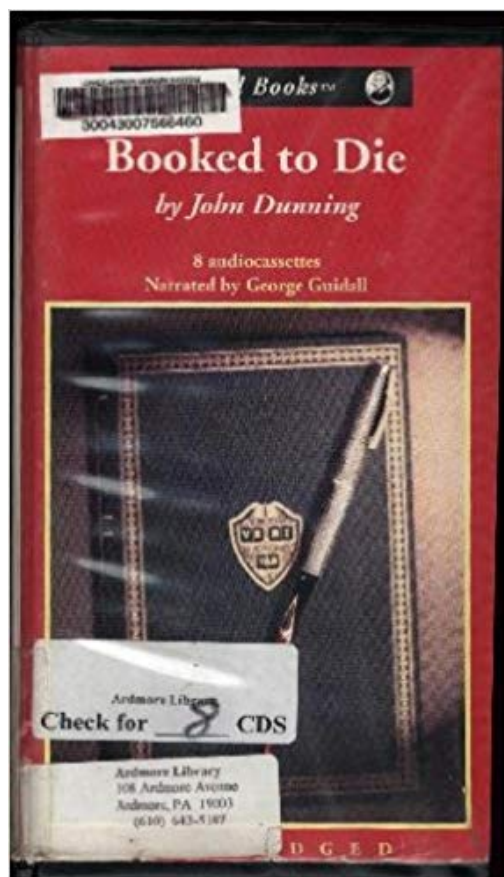


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From back of audiocassette clamshell box: "Set in the world of rare books, this inspiring novel was the winner of the prestigious Nero Wold Award and an instant success with mystery fans. Dunning's adept combination of sharp-edged suspense, compelling characters, and knowledgeable book lore is irresistible to listeners who enjoy clever crime fiction. The murder of a harmless book dealer draws Denver homicide detective Cliff Janeway into an extraordinary quest. Why would anyone harm the threadbare, reclusive man who cared only for books? The baffling investigation leads him away from his department and deep into the world of book collectors. Suddenly, his sources become victims, and he begins to understand that rare editions can cost lives. Stirring up old conflicts, Janeway also finds himself face to face with a brutal enemy from his childhood." This was the first of Dunning's five Cliff Janeway mysteries, and a powerful listening experience, especially since it is narrated by the incomparable George Guidall.



Reviews of the **Booked to Die** by George Guidall,John

Dunning

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A friend of mine recommended this series of books and I was not disappointed in *Booked To Die*. I'm from Denver so I enjoyed the discussion of the local area, and I've always been interested in books so the information on rare books was informative. The plot was effective with a twist ending that I didn't see coming. I definitely recommend this book to those who enjoys unraveling mysteries.

Ffel

The author goes into a lot of detail about the business of rare book finding...sometimes, ad nauseum. Tho, I did find this an interesting perspective on which to build a murder mystery. The story drags in the middle, then picks up pace when the protagonist gets serious about solving the mystery. It does make me want to read the next in the series just to see how many more people can get killed over valuable books.

Amerikan_Volga

Great story line and characters. You really get behind Cliff Janeway and his passion for being a homicide detective and book collector. The tale told is tightly woven and draws the reader in right away. Mr Dunning gives detailed insight into the world of book collecting and the people who engage in it. Some of the pivotal characters get killed and the writer covers it with proper passion and detail. One of my favorite fiction books!

Clonanau

This mystery series about an ex-cop turned bookman in Denver is enthralling for many reasons. The mysteries and characters are compelling. The time period in Denver along E. Colfax - with the old bookstores, junk shops and assorted folks - is nostalgic for anyone who lived in Denver at the time. As a thrifty college student, I spent some great time in those musty places! The subject of book collecting that acts as a vehicle to the sub-worlds Janeway investigates is fascinating. Dunning, via Cliff Janeway, shows he knows his stuff as a bookman. I've re-read the books in this series several times and have yet to tire of Dunning's craftsmanship as a writer and storyteller.

SARAND

if you are a lover of books and a book collector such as myself, this novel is for you. It is the first in a series featuring a cop turned rare book dealer. Filled with lots of information on book collecting, this is also a first rate mystery.....most likely you will not figure it out until the end. It starts a bit slow, but picks up speed and does not let up until the end . Suffice to say it is a murder mystery concerning the death of a books out dealing with rare books. A must read for book lovers and collector's. I will be anxious to read his sequels.

Rageseeker

This book is violent. Throw in a whole lot of hard to follow information about book collecting (who knew there would be esoteric jargon book collecting) on top of the violence, and I just couldn't finish. Not a world I wished to be part of.

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Dunning writes well and his main characters are engaging. But credibility is weak. His villain isn't a real character, but a composite of different types of psycho. And police beatings aren't a way of dealing with beatings by thugs.

I was glad to come upon this series. The people were three-dimensional and the plot worked without being overly sensational or boring. I would never buy a book as an investment, but it's interesting to read about people who do.

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