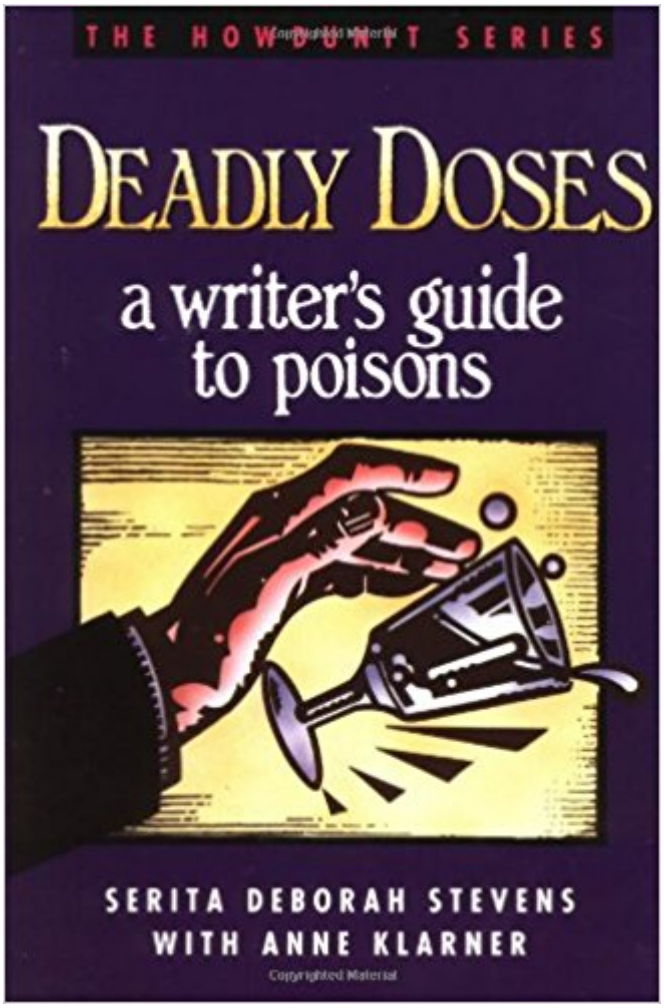
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This book provided the poison reference I needed for my writing in one organized location with some reference charts. Before I found this book it was very difficult to find a good organized poison guide that did not bury the information and details I needed in long twisting paragraphs filled with endless unrelated information. After tabbing my pages with descriptors I can easily locate the information I need in a relatively short amount of time. The writer is clear and does not dumb down the reading either. I Love this book, I now have 4 reference books instead of 8.

This is an extremely helpful book when writing murder mysteries or any novel involving poisons. I'd used it for a long time. If it ever gets updated, it would be useful to have information about the tests a forensic scientist would perform in order to test for these various drugs and poisons. Also, information about which poisons aren't used anymore because they are so easily detected.

I got this largely out of idle interest more than as a writing reference, but should I ever find myself needing to write about poisons this book would be the first place I'd look. It has the poisons neatly divided by type (industrial versus plant-based versus animal-based, and so on) and even has a section in the back that lists them by how fast they take to kill, making it much easier to pick your poison. I formerly had a few sites bookmarked for this sort of thing, and another book that listed poisonous plants, but Deadly Doses is far more useful than all of them combined. I'm tempted to go get the other books in this series!

Bought this book used, but it is interesting. Tells a lot about what plants to stay away from if your out in the woods, camping or just walking. It is awful to get poison ivy, so this book gives you the advantage as to what to look out for.

I'm a novelist writing my seventh novel in the Harry Caine Mystery series. This one has to do with a poisoning carried out in a most obscure manner. Deadly Doses gave me the answers I sought in order make this book accurate in the smallest detail regarding the poisoning. After I found what I

need to know, I couldn’t stop reading it. I highly recommend it for writers and all others seeking information about poisons.Dave ShafferAuthor of the Harry Caine Mystery Series

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