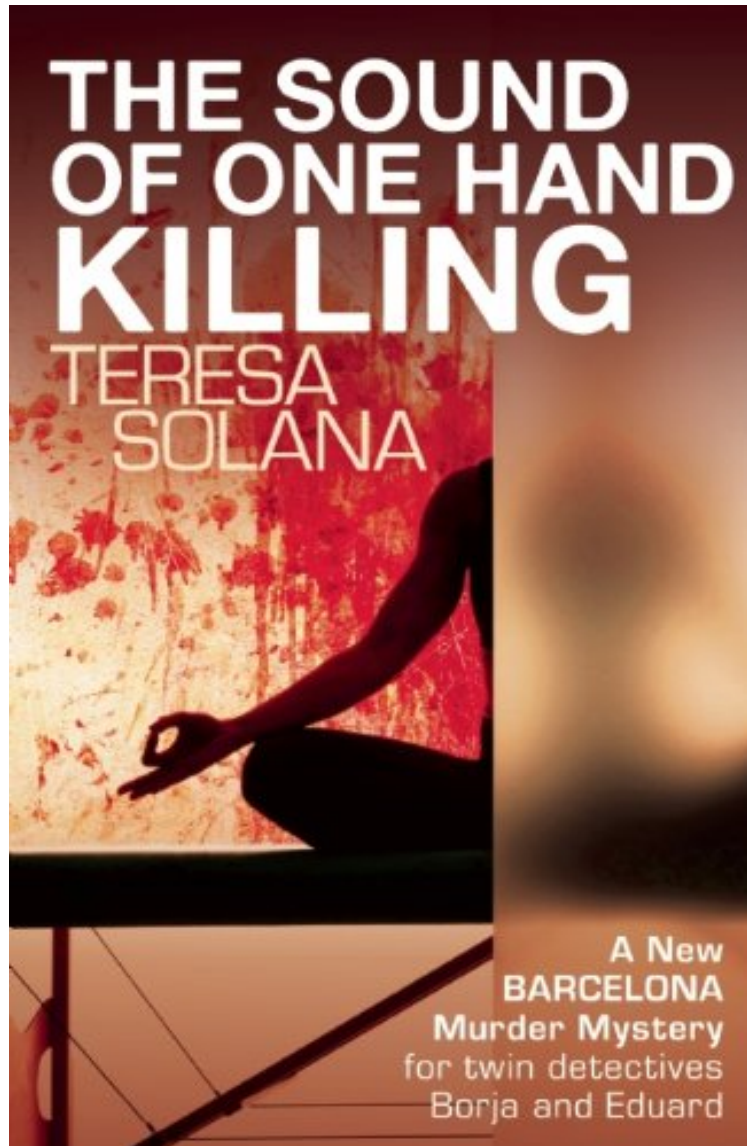


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**Teresa Solana : The Sound of One Hand Killing (The Borja and Eduard Barcelona Series)** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Sound of One Hand Killing (The Borja and Eduard Barcelona Series):

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Killing Teresa Solana, translated by Peter Bush Bitter Lemon, May 7 2013, \$14.95 ISBN 9781908524065 In Barcelona detective twins Eduard Martínez and Borja Masdéu return to their office only to find someone broke in and trashed the place. Heeding the advice of a friend, best-selling noir author Teresa Solana hires the siblings to investigate alternative therapies for a noir she plans to write while she stays in a vacant apartment upstairs. Instead they find the apartment's occupant Brian Morgan dead inside, but Borja's Assyrian statue, the Lioness of Baghdad, he stashed there remains safe there. Although unaware that the corpse is CIA, the brothers sign up for various New Age classes. Only they find a director Dr. Horaci Bou murdered by a Buddha statue. The third Borja and Eduard Barcelona satirical Noir (see *A Shortcut to Paradise* and *A Not So Perfect Crime*) continues to lampoon the sub-genre while this time also mocking New Age saviors. The enjoyable storyline rotates between the two homicides and Borja's smuggling efforts. However it is the amusing skewing of con artists (especially believers who con themselves) preying on those struggling to find healing for even regular life ills in order to live as a norm in an abnormal land. Harriet Klausner

"Solana's excellent novel, set in the streets and parlors of Barcelona, offers probing social commentary and an excellent crime story."—Booklist Two detectives, brothers Borja and Eduard, are contracted by best-selling author Teresa Solana to research the world of so-called alternative therapies. They enroll for a course at Zen Moments, an exclusive meditation center in the ritziest part of Barcelona, only to discover the director murdered, whacked in the head with a statuette of the Buddha. The violent death of a neighbor—who happens to be a CIA agent—simultaneously drags them into an international conspiracy complicated by Borja's attempt to smuggle a priceless Assyrian figurine, the Lioness of Baghdad. In this, the third in her satirical series, Catalan "noir" novelist Teresa Solana mercilessly punctures the pretensions of New Age quacks who promote pseudo-science and pseudo-spirituality. At the same time, Solana draws compassionate portraits of characters trying to live "ordinary" lives in circumstances that have ceased to be normal, yet still cope with such everyday issues as adultery, menopause, and simply surviving to the end of the month. Born in 1962, Teresa Solana lives in Barcelona, Spain. She has written several novels, some kept quietly in her drawer, others highly acclaimed. *A Not So Perfect Crime*, the first in this series, won the 2007 Brigada 21 Prize for the best Catalan mystery novel. Peter Bush is the well known translator of Leonardo Padura and Juan Goytisolo.

'There's no better way to find your way around both sides of the social Diagonal bisecting Barcelona than by pursuing the criminal habits of those who profiteer from even the most acute of recessions. While the digressions on culinary specialities are worthy of Catalan crime writer Manuel Vázquez Montalbán, those on Hippocrates and the Elamite Empire will delight readers who like their fictional rapids alternated with pools of Zen contemplation.' Independent An enjoyable, light-hearted read in which homeopathy gets a skewering along the way. The boys do do some detecting, mostly at the unexpected request of the police, all against the backdrop of Barcelona. **THE SOUND OF ONE HAND KILLING** deliberately leaves some loose ends to be followed up in another book and I look forward to it.' EuroCrime The Sound of One Hand Killing is Barcelona-based Teresa Solano's third satirical crime novel to feature her twin brother detectives Borja and Eduard and once again people will be calling her 'the Queen of Catalan Noir'. If they are not, they should.' Getting Away with Murder