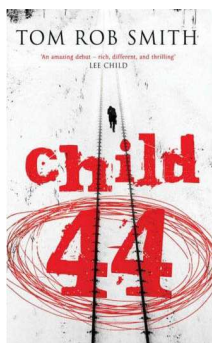


Child 44 by Tom Rob Smith



Set in the pitiless political regime of 1950s Stalinist Russia this is a fast paced and gripping crime novel. A string of children are murdered but the state – which cannot admit to having the same social problems as capitalist regimes – is unable to deal with a serial killer. The anti-hero Detective Leo Demidov initially supports this view, and rejects the evidence that the murders are all committed by one person. Then the plot twists and Demidov himself becomes a victim. A page turning literary thriller