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Editorial Review

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Starred Review Johnny Adcock knows he's fortunate. He's paid \$1.5 million per year for about 10 minutes' work, about 70 times a year. He's the Setup Man, whose job is to pitch the eighth inning, or even to pitch to a single left-handed batter. But he's also a realist. At 35, he's a senior citizen, a torn ligament away from retirement. So he moonlights as a PI, solving the myriad problems that can befall suddenly rich, usually headstrong young men. In this debut, Adcock's client is teammate Frankie Herrera, who is concerned that porn tapes starring his wife may soon surface on the Internet. But before Adcock can even begin to investigate, Frankie is dead in an auto accident. What Adcock finds is a convoluted mix of prostitution, murder, Mexican cartels, and retired ballplayers. And while he's detecting, he's traded to another team, then abruptly waived. Monday's plot is inventive, but it's the verisimilitude of Adcock's baseball life that makes this one a delight. Adcock is a solid MLB citizen, but he's aware of the many quirks endemic in baseball's manners and mores, and he shares them freely with the reader. Here's hoping he has many more seasons and many more cases. --Thomas Gaughan

Review

"A sexy mystery . . . pitch perfect." —*Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel*

"Teems with sex, violence—and baseball. . . . T.T. Monday deserves promotion to the starting rotation of thriller writers."—*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*

"A world of murder, porn, prostitution and Mexican cartels. . . . This rookie thriller writer has homered his first time at bat."--*The Free Lance-Star*

"Filled with baseball lore, Monday's novel is an amusing and entertaining literary thriller."--*The Daily Beast*

"Don't shy away from this mystery if you're not a baseball fan. The industry is seamlessly interwoven into the story and you'll pick up all you need to know without any effort. If you are a baseball fan, dive in headfirst....This is the author's first thriller, but I hope it's not his last."--*Suspense Magazine*

"Monday has a "Dragnet"-like, just-the-facts style and offers lots for baseball fans to enjoy as well."--*New York Post*

"Monday delivers an all-star performance with this series debut. Here's hoping that Adcock has a more than a few innings left in him."--*The Chronicle-Herald* (Halifax)

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"T.T. Monday's prose is wry, funny and just smartass enough."--*Toronto Star*

"A throwback Southern California mystery in modern pinstripes....A treat for readers of mystery or baseball novels, this debut will be especially enjoyable for fans of both." --*Kirkus Reviews*

About the Author

T.T. MONDAY lives in San Jose, California. *The Setup Man* is his first thriller.

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