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- A CHANCE PURDUE MYSTERY -

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taking out a few low lives in the pursuit of justice But when tabloid columnist Stella Starbright calls him a kill crazy cop he suddenly needs to find a new line of work Taking a job as a private investigator is a step down for sure but his first few cases certainly pique his interest former Stella Starbrights are turning up dead on the streets of Chicago and the current one the very same Stella who ruined his reputation is coming to him for protection Going against his gut Lacey agrees to keep Stella from sharing the grisly fate of her former namesakes In the midst of all the madness Lacey hunts the real killer someone looking to silence gossip columnists for good But can Lacey crack the case before another victim gets a headline in the obituaries Ross Spencer is wild shrewd mad and unexpectedly funny The New York Times      **The Fedorovich File** Ross H. Spencer,2015-03-15 The Chicago PI is out to find a Russian defector with dangerous Soviet secrets in this hardboiled mystery from the author of Death Wore Gloves When business gets too hot in the Windy City private detective Lacey Lockington hangs out his shingle in refreshingly boring Youngstown Ohio Of course it s not all boring thanks to Natasha the former KGB agent who saved his life stole his heart and currently shares his bed But their brief idyll ends when Lacey is offered big bucks to find a man who may well be hiding out in Youngstown Alexi Fedorovich was one of Russia s greatest military minds before he defected to the States and then disappeared entirely Before going underground he published a book exposing the end of the Cold War as a Russian hoax Now Lacey s out to find a man who doesn t want to be found up against Russian spies federal agents and leads that keep dying on him With a little help from Natasha he might just get to the bottom of it all before Fedorovich finds himself on the wrong end of a firing squad Ross is wild shrewd mad and unexpectedly funny The New York Times      The Stranger City Caper Ross H. Spencer,1980-01-01      **The Chicago of Fiction** James A. Kaser,2011-02-01 The importance of Chicago in American culture has made the city s place in the American imagination a crucial topic for literary scholars and cultural historians While databases of bibliographical information on Chicago centered fiction are available they are of little use to scholars researching works written before the 1980s In The Chicago of Fiction A Resource Guide James A Kaser provides detailed synopses for more than 1 200 works of fiction significantly set in Chicago and published between 1852 and 1980 The synopses include plot summaries names of major characters and an indication of physical settings An appendix provides bibliographical information for works dating from 1981 well into the 21st century while a biographical section provides basic information about the authors some of whom are obscure and would be difficult to find in other sources Written to assist researchers in locating works of fiction for analysis the plot summaries highlight ways in which the works touch on major aspects of social history and cultural studies i e class ethnicity gender immigrant experience and race The book is also a useful reader advisory tool for librarians and readers who want to identify materials for leisure reading particularly since genre juvenile and young adult fiction as well as literary fiction are included      **The Devereaux File** Ross H. Spencer,2015-03-15 Wisecracking Chicago PI Lacey Lockington gets caught in a dangerous game of international espionage in this gritty truly hilarious mystery Kirkus Reviews Former Chicago police detective Lacey Lockington isn t much

for small talk But when he hears ex CIA agent Rufe Devereaux is coming to town he looks forward to arguing baseball with his old drinking buddy Unfortunately Rufe is involved in a more sinister kind of game one that gets him killed shortly after his arrival And as Lacey is about to find out the other players aren't playing around The moment Lacey starts investigating he finds himself chased by the Mafia the CIA and a homicidal politician turned evangelist And help arrives in the sultry form of a KGB agent named Natasha He knows he's in over his head Because what starts as a search for the truth quickly becomes a desperate race for survival taking him from the gritty bars of Chicago to Miami's cocaine filled underbelly and culminating in a slam bang ending Publishers Weekly Spencer keeps the plot racing with amusing dialogue Publishers Weekly

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characters since these all have a place in the mystery and detective genre     [The Armchair Detective](#) ,1983     **Private Eyes** Robert Allen Baker,Michael T. Nietzel,1985 Private Eyes is the complete map to what Raymond Chandler called the mean streets the exciting world of the fictional private eye It is intended to entertain current PI fans and to make new ones

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