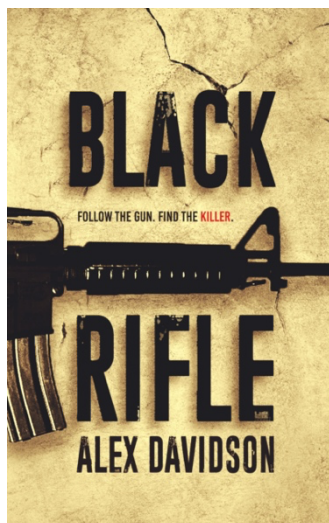


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## BLACK RIFLE

A NOVEL

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[BOSTON, February, 2021] There are over 300 million guns in the United States. Imagine having to find just one. This is the premise of Alex Davidson's "jaw-dropping" debut novel.

The novel, which released mid-February, follows the aftermath of another mass shooting in America. Thirteen people are dead and the killer is still at large. Their identity and motive remain a mystery. The only lead is the murder weapon: an AR-15, a.k.a. the "black rifle."

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