Daniel Nieh, BEIJING PAYBACK

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A fresh, smart, and fast-paced revenge thriller bursting with personality and pathos about a college basketball player discovering shocking truths about his Chinese family in the wake of his father's murder.

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- The best China thriller I've ever seen—a propulsive nail-biter that roars with seamless confidence into a China most Western authors can barely penetrate.—**Nicole Mones**, author of *The Last Chinese Chef*

- *Beijing Payback* kicks major ass. A fast-moving, electric thriller that will remind you why you love the genre. I don't know where Daniel Nieh has been hiding all these years, but he arrives here fully formed, a writer already at the top of his game.—**Tod Goldberg**, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The House of Secrets* and *Gangsterland*

- Like his driven, basketball playing, Chinese-American hero, Daniel Nieh has got skills. Full of revenge, treachery, intrigue, and violence, *Beijing Payback* also tells a compellingly human tale about the ghosts and secrets that haunt the children of immigrants. A strong and entertaining debut.
  —**Sebastian Rotella**, author of *Rip Crew*

Victor Li is devastated by his father's murder, and shocked by a confessional letter he finds among his father's things. In it, his father admits that he was never just a restaurateur—in fact he was part of a vast international crime syndicate that formed during China's leanest communist years.

Victor travels to Beijing, where he investigates his father's secret criminal life, confronting decades-old grudges, violent spats, and a shocking new enterprise that the organization wants to undertake. Standing up against it is likely what got his father killed, but Victor remains undeterred. He enlists his growing network of allies and friends to finish what his father started, no matter the costs.

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