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**Lawrence Sanders's beloved sleuth Archy McNally returns in a novel by Vincent Lardo**

**Truth is stranger than fiction in Archy McNally's latest case, proving there's no bond stronger than blood—except the bonds of a deadly secret**

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### Joy says

The illegitimate Jill runs off with her boyfriend to hunt for her wealthy, prominent father. Her mother, popular author Sabrina, sends her husband to find her; and when Jill is found, Sabrina joins them in Palm Beach, Archy McNally's town. But Sabrina will never tell who Jill's father is, and Archy's knowledge could be deadly.

McNALLY'S CHANCE has some delicious plot twists - a thoroughly enjoyable read.

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### Stephen says

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### Bill Khaemba says

Palms Beach Florida gossip has never been so tantalizing, The feel of the waves and the setting of the book was so refreshing. Lawrence Sanders's writing was so fun and rich with a touch of sass, most characters were playful especially Archy McNally, he brought a light wit with his eccentric personality and i freaking loved it.

The mystery aspects of the book was odd to me by the first half of the book, but the author managed to bring it together in funny way, I was obsessed with it. It had me thinking and interested in the out come but in a fun and whimsical way.

The Characters were eccentric to say the least, the main character is always in a colorful attire, fine taste in wine and a very loud convertible car. The book honestly surprised me and really loved it

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## **Pamela says**

Have you ever gone back to your home town, back to the street where you grew up only to find that the beautiful old house where you spent the best years of your childhood is now a meth house? If you have, you know something of the feeling I got from what little bit of this piece of junk I managed to read. I think I only got to about 15% before I had to either stop reading or seek the advice of a mental health professional.

Lawrence Sanders' McNally books are fun, irrevent, and a perfect way to spend a rainy day. Lardo's abominations are painfully bad with none of what makes the originals work.

If you have never read a McNally book, stay away from these.

If you are a McNally fan, run away from these!

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## **Dana says**

In Florida, popular romance writer Sabrina Wright hires private investigator Arch McNally to find her missing husband. But Sabrina really has a much different reason for involving Archy. Her daughter Gillian recently learned that her mother who she thought had adopted her is really her biological mother. Gillian seeks her biological dad.

When the news leaks out among the rich and richer, three males try to hire Archy to keep a lid on the story. Sabrina had affairs with all three at about the time she became pregnant and each one has since been paying under the table child support to keep the author quiet. Now that the story is becoming public, someone kills Sabrina. Will Archy be next??

We also get a glimpse of Binky. Binky works as a messenger at Archy's father's firm. Binky decides it is time to move out and moves into a trailer right next to the beautiful Bianca. With both Archy and Binky vying over Bianca and Al Rogoff the police next door, life gets complicated.

This book again plays off the irreverent Archy and although a mystery packs a few laughs in. The only negative is that Archy is not as tolerant of Binky as before but actually a bit mean.

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## **Joan Schrock says**

I enjoy these very light Archy McNally mysterys that are sprinkled with delicious descriptions of food,fashion and upper class digs . No bad language, descriptions of violence etc. The main characters, Archy, his mom,dad,cook,handiman,police detective,girl friend are all usually present . Easy read

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## **Judy says**

This was an enjoyable read with an old fashioned feel to it. Sort of. That's partly because our hero, Archy, evidently doesn't use modern technology such as computers and cell phones.

## Mark Birchall says

another mad cap crime caper in the land of the obscenely rich and famous with a host of grotesque immoral characters for archy mcnally to wade through before he saves the day . great holiday fun read

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## Bruce Thomas says

### Too glib Archie

Half of this book spent considerable time convincing the reader that Archie is the same glib guy as in the previous nine books. He's not evolving, and Connie should give him the brand-new if she's really serious about wanting a family life - or is she putting on an act?

The last half of the book gets in with the story, and Archie reaffirms his lack of independence from his parents. But the story gets around to the tension that managed to break through the farcical build-up to the murder. Archie puts on his big boy hat, consults his father for advice, and puts the story together about how and by whom Sabrina was murdered.

Regardless, I enjoyed reading another Archie McNally story. Only three more to go.

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## Jerry B says

McNally Lives On, Even if Sanders Doesn't!

Surely y'all know by now that Lawrence Sanders has been dead a couple of years at least, and yet out keep rolling the McNally series. From tiny fine print on the first, to his name on the cover of this one (the third), Vincent Lardo has to us done a very credible job carrying on our leading man for Sanders' estate. (We know one fan who insists Lardo was ghost writing the series even earlier -- could be true for all we know...)

We have here the familiar trappings: Archie's three mile swims, cocktail hours, journal writing, almost more than we can take of his wardrobe analysis. But a decent enough plot with first one, then two, then three real villains kept us guessing til almost the end. And with his father out of town, and girlfriend Connie at bay for a change, we didn't get quite the heavy dose of sameness that would make the series boring.

We're up for several more. And by the way, how come Robert Goldsborough, similarly "selected" by Rex Stout's estate, hasn't written any more Nero Wolfe's !?! Vincent, you game ??

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## Amber says

Not a bad story (it was my first in the series), but the author's thesaurus must be worn out after using a \$5

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word every time a 2¢ one would do. Perhaps his use of unnecessary vocabulary is explained in an earlier book in the series.

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### **Barbara Nutting says**

I think I have read too many of these in a row - even though I read other books in between finishing this. I think Lardo is tiring too hard with Archie- Sanders was more of a Palm Beach insider and Lardo sounds like a wannabe!! It was more about fashion, cars and food than mystery - I'll finish the series, just not very soon.

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### **Jim says**

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I found this story interesting mostly because of what I think it did wrong rather than what it did right. The plot was fairly interesting, dealing with a woman who convinced three different men that they were the father of her child and essentially blackmailed child support out of all three. But the plot was lost in the background trivia and at least 1 silly subplot. The author tried so hard to be cute and funny that he lost sight of the fact that the book was supposed to be a mys

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### **Ed says**

#10 in the Archy McNally series. #3 of 6 entries penned by author Lardo after the death of series creator Lawrence Sanders, who wrote the first 7 series entries.

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### **Jerry Johnson says**

Archy McNally dresses with flare and has a bent for fine cuisine. In this book his detective skills are not on display as the plot seems to come to him until the very end of the book. A good read. I will read more of Archy's escapades.

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