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New York Times bestselling author Jeffery Deaver's task was to select the best mystery/horror/detective stories of the century by the world's most celebrated writers. The result is a triumph, featuring masterpieces of suspense by:

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Lorie says

It was a good introduction to writers I had not read before. Some stories were amazing, and some were just OK.

Charla says

great short story compilation! Great authors and great writing. Not edge of your seat stuff but definitely appreciating the writing. Love Deavers collection's and will be on the hunt for more.

Bonnie Randall says

I've carried this collection with me, camping, for the last 3 or 4 years and I'd read a short story here and a short story there—short fiction is sometimes the perfect vacation read; no overly-demanding investment in a story or characters and, in this collection, lots of variety as spanning a century means myriad voices. (Although there are an overwhelming number of tales in this book that are classic detective noir, with characters “Who talk like this, see?” through clenched teeth. Who ogle dames wearing slashes of scarlet lipstick and smoke cigs. These (wise)guys say “Look, Mac” and do things like douse the lights. So, if you're looking for noir atmosphere, you've come to the right set of stories).

Beyond that, a few duds just didn't pull me in, but there're many gems here. **The Gentleman in The Lake** is classic British mystery. **Quitters Inc** makes the addictions counselor in me laugh darkly every time I read it. **The Little House At Croix-Rousse** is clearly inspired by Agatha Christie, and **This Is Death** will appeal to anyone who loves the supernatural. You a vigilante? Don't miss **Stacked Deck**, but if roots in science fiction and/or spec fic are more your game, you'll appreciate **Killing Bernstein** and **A Matter of Principal**.

Deeply disturbing is the narrator in **Lady Hillary**, but he's a somewhat distant second to the unnerving little girl in **The People Across The Canyon**. Yet all the neck-twitchy stuff is balanced out by the too-cute **Carrying Concealed**, an adorable plotline about the plight of a lawyer and his wife with newborn twins:

'...she stretched her toe to touch his, still barefoot.

“Is this sex?” Tom asked.

“Yes.”

“Funny. I remember it differently.”

All sorts of writing royalty present here: Stephen King, Sharyn McCrumb, Margaret Miller, Ellery Queen and Lisa Scottoline, among others.

Verdict: if you have a broad-strokes definition of suspense, enjoy short stories and the variety of many varied voices, if you also are okay with dated fiction and can see the charm of its yester-year depictions, then this is certainly a collection you'll like quite a lot.

4 I've-Had-This-So-Long-I-Can't-Remember-Not-Reading-It-Stars.

Aries says

a cura di Jeffery Deaver. Ovvero i racconti sono di altri autori ma raccolti dal mago del thriller ed hanno un solo filo comune: la suspense nelle sue varie forme. Devo dire che, nonostante la mole, il libro si legge volentieri e velocemente, anche grazie alla variet?? di autori presenti: troviamo un racconto per ognuno, a partire dallo stesso Deaver per arrivare a Stephen King passando da Steve Martini, dal classico Ellery Queen e da tanti altri autori pi?? o meno conosciuti. Non dico che tutti i racconti fossero nelle mie corde, ma ?? stata indubbiamente una lettura pi?? che gradevole, utile anche a conoscere autori magari mai letti prima.

Daniel2 says

Just OK. A string of fairly good stories. Very few written well. Stephen King's "Quitters, Inc." is one of the highlights, which says something of the narrative quality of the remaining stories. Still, worth a read of you're a fan of mystery fiction.

Andd Becker says

This unputdownable book may prompt the reader to read best books in the genre, listed in each bio and categorized more precisely.

Joe Noir says

Superior.

Gay says

Edited by Jeffrey Deaver

Blake says

Read Volume ONE:

Overall this book provided quite a few stories from some very good authors. I found the book somewhat enjoyable. A couple of stories I really enjoyed (see ** below) however for the most part the stories were average.

** "Missing: Page Thirteen" by Anna Katharine Green is an excellent short story about events that happen

where a female character is called in to help solve the problem...immediately. The Start is slow but all the rest is GREAT. This whole book was worth this short story.

** "Quitters Inc." by Stephen Kings Also very good

Vanessa says

A hodge podge of crime fiction that neither spans a century nor provides much suspense.

Beth Olson shultz says

Took me forever to finish this. The stories generally are very good and entertaining.

Kerry says

I don't recall exactly why - but I never did make it all the way through this book. It's actually a collection of stories and after the first few I just lost interest. Maybe some day I'll go back to it.

Desira says

A surprisingly great collection of short suspense, ranging from horror to detective novels. Usually with such a broad collection, there would be some hit or miss, but I really enjoyed these all.
