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Tourist season may be over...
but the killing season has
just begun.**

There's nothing like Martha's Vineyard on these crisp autumn days, after the season has ended. Now that the "off-islanders" are finally off the island, ex-Boston cop J.W. Jackson is free to relax, fish, and make future plans with his lady love Zee. But the natives are getting seriously restless this fall, with animal rights activists squaring off against deer slayers and environmentalists butting heads with land developers. Things have reached the boiling-over point -- and it's not long before verbal arrows become real ones. And when a most unlikely victim is caught in the lethal crossfire, Jackson can't just sit by idly with a fishing pole in his hand. Someone has to lead the hunt for a killer, and J.W.'s the man -- even if there's a chance that he won't live to see next summer.

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Pam Bales says

Number five in the Martha's Vineyard cozy mystery series starring JW Jackson and his family, this is a great cozy read. I couldn't get enough of them when I "found" them in 1999. I enjoyed every one until the death of the author. Find them and read them.

LJ says

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Craig, Philip R. - 5th in Martha's Vineyard series

Tempers flare between local hunters and animal-rights activists.

Another very enjoyable entry in a great series. Craig, as does Parker, includes simple recipes along with his murders, but that doesn't make this a light series.

Lorraine Wille says

as is my tradition, i read this book while at martha's

Emily Cullen says

Ex-Boston cop J.W. Jackson is happy that the tourist season on Martha's Vineyard is finally over. But there's trouble between the animal rights activists and hunters. And when a man who didn't seem to care either way is found killed by an arrow, J.W. is hired to find out whom the murderer is. I love all the Martha's Vineyard Mystery novels. I love J.W.'s personality and the relationship between his now fiancée, Zee. This author died, which is shame, but he was prolific and I look forward to a lot more of the series.

Niece says

Setting Martha's Vineyard-retired Boston Police Officer-J.W. Jackson
Light mystery/light romance...good series/enjoyed!

Kathy Petersen says

Another enjoyable trip to Martha's Vineyard, out of tourist season but with of course a murder and some unhappy sexual shenanigans. Craig's Jeff is a most likable person, and Craig's books are easy, non-

threatening reading, a diet of which would be delicious but not entirely healthy.

Gerald D. Neal says

Great story

All of the vineyard stories are good reads. Highly recommend for easy reading. Philip Craig books are super mysteries. Recommend.

Cathy Strasser says

I always enjoy spending time on the Vineyard with J W Jackson. His wry world view and devotion to good food relax me (and make me hungry!) Another easy read that brings a healthy dose of enjoyment.

Janet says

Another good one. I am really enjoying the series. JW Jackson is such a great character. A really good read.

Nancy H says

Another excellent entry in the Martha's Vineyard Mystery series. I am in the process of going back and reading all of the ones I missed throughout the series, and I am impressed that the quality is as high in the early books as it is in the later ones. Definitely one of my all-time favorite mystery series!

Anwnh5 says

I did enjoy this series. I have been to the vineyard and can visualize when he is driving around. Good mystery, like the main characters.

Sffaulkner says

An easy, fun mystery that takes you to the island... a new author to me and I'm already into another of his.

Fredrick Danysh says

J.W. Jackson is a retired cop now living on Martha's Vineyard. He earns out his pension by fishing and doing

odd jobs and trying to avoid the conflict between the animal rights group and hunters. When one of the best liked individuals on the island is killed, Jackson is hired to find the killer. He encounters a mob enforcer and uncovers sexual affairs placing his own life in danger.

Kim says

Good sense of place. I like the detective's personality and hearing about the food he cooks.

Marcy Graybill says

An "oldie, but a goodie." I liked the characters and the plot.
