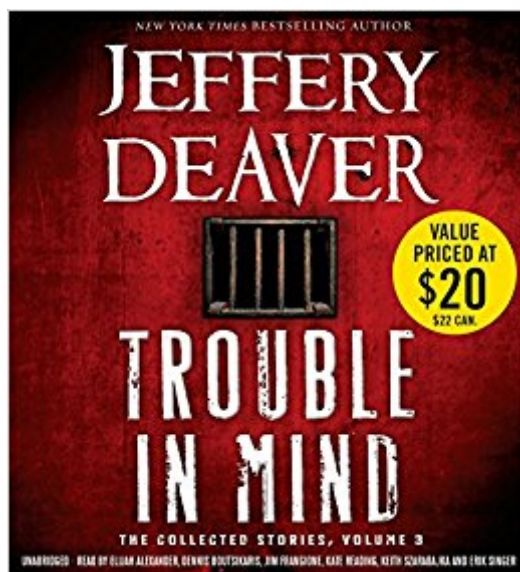


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# Trouble In Mind: The Collected Stories, Volume 3



## Synopsis

Fiendish suspense. Shocking twists. Twelve diabolical tales. New York Times bestselling author and highly acclaimed storyteller Jeffery Deaver-the undisputed "grand master of the plot twist" (Booklist)-returns with a dazzling new collection of short stories. In these twelve electrifying tales (including six written just for this anthology) Deaver proves once again his genius for the unexpected-in his world, appearances are always deceiving. A devoted housekeeper embarks on a quest to find the truth behind her employer's murder. A washed-up Hollywood actor gets one last, high-stakes chance to revive his career. A man makes an impulsive visit to his hometown, and learns more about his past than he bargained for. Two Olympic track hopefuls receive terrorist threats. And Deaver's beloved series characters Lincoln Rhyme, Kathryn Dance, and John Pellam return in stories now in print for the first time.

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## Customer Reviews

This new collection from the maestro of the plot twist is a no-brainer for fans of tightly plotted short fiction: a dozen stories (some of them previously published) that showcase Deaver's gifts for story construction, character design, and out-of-left-field surprises. In addition to the various stand-alone stories, there's one featuring Kathryn Dance (of the California Bureau of Investigation and the lead character in her own series of novels), another starring John Pellam (the Hollywood location scout who starred in a trio of Deaver's earlier novels), and not one but two with Lincoln Rhyme (the quadriplegic criminalist, and Deaver's most popular character). Although all of the stories are solidly within the crime genre, they range quite a bit:

there's a psychological thriller, a femme-fatale story with a noir feel about it, a private-eye tale, other variations on the theme. Deaver's novels, as his fans know, are intricate and deceptive; the most exciting thing about the stories is the way the author carries over the intricacy and deception to the shorter length. Required reading for the author's fans. --David Pitt

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"In Mr. Deaver's kaleidoscope world, the odds seem to change with each turn of the page." *The Wall Street Journal* "Outstanding, gripping, brilliant, spectacular." *Publishers Weekly* on *Twisted: The Collected Stories of Jeffery Deaver*

I've long enjoyed Deaver's books - the Lincoln Rhyme series very much, the Kathryn Dance series less so but I have read the previous story collections to good effect so had to jump on this one. Deaver is in a sense the modern O. Henry with convoluted stories that often end with a great twist. Some endings are a complete surprise, others less so, but short stories are often an enjoyable bit of "mind candy" for me and such is the case with these. (Do note that some of these stories also appeared in the collection "Triple Threat".)

Each story is great, a few classics. Each has a star, some familiar and some new. A few are identified with only to find you are supporting a psychopath. Incredible collection of very well written stories. I can't wait for several of the characters to get a full book story. One of Deaver's best yet!

I don't generally like short stories. However I do love this author's work so decided to try it. The best short stories ever. What is fun is that nothing is as it seems. The twists were wonderfully entertaining. I highly recommend this book.

I really enjoy Deaver's style and his characterizations. The good thing about the short story format is I force myself to read ONLY one selection per night, thus, the book lasts a little longer than one of his novels. He even throws a few Lincoln Rhyme stories in here (always interesting!). If you are a Deaver fan, you'll enjoy this collection

All twelve of the stories were very good. They had mystery and suspense. Most of them had an interesting twist at the end and the last one, "Forever" had some amusing lines in it

Short stories are a special art form. Jeffery Deaver is the best writing them today. While I had varying interest in the individual tales, all of them caught my interest and many delighted when I found myself fooled.. If he keeps practicing he will someday compete with the perfect stories of Truman Capote.

As usual Jeffrey Deaver writes stories that never let the reader down! Its always a treat when he puts out a new story but a collection of short stories? Its like Christmas in the middle of the year! If you like a good mystery you won't be disappointed! I always look forward to a new release!!!!

Why only 4 stars? "Come on", I kept saying, "I'm not ready for this to be over " Short stories are OK but not with my favorite characters! Loved it

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