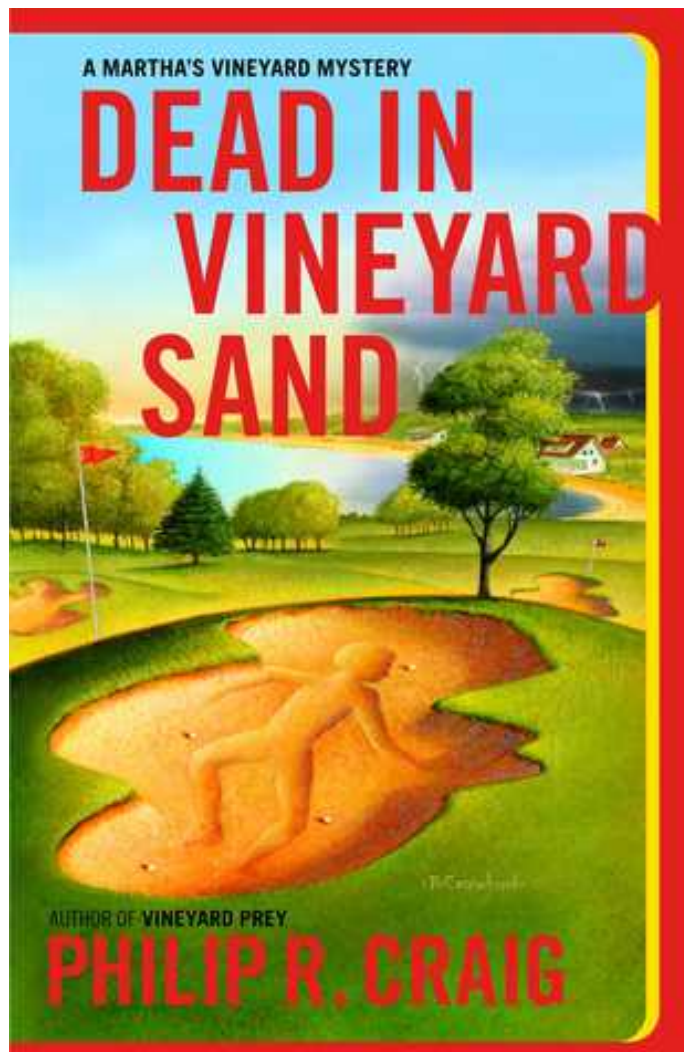

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Description

From esteemed crime novelist Philip R. Craig comes a scorching new Martha's Vineyard mystery, the latest in a series renowned not only for its beautiful setting but also for its fine appreciation of an extraordinary island's rich heritage.

It's a picture-perfect Vineyard summer, and ex-Boston cop J.W. Jackson finds time for lazy afternoons at the beach with his wife, Zee, and the kids. Nothing could be better, but of course not everything is peaceful, even on this idyllic island. A teenage girl has already drowned in an early-summer tragedy. The more superficial conflict du jour centers on a group of cyclists, led by irascible environmentalist Henry Highsmith, who fervently oppose new construction, including plans for a luxurious new golf course.

J.W. is not part of the golf course battle, at least not until he and a bad-tempered Highsmith come to blows at the local fish shop. The dispute is not over fish. J.W. parked his vehicle too close to Highsmith's fancy bike, an unpardonable offense. Is there more to the J.W.-Highsmith feud than seems to be the case? Some people think so, especially when an SUV suspiciously like J.W.'s forces Highsmith's wife, Abigail, off her bicycle, sending her to the emergency room.

When J.W.'s rich businessman friend Glen Norton invites him to join a golfing foursome at Waterwoods, the island's prettiest club, he's happy to accept. At least he's certain not to run into Highsmith on the manicured greens. J.W. is not much of a golfer, but Zee hopes he'll get some exercise and stay out of trouble.

Wrong. Trouble is waiting for J.W. in the sand trap at the fourth hole -- the sand trap with the human hand protruding from below. The hand is connected to a body, and it's clearly a case of murder. With circumstantial evidence pointing to J.W., he must act fast, peeling back layers of deceit surrounding old Vineyard families in his search for a killer.

Alive with the sights, smells, and tastes of Philip R. Craig's beloved island, *Dead in Vineyard Sand* includes three classic recipes, featuring the decadent Lobsters, Croissants, and Champagne. Just in time for summer reading, this appealing blend of Vineyard ambiance and intrigue will thrill both beachgoers and city dwellers looking for vicarious pleasure.

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Insightful reviews

George: A Martha's Vineyard mystery featuring J.W. Jackson, retired Boston cop. J.W. is involved in another murder investigation in which he is a suspect when he has a scuffle with the victim a few days before the body is discovered in a golf course sand trap by the foursome J.W. is a part of.

Story is more light than heavy with a good deal of humor provided by J.W. There's a fun subplot involving an old Tarzan movie and J.W.'s children's tree house. Story line has more than the usual twists, but one is able to pretty much guess at the murderer's identity part way through. The character of J.W. keeps the story light and moving making it a fun read as the others in this series are.

Richard: Light reading but a fun mystery.

Mike: J.W. plays golf! And solves a murder after a body is found in a sand trap.

Scilla: it is a strong yarn. J. W. has an altercation with Henry Highsmith who thinks J.W. parked too on the subject of his motorbike on the fish market, after which J. W. is current whilst Highsmith is located useless in a sandtrap at the golfing course. For awhile, he's the best suspect, yet he starts off his personal sleuthing. Highsmith's spouse is administered off the line on her bicycle through a motor vehicle which feels like his, and she or he claims she fell on her personal even if the witness observed the automobile swing off the line to hit her. Then J. W. will get facts which brings him to think all of it has whatever to do with the drowning of at a seashore get together prior within the summer.

Kirsten: There were not as many island information during this installment of the Martha's winery series, and that i overlooked them. a simple read, and well-written, yet I solved the case very early within the tale which is not as a lot fun.

Shrimpo: This publication is ready a man named J.W who lives on Marthas Vineyard. someday good on the shop J.W will get right into a struggle with a man named Henry Highsmith. a couple of days later whereas taking part in golfing with a few pals JW discovers Henry's physique buried in a sand trap. The police suspect J.W because the assassin simply because he used to be the 1st one to discover the body. A fews days after discovering the physique someone ran Henry's spouse Abigail off the road. J.W used to be suspected of that to as the similar vehicle that ran her off the line appears exsactly like J.W's. As Abigail used to be leaving the funeral domestic she used to be shot yet no longer killed. through the booklet J.W is making an attempt to determine who the genuine killer is so he can unfastened his name. before everything he suspects the Highsmiths friends simply because previous in the summertime their daughter was once killed whereas she used to be placing out with the Highsmith kids. yet because the police visit suspect the Highsmith condo and the friends condominium the 2 children get actual angry. Then the police work out that the children are those that shot their parents. the children killed their dad and attempted killing their mom as the mom and dad desired to separate the youngsters yet they didnt are looking to be separated.

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