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'Ring' Sequels to New Publisher

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Japanese author **Koji Suzuki** had a huge two-million-copy hit at home with his eerie *The Ring*, which became a Japanese movie, then a scary DreamWorks pic here last year. Now he has written **Loop** and **Spiral**, two sequels, and agent **Jimmy Vines**, in cooperation with the author's Japanese agent and publisher, has sold them both here to a new house in New York specializing in translations of Japanese bestsellers. It's called Vertical, and its first book, earlier this year, was a *Ring* translation, also sold by Vines. Editorial director **Ioannis Mentzas** made the North American rights buy of the two new thrillers.

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