



The Man From Beijing

Pitch: Hint: he's probably Chinese...

Why Rent? When multiple murder victims are found throughout a tiny Swedish village the investigation moves beyond psychotic madman to global conspiracy in this globe-hopping thriller from Sweden. At three hours long this is no energetic thrill ride, but fans of history, snow and character-based dramas may find something of value here. It's a long way to go for the pay off, but it features enough good performances and interesting ideas to make a watch worthwhile. *The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo* fans will recognize Michael Nyqvist as the male lead. That may or may not be a good thing. [Extras: Making of]



Man of Vendetta

Pitch: Time to hire a new translator maybe...

Why Rent? A little girl is abducted, and both she and her kidnapper disappear after a bungled ransom drop attempt. Her pastor father loses faith in everything, and eight years later he's a divorced, angry ex-pastor totally unprepared for a phone call and the voice on the other end of the line offering a second chance at getting his daughter back. This Korean thriller manages some real suspense and spectacular set pieces (including a second ransom drop in an ice rink), but it does suffer from a bit of meandering in its second act. Still, a solid thriller worth your time.
