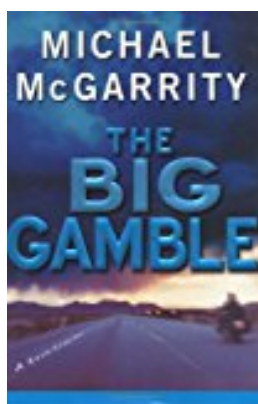


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Description:

Santa Fe Police Chief Kevin Kerney never solved the disappearance of Anna Maria Montoya 11 years ago. Then her remains are discovered in the ruins of an abandoned fruit stand in Lincoln County, along with the charred corpse of John Humphrey, whose killer set the fire that revealed Montoya's final resting place. The deputy sheriff investigating Humphrey's murder is Clayton Iste, the estranged son Kerney only recently learned he had. Meanwhile Kerney investigates Montoya's

possible ties to a modeling agency that may be a front for a prostitution ring catering to VIPs, Istee focuses on the connection between his murder victim and an illegal gambling operation in rural southern New Mexico. By the time the author ties the parallel but seemingly unrelated investigations together in this intricately plotted thriller, the two lawmen--father and son--have begun to develop a personal as well as a professional relationship, which will likely flower in future outings in this popular series. --*Jane Adams*

From Publishers Weekly Smooth writing, well-drawn characters and several neat plot twists distinguish the seventh Kevin Kerney novel from Anthony Award-nominee and former deputy sheriff McGarrity (Tularosa). Never losing sight of his people in the forensic detail, the author skillfully makes us want to know what happens next without unnecessary violence or contrivance. When two murder victims turn up after a fire in an abandoned fruit stand on a rural highway, Kerney, now the police chief of Sante Fe, N.Mex., takes a personal interest in the case. One blackened corpse is a John Doe, stabbed three times, who is soon identified as a homeless Vietnam vet. The other remains belong to a 29- year-old college student, Anna Marie Montoya, who disappeared 11 years before. As it happens, Kerney was involved in the search for the missing Anna Marie. Investigating the John Doe is Kerney's estranged son, Clayton Istee, now a deputy sheriff for the Lincoln County (N.Mex.) police, whose mother was a full-blooded Mescalero Apache. Clayton, a sympathetic character struggling to support a wife and two small kids, eventually finds himself in charge of a task force looking into a much more complex crime. Kerney would like to effect a reconciliation between himself and his son, but the process proves awkward for them both. McGarrity keeps the parallel plots moving nicely along toward a rational solution. This is an exceptionally intelligent, humane mystery in a series that deserves a wide readership.

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