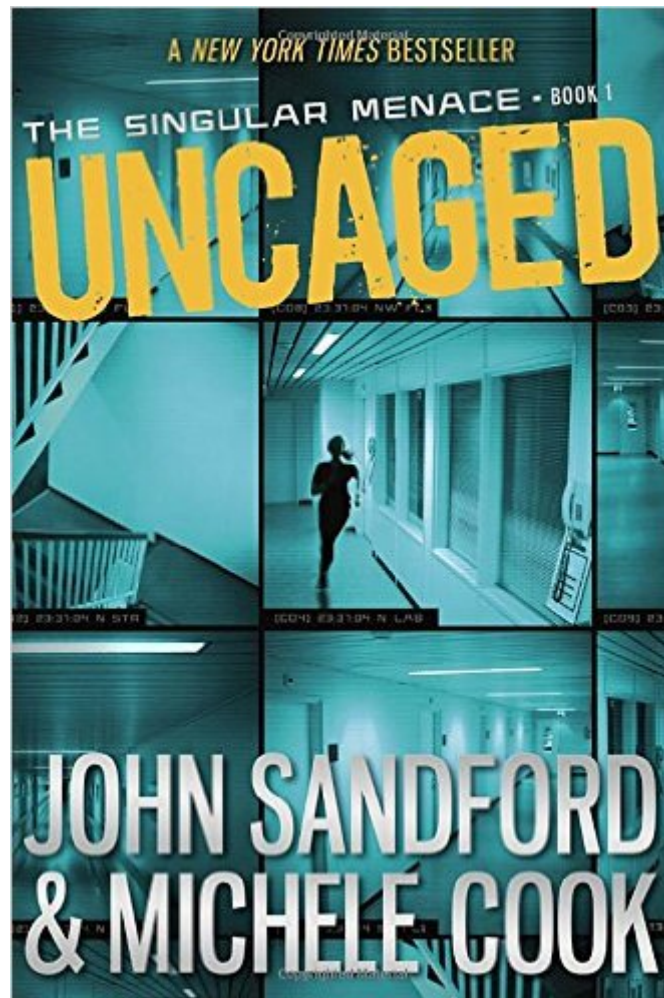


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# Uncaged (Singular Menace)



## Synopsis

A New York Times bestseller! John Sandford and Michele Cook debut a high-octane thriller series about a ruthless corporation, unspeakable experiments, and a fight to expose the truth. Perfect for fans of James Dashner's *The Maze Runner*. *Shay Remby* arrives in Hollywood with \$58 and a handmade knife, searching for her brother, *Odin*. *Odin* is a brilliant hacker but a bit of a loose cannon. He and a group of radical animal-rights activists hit a Singular Corp. research lab in Eugene, Oregon. The raid was a disaster, but *Odin* escaped with a set of highly encrypted flash drives and a post-surgical dog. When *Shay* gets a frantic 3 a.m. phone call from *Odin* talking about evidence of unspeakable experiments, and a ruthless corporation, and how he must hide she is concerned. When she gets a menacing visit from Singular's security team, she knows: her brother is a dead man walking. What Singular doesn't know yet is that 16-year-old *Shay* is every bit as ruthless as their security force, and she will burn Singular to the ground, if that's what it takes to save her brother. From the Hardcover edition.

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## Customer Reviews

*Uncaged* is the first in a series of thrillers for teenagers 12 and up by crime novelist John Sandford and newcomer Michele Cook. Sandford is a respected pro, with a Pulitzer Prize from his reporting days and thirty-six crime novels to his credit, including popular series featuring Minnesota detectives Lucas Davenport and Virgil Flowers. This solid teenage novel should prove of interest to readers of

crime thrillers regardless of age. The heroine, Shay, and her older brother Odin are orphans, farmed out to different sets of foster parents. Odin, nearly eighteen, joins a group of radical animal rights activists. (I think Shay's seventeen.) The young activists -- they're sixteen to twenty-three-- hear of unauthorized experimentation on animals held at the large, very secretive Singular Corp. They break in to steal the research records and release the animals. Odin's high-level autistic. His autism plays out in two ways: he's an absolute whiz with computers and he can't stand to see animals abused. So when he gets into Singular and catches a glimpse of the terrible things going on there, he freaks. He grabs some flash drives from the head researcher's office -- they're heavily encrypted -- and takes a research dog with him when he leaves. Someone at Singular been operating on the dog: there's a patch over the dog's eye that seems glued on. Someone high up in Singular is worried by the attack. Singular's media blitz paints the youngsters as dangerous radicals, to be apprehended on sight. Soon, Odin and the dog (why do they want the dog so badly?) are on the run, hunted by paramilitary types who work for Singular (but why does a research organization need mercenaries?). The dog has been operated on and its nature and capabilities artificially enhanced.

Uncaged is a real thrill ride of a book. Once you start reading you'll find yourself immediately and completely immersed in the plot and unable to put the book down. It's not a short story, it's more than 400 pages long, but thanks to Sandford and Cook's captivating writing style, you'll be flipping through those 400 pages at a break-neck, finger-blistering pace. It's really a well-written, refreshingly bold, often times deeply disturbing, thought-provoking and intensely gripping novel, and I highly recommend picking it up. Thanks to the intelligent plot line filled with relevant themes such as experimentation on animals, eco-activism, corruption and the never ending David-and-Goliath sort of battle against multi-million dollar corporations, this book reads more like an adult novel than your usual YA. I was completely unprepared for how much the descriptions of the experiments performed on animals would affect me. Not only was I emotionally invested in the story, I often felt physically ill, reading about the horrible abuse and cruelty. The way the story plays out leaves you satisfied, wanting more, but also feeling kind of dirty and in a need of a long, hot shower. John Sandford is a well known bestselling author of numerous thrillers, and his skill in writing those is evident all throughout Uncaged. Together with Michele Cook, they have penned a really good, blood-pressure-spiking story. Being an animal lover through and through, I was especially affected by the subject matter and found myself completely engrossed in the plot line right from the very beginning. This book has a strong cast of unique characters - characters that are not your usual

cookie cut-outs YA heroes and heroines.

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