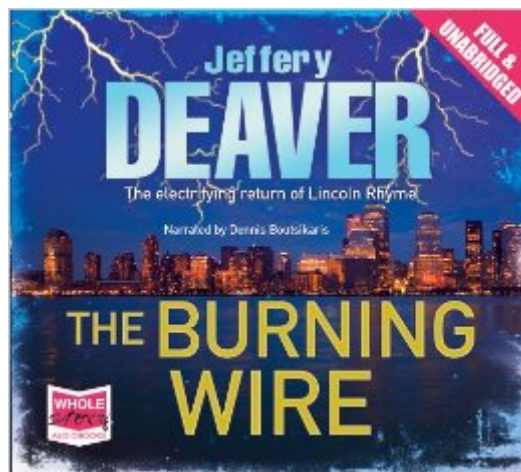


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Customer Reviews

I have read all of Deaver's Lincoln Rhyme books and have long felt that the duo of Rhyme and Sachs is one of the best in crime fiction. Having said that up front, I have to admit this was not one of my favorites. The author's infamous attention to detail and his trademark methods of ratcheting up the suspense were still there, and there were parts of this book that I really enjoyed. One of the big attractions of this series for me has always been the relationship between Rhyme and Sachs and their interactions with each other. This was pretty much gone from this book. These characters experience no change or growth; Sachs was a ghost flitting through the book just going wherever Rhyme pointed. Rhyme has more interaction with Thom, his caregiver than he does with Sachs and that interaction was always virtually identical to what we have seen in previous books. How many times do we have to argue about whiskey? There are a couple of efforts to advance the personal aspect of the story, but they seem token attempts at best and are only there to set up a teaser

ending. It's a common problem in series fiction that authors often spend too much time writing for readers that aren't familiar with the characters. I can see their reasoning, but it doesn't make things any less frustrating. I swear some of the dialogue in this book (in the beginning at least) is taken word for word from some of the previous books. The author spends a lot of time going over things that followers of the series will already know. I'm not talking just about characters, I'm also talking about forensic basics I'd already learned from Lincoln Rhyme before! I don't remember this being such an issue with earlier Rhyme books, but maybe that's just my selective memory.

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