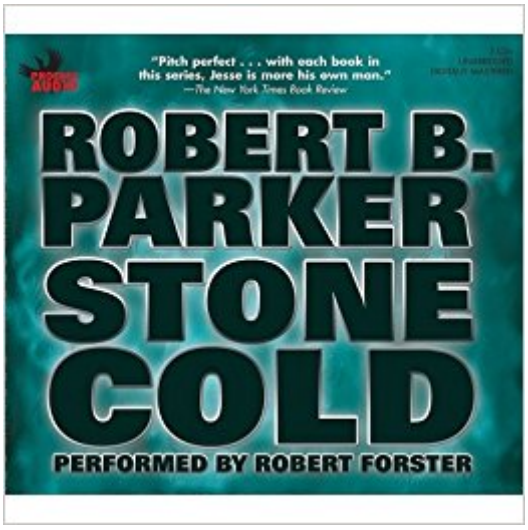
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Synopsis

Tony and Brianna Lincoln just moved into Paradise, but friendly they aren't. In fact, these urbane thrill killers are knocking off the neighbors one by one, and Jesse Stone is next. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

It's taken four novels, but finally Parker's Jesse Stone series has produced a book as good as top-drawer Spenser. This outing finds the laconic, troubled cop tackling three problems: to capture the pair of serial killers who are murdering random victims in small-town Paradise, Mass., where Stone is chief of police; to bring to justice the three high-school students who gang-raped a younger schoolmate; and to come to terms with his love of both alcohol and his ex-wife, Jenn. The serial killers, revealed early to the reader and soon enough to Stone, are a married yuppie pair who taunt Stone, whom they take as a dumb hick cop, as he collects evidence to bring them down; his pursuit of them leads them to kill someone close to him, then to target Stone himself, and eventually to an emotionally cathartic climax in Toronto, where the killers have fled. That story line serves as a fine little police procedural, but Parker is at his max here when following the rape plot, especially in scenes in which Stone, in his cool, compassionate way, tries to help the besieged victim as best he can. Meanwhile, under intense media attention and pressure from town elders for the ongoing serial killings, Stone works his way toward an understanding of the roles that booze and Jenn play in his life. Told in third-person prose that's a model of economy, with sharp action sequences, deep yet

unobtrusive character exploration and none of the cuteness that can mar the Spenser novels, this is prime Parker, testament to why he was named a Grand Master at the 2002 Edgar Awards.Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Paradise, Massachusetts, police chief Jesse Stone is an addictive personality. Booze cost him his job as a homicide detective with the LAPD, and after that blew up, he traveled across the country to be near his ex-wife, television journalist Jenn. He refuses to believe it’s over between them, and she doesn’t help with her come-hither, leave-me-alone mood swings. But the qualities making his personal life hell also make him a good cop. You don’t want Jesse to get you in his sights if you’re a criminal. The baddies in this case are a couple who target their victims based on looks, stalk them, and kill them with two simultaneous shots from identical .22 caliber pistols. While hunting the psychos, Jesse is also after three middle-class juvenile predators who raped a classmate. Stone is much like Parker’s Spenser, but with self-doubt overriding self-confidence. That formula worked fine in the first two Stone novels, but this one is less successful. Too much dime-store psychology between Stone and his Zen therapist; too much love-for-the-ages blather between Stone and his ex; and too much squad-room violence between Stone and his prisoners. Stone is a worthy character, but this is not the novel to make the case. But that doesn’t mean Parker’s fans won’t want the chance to decide for themselves. Wes LukowskyCopyright Ã Â© American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

OK. I’ve read later Jesse Stone novels and liked them. I decided to go back to the first and read, in order, the ones I missed. "Stone Cold" is #4. "Stone Cold" is also as thin as water, one dimensional, and has a character, Jenn, who has become extremely tedious. Jesse’s constant proclamations of his love for her is also hackneyed and worn out. Jenn, by the way, is Jesse’s ex-wife.I can see the character development in Book 1. But, this same storyline continues in 2, 3, & 4. Jesse sleeps around and also proclaims these same feelings about his ex to the women he beds down. What woman would put up with his antics? It’s quite ridiculous. I spend time on this since it takes up quite a bit of the first novels. Here, it seems more the story than the crimes.The novel also involves both the rape of a teen and serial murders being committed in Paradise. Mr. Parker seemed so involved with Jesse’s love life the development of the characters involved in the crimes seems secondary. We also have a terrible occurence within the PD. The event seems to have been treated quite lightly.Don’t look for any twists. There aren’t any. If you want a bit of an intense ending, you won’t

find that here either. The ending is befitting of the novel. Nothing special whatsoever.

Jesse Stone is the beleaguered chief of police in tiny Paradise, Mass. He has ended up there after his job as a cop in Los Angeles, alcohol, and his ex-wife have forced him to redirect his life. Parker's Stone is an appealing character. He takes it one day at time, is a man of principle, and takes his new job seriously.It is Stone's calmness and instincts as a cop that serve him well in investigating a series of seemingly linked killings in Paradise - something new in this small town. Though the strong, silent type, his sensitivity is evident in his handling of a sexual assault case in the local high school.Stone has managed to get his alcohol abuse under control, but his ex-wife Jenn, a local TV personality, continues to bedevil him. He simply cannot move on without her, and this is despite his obvious appeal to other attractive and smart women.The character of Jesse Stone is the reason to read this book, though it is mildly disappointing that the author really gives us little of his background. In addition the perpetrators of the murdering spree remain mostly a puzzle. How did they get to this point? Basically the book is a quick and enjoyable read.

Great book for anyone who likes the Robert B Parker (Jesse Stone series). I read book on my kindle and love the fact that I can read a sample before buying to see if I think I want it or if perhaps I have already read it in paperback and don't want it.

I bought the whole series after watching some of the books made into movies staring Tom Selleck. They were great but pretty different from the books. The books were good, no doubt and I would recommend them to others but if you were expecting to see the movie and get more out of the book as is generally the case, you will be disappointed. Not all of this series has been made into movies. I suggest you chose the movies or the books and you will walk away happier.

Great price! Barnes and Nobles charge 9.99 each for these series and I couldn't fine this one so I was excited to fine this on . I bought this book for my husband who loves these novels by Robert Parker.

Another enjoyable Jessie Stone story. Jessie has the same personal struggles, but may be getting over Jenn. Good story about serial killers.I tried to find Book 5, but could not find it.

I enjoy the story, the detective work, the thought process behind solving the crimes. Jesse trying so

hard to be everyone’s hero, but who will rescue him?

Serial killer, rape victim and the loss of friends and some of the things that makes Jessie’s life tough. Thru the twists and turns of the story, Jessie starts to unravel his personal life vs Cop. You get to see a part of him that you felt but couldn’t read on the page lines but between them.

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