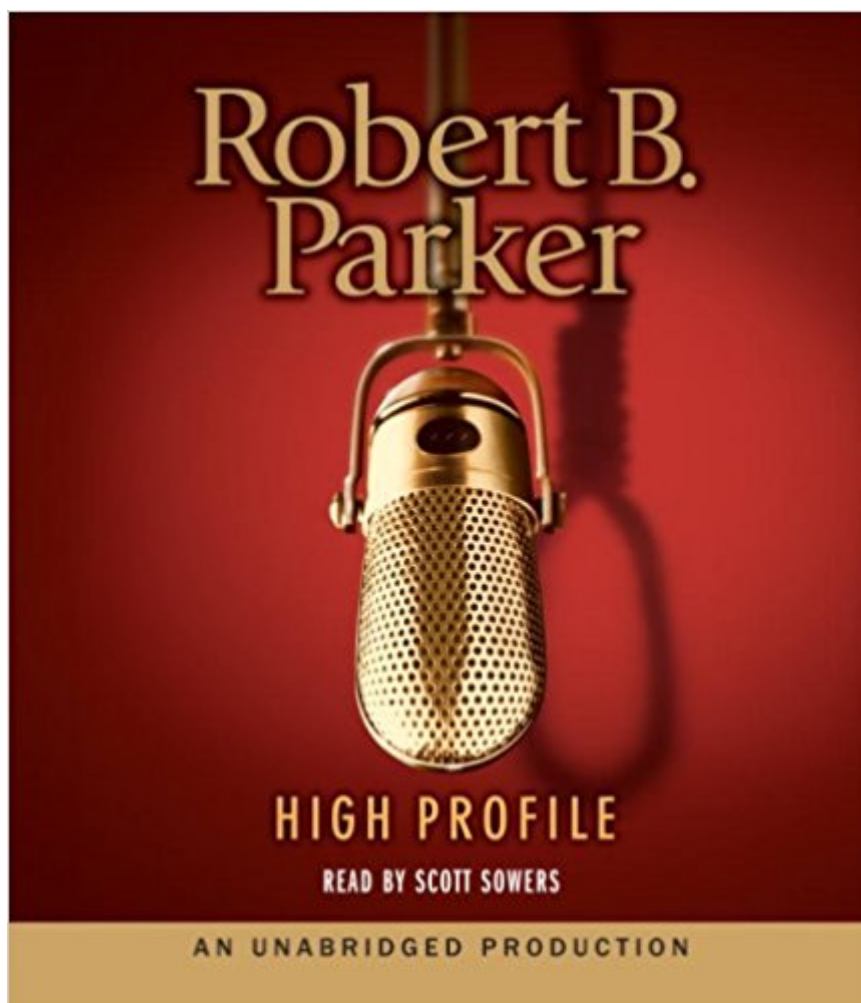


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Synopsis

When the body of controversial talk-show host Walton Weeks is discovered hanging from a tree on the outskirts of Paradise, police chief Jesse Stone finds himself at the center of a highly public case. When another dead body— that of a young woman— is discovered just a few days later, the pressure to solve the crimes becomes almost unbearable. Two victims in less than a week should provide a host of clues, but all Jesse runs into are dead ends. Yet what may be the most disturbing aspect of these murders is the fact that no one seems to care— not a single one of Weeks' ex-wives, not the family of the girl. And when the medical examiner reveals a heartbreaking link between the two departed souls, the mystery only deepens. Forced to delve into a world of stormy relationships, Jesse soon comes to realize that knowing whom to trust is indeed a matter of life and death.

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Customer Reviews

A storm of media attention rains down on the small town of Paradise, Mass., and local police chief Jesse Stone when a famous national talk show host is shot and left hanging from a tree. To add to his troubles, Stone's ex-wife, Jennifer, is seeking his protection against a stalker/rapist.

Overwhelmed, Stone asks current girlfriend, Boston PI Sunny Randall, to watch over Jennifer while he tries to solve the two murders. Over the years Parker has honed his writing into its own minimalist art form, conveying more meaning in one line than many authors do with pages of prose. Unfortunately, Sowers doesn't handle that prose as well as one might hope. At times his character

voices run together, making it difficult to distinguish which character is talking in a scene. And, even though he has a fine speaking voice, he misses the clipped, cynical delivery that gives the Parker books their cool, dry wit. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

Starred Review Walton Weeks is a one-man media empire. He hosts a popular national radio gabfest, writes a newspaper column, and churns out best-selling books. At least he did until someone shot him and left him hanging from a tree in Paradise, Massachusetts. Shortly thereafter, the body of Weeks' pregnant lover is discovered in a nearby dumpster. Paradise police chief Jesse Stone fends off pressure from the governor and the state police in order to solve the high-profile case with the resources of his 12-person force. The potential suspects include two ex-wives, a widow, a bodyguard, and assorted staff members. Stone's problem is determining a motive. In a parallel plot, Stone attends to the needs of his ex-wife, Jenn, who alleges she was raped and claims she is being stalked by her attacker. Unable to cope with the murders and the rape, Stone calls on private investigator Sunny Randall--a sometime lover--to help with Jenn. Obsessive, sometimes unhealthy love is a recurring theme in Parker's work. In his Spenser novels, the protagonist and his lover have come through the tough times intact. Stone and Jenn have a strong but deleterious bond and are in the midst of a trying emotional journey to an unknown destination. This is Parker's most complex, ambitious novel in years. Spenser is always the toughest, coolest guy in the room. Jesse Stone sometimes seems like the toughest, coolest guy in the room, but he knows he's not. Great reading from an old hand who hasn't lost his touch. Wes Lukowsky Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

One review said RBP was a master of dialog..really???? Jenn said, Suit said, etc. Doesn't he use other crutches like "Suit replied" Sonny gasped saying, etc. Boring story thin plot too much ex wife BS. The TV series is much better than the book because its shorter. From all the accolades I've read about Parker seems PR fluffing and other stuff of no consequence. The Jenn thing sounds like his personal relationship with his wife, she lives on one floor and he on the other of their house. Maybe his personal life got to be too much for him to concentrate on real work. And with Spencer he and Hawk kill a lot of people with no consequence. Oh Please. As a budding writer myself I looked to his books as role models but was sorely disappointed. I also gave one star because no star wasn't available. Glad I bought it on kindle for cheap rather than paperback or hard back.

I am a new comer to Robert Parker's books and Jesse Stone character. I enjoy the mystery involved in the books and the solving of it by Stone and his police force. The major drawback for me is the constant and over use of the ex wife, Jenn. The first book I was OK with it, but when it continues to be there going back and forth its become too much. I finally have been skipping chapters or paragraphs where she is mentioned. She is boring, repetitive, uninteresting and unnecessary to any of the books I have so far read. Jesse is a flawed man, OK, point taken...the whole scenario is just totally boring and adds nothing to the story line. Just my opinion, but I think the books would be much better without the Jenn character. I have only read 7 and am hoping she eventually fades away. At this point, don't really what happens to the character, as long as she is gone!!

Robert B. Parker is one of my favorites and he will be missed. Several several other writers have taken up the characters and they also read like RBP; a huge plus for Spenser, Stone, Randall and Cole & Hitch fans. The Jesse Stone novels are all very well done and translate well to television. Well written with good story lines and excellent vacation reading. Not too heavy, not too light....just right. Highly recommended.

I am enjoying reading this series in order. I liked the inclusion of Sunny Randall in this story. Less about Jen. The push/pull between Jesse and Jen gets old after a while. The ex-wives of the murder victim were interesting characters.

If you like Jessie Stone, you will enjoy this book. Good plot, with multiple on going investigations, that illuminate the characters of Jessie and Jenn. Dialog is pretty much what you see in the Jessie Stone series. A good book to snuggle up with on a cold autumn day. Enjoy...

Love all the Jesse Stone books. I can just visualize Tom Selleck talking, his movements, and solving crime.

I love Parker's books, only wish they were a little less costly for Kindle, since I can read them in 2-3 nights!! Now on to the Sunny Randal series.. I can't afford all of the Spenser books at \$10 each, or I would love, love to read them too, there are so many of them. Maybe bundling several for less then the \$10 each price tag (sometimes more then that). My husband reads them also, and he get thru

them so much faster than any other series we have purchased. So enjoyable and easy read to distress.

I love watching Tom Selleck in the Jesse Stone series, so bought this one thinking that I could get a "Jesse Stone" fix. The written character is very close to the characters in the video series. I found the writing, which is basically the same way Jesse speaks in the video, a bit weird to read - almost like reading a play. I like the depth of characters in the video much better than the book. Usually it is the other way around when I read a book then see the movie. So - instead of more reading of Jesse Stone I will be waiting for Tom in more videos.

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