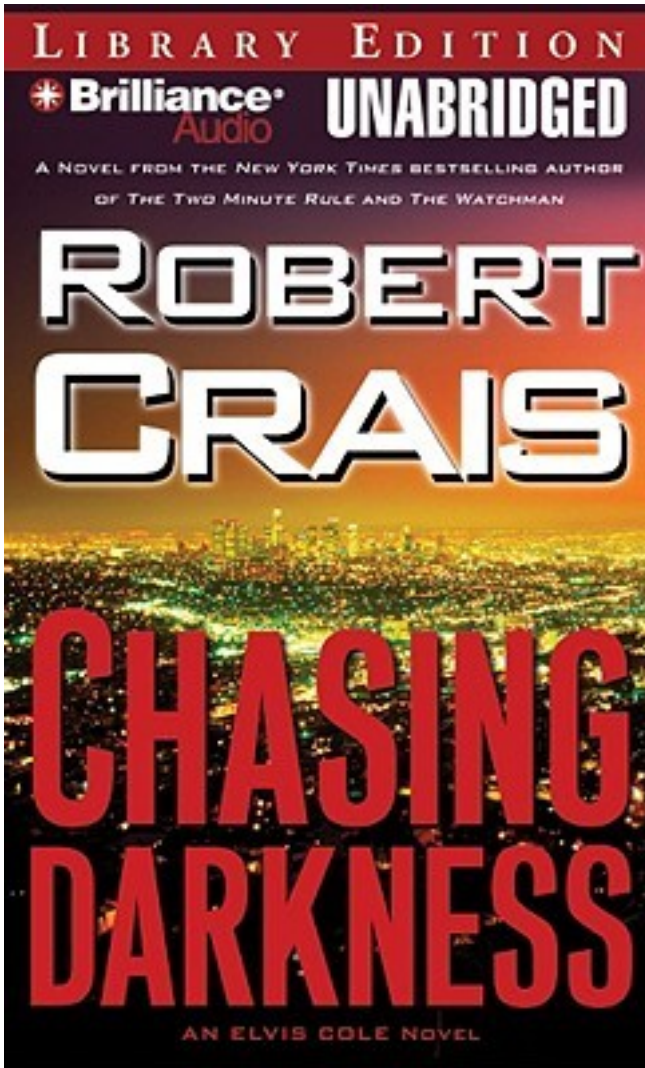

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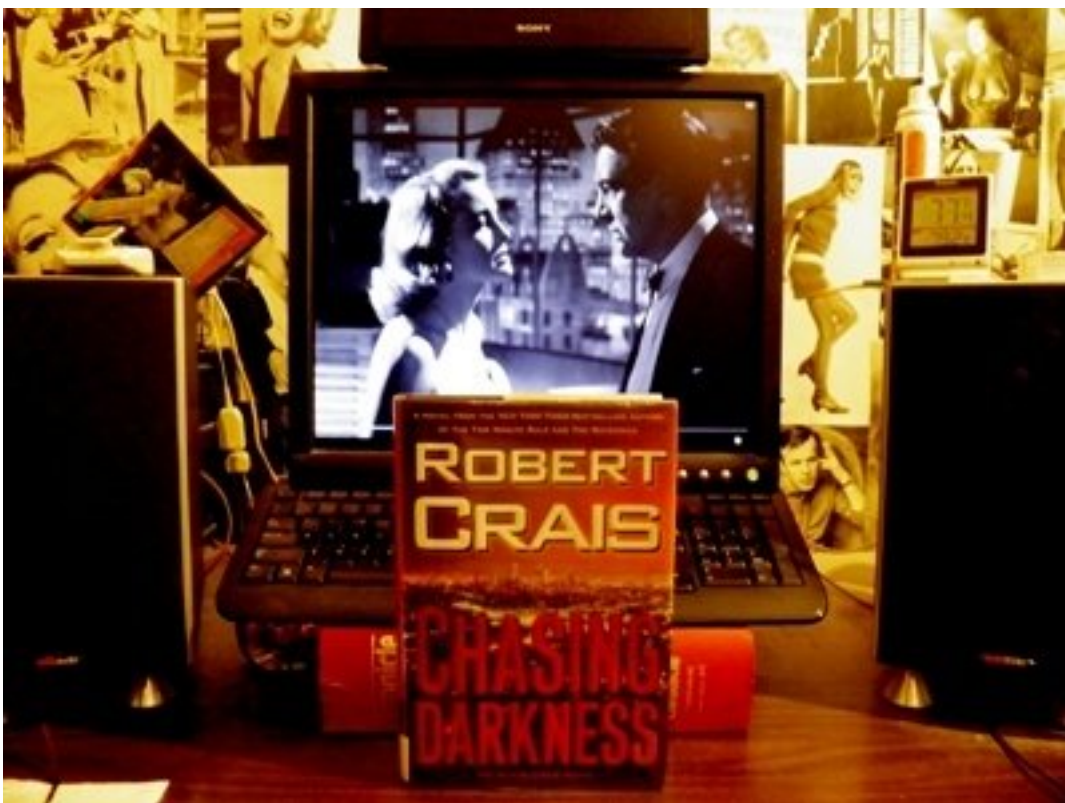
Description

It's fire season, and the hills of Los Angeles are burning. When police and fire department personnel rush door to door in a frenzied evacuation effort, they discover the week-old corpse of an apparent suicide, in his lap a photo album of seven brutally murdered young women. And when the suicide victim is identified as a former suspect in one of the murders, the news turns Elvis Cole's world upside down.

Three years earlier Lionel Byrd was brought to trial for the murder of a female prostitute named Yvonne Bennett. A taped confession coerced by the police inspired a prominent defense attorney to take Byrd's case, and Elvis Cole was hired to investigate. It was Cole's eleventh-hour discovery of an exculpatory videotape that allowed Lionel Byrd to walk free. But the discovery of the death album in Byrd's lap now brands Elvis as an unwitting accomplice to murder. Captured in photographs that could only have been taken by the murderer, Yvonne Bennett was the fifth of the seven victims - two more young women were murdered after Lionel Byrd walked free. So Elvis can't help but wonder - did he, Elvis Cole, cost two more young women their lives?

Elvis Cole and Joe Pike desperately fight to uncover the truth about Lionel Byrd and his nightmare album of death - a truth hidden by lies, politics, and corruption in a world where nothing is what it seems to be.

Insightful reviews



Harv Griffin:

Someone called **Jerry** on GoodReads recommended I check out the Elvis Cole detective series by Robert Crais.

Thank you, Jerry!

I'm going to be reading other Robert Crais novels.

This puppy hooked me early on, and kept me hooked till the end.

The further into this novel I read, the more desperately I wanted to keep reading.

Have I found a replacement for Robert B. Parker? We will see!

@hg47

Nadine: I've enjoyed watching the Elvis Cole character evolve through the many books Robert Crais has written. Like many other private eye types, Elvis has a personal code of honor, a faithful side kick, and a solid footing in a specific geographic place: Los Angeles.

This Elvis outing was more plot than character driven, but was a good read during a rainy New England weekend. There's a depth of history to the players in this series by this point, but I prefer it when Mr. Crais develops the back stories of his characters more.

Elvis has to redeem himself in this book. That's often the underlying story line in many of titles of this series. This episode has him almost doubting his work and self worth by exposing a previously cleared suspect as the most probably murderer. Elvis works hard to find the truth, and a little bit more of himself while he's at it. His best friend Pike is definitely in the background in this outing, and his enigmatic past sometimes adds some spice to these novels.

I would recommend any of these Elvis Cole books, but I would suggest the reader tackle them in order to get the full benefits of the stories told.

Ed: I believe this is my second or third P.I. Elvis Cole yarn. Very enjoyable read. Solid detective story, vivid setting, good action scenes. I'll be looking to read deeper into the series.

Bob: Elvis Cole will get concerned while a guy is located lifeless while the police are clearing a space threatened by means of a wild fire. It seems the fellow had years past been charged with murder, yet freed partly to Elvis' paintings for his lawyer. while the police pin a up to date homicide at the lifeless man, Elvis turns into the objective for anger for his previous involvement within the man's release. Elvis doesn't think he used to be the killer and starts off to poke round regardless of being warned off via unknown callers in addition to the police. He keeps to poke round and finally exposes an unforeseen responsible party.

Juha: On Friday morning, I randomly picked Chasing Darkness from among a couple of thrillers and mysteries that had circulated to me from a few like-minded friends. I felt like interpreting one at the subway to work. It became out to be a web page turner and that i additionally spent the

lunch hour and different breaks with it. by way of Sunday afternoon i used to be performed with it. i did not be aware of Robert Crais or his hero Elvis Cole in advance, yet i will be able to see from the Goodreads stories that either have committed fans. This was once an exceptional ebook so far as the 'LA Noir' style goes. First of all, there has been not anything that pissed off me approximately it, that is already an excellent start. The hero isn't really a convalescing alcoholic nor does he have habitual nightmares from a few nerve-racking occasion or from having been abused as baby (or the other such cliché moment cost authors use to make their characters 'interesting'). he is a difficult man P.I., yet he is obtained excessive morals with no being moralistic. the tale itself has its twists and turns, yet is feasible to keep on with with no flowchart and on the finish the surprises are credible enough. whereas growing an l. a. surroundings that the reader can believe and see, Crais specializes in telling the plot in a fast moving user-friendly manner. In sum, it is a useful secret within the Chandler tradition. i used to be happy to cross it directly to a subsequent buddy dealing with a long flight.

Bookmarks Magazine: Elvis Cole has been round for greater than 20 years, and he has elderly like positive wine. Chasing Darkness includes the vintage crime parts that experience made Crais's sequence so popular, however the novel seems, as a number of critics commented, extra like a simple crime mystery this time around. fabric Witness felt that the unconventional was once might be much less psychologically extreme than prior installments, yet still nonetheless as compelling in its exploration of crime and backroom politics. A tight, believable plot and a unconditionally unforeseen finishing stored critics turning the pages. In sum, "[t]he Cole books are quality entertainment. for those who do not know them, this one is an effective beginning point" (Washington Post). This is an excerpt from a evaluation released in Bookmarks magazine.

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