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Editorial Review

Amazon.com Review
An Amazon Best Book of June 2016: It has been seven years since the Mercedes Killer, Brady Hartsfield, was knocked on the head and put into a catatonic state. But now he's awake, even if people haven't quite been clued into that fact, and he's got a score to settle. His ultimate quarry is the detective Bill Hodges, and as Brady gains his faculties—as well as some new paranormal skills (telekinesis anyone?)—people start committing suicide at a mysterious and alarming rate. King hits his sweet spot in this final episode of the Bill Hodges Trilogy, introducing his talent for horror into a storyline that already has featured some great detective writing. The result is a book that mixes revenge, crime, and otherworldly powers, bringing the trilogy to a thrilling, satisfying close. --*Chris Schluep, The Amazon Book Review*

Review
Praise for *Finders Keepers*

“Stephen King’s superb new stay-up-all-night thriller, *Finders Keepers*, is a sly,often poignant tale of literary obsession that recalls the themes of his classic 1987 novel *Misery*…a love letter to the joys of reading and to American literature… wonderful, scary, moving.” (*Elizabeth Hand, The Washington Post*)

“As in *Misery* and *TheShining*, King swan dives into the looniness lurking at both ends of thewriter-reader transaction…the narrative hums and roars along like ahigh-performance vehicle…a rip-snortingentertainment; one that also works as a sneaky-smart satire of literarycriticism and how even the most attentive readers can often miss the wholepoint.” (*Kirkus Reviews, starred review*)

"The new book is so good, being at least mildly obsessed with it is understandable. The finest thing about it, however, is that the author has another story to tell before the finale of this excellent series.” (*USA Today*)

Praise for *Mr. Mercedes*

"Classic Stephen King. Creepy, yet realistic characters that get under your skin and stay there, a compelling story that twists and turns at breakneck speed, and delightful prose that, once again, proves that one of America’s greatest natural storytellers is also one of its finest writers." (*Associated Press*)

“Think of *Mr. Mercedes* as an AC/DC song: uncluttered, chugging with momentum, and a lot harder to pull off than it looks. . . . King has written a hot rod of a novel,perfect for a few summer days at the pool. Mercedes-Benz commands drivers to demand ‘the best or nothing.’ In pop-fiction terms, that motto still applies to Stephen King, too. With apologies to AC/DC, the highway to hell never felt so fun.” (*Christian Science Monitor*)

“A taut, suspenseful race-against-time book . . . [King is] in reliably fine form.” (*The New York Times*)

“No one can create a villain quite like King. . . . [A]ll the elements come together in a very public, potentially explosive finale (with a surprising post script). King fans may find themselves furiously turning pages long into the night.” (*Seattle Times*)

Praise for *End of Watch*

"King has dealt before with this novel's different themes—endowment with dangerous supernatural powers, the zombifying effect of modern consumer electronics—but he finds fresh approaches to them and inventive ways to introduce them in the lives of his recurring cast of sympathetic characters, whose pains and triumphs the reader feels. King's legion of fans will find this splice of mystery and horror a fitting finale to his Bill Hodges trilogy." (*Publishers Weekly, STARRED review*)

"[A] tense, thrilling conclusion to King's Bill Hodges trilogy…One would assume that a writer like King, who has been at the top of his game for decades, would eventually run out of ideas. Instead, he serves up one of the most original crime thrillers to come along in years…A spectacular, pulse-pounding, read-in-one-sitting wrap-up that will more than satisfy King's Constant Readers." (*Library Journal, STARRED review*)

"F**ew of King's myriad terrors feel as visceral and close to home as the sense of human mortality that looms over his new book, *End of Watch*… an undeniable page-turner**… Throughout his tale, King nimbly pulls together numerous plot threads and characters…and for good measure throws in a final nail-biting chase through a blizzard. **One finishes this novel feeling great empathy for its resolute protagonist, and even greater trepidation about that next round of Candy Crush."** (*Elizabeth Hand, The Washington Post*)

"A **deliciously savory** conclusion to King's phenomenal hard-boiled Mr. Mercedes trilogy…gripping… **as strong a King series as The Dark Tower** in terms of characterization and pure storytelling. When it comes to the gumshoe genre, though, fingers crossed King's not yet closed for business.**"** (*Brian Truitt, USA Today*)

"**King works his customary storytelling magic, unspooling the plot threads almost as quickly as readers can turn the pages**… If you're wrapping up the trilogy, enjoy. **If you're just getting started, you're in for a thrilling ride."** (*Rob Merrill, The Associated Press*)

"Keeps readers on edge... King stitches together threads from these events to weave a taut conclusion to the tale of Brady Hartsfield. But — and with King you never know — he does leave open the chance that some of the characters will be back. Because in Stephen King's world, is anyone ever really gone for good?" (*Amanda St. Amand, The St. Louis Post-Dispatch*)

"Stephen King's Bill Hodges Trilogy has proved to be a welcome change of pace for the best-selling Maine author… The wintery, blood-soaked climax of the novel provides a fitting resolution not only to the action at hand but to the trilogy as a whole. King will always be best known for his tales of supernatural horror, but it's great fun to watch him experiment with form, genre and subject matter. He has more than his fair share of laurels, but he never seems to rest on them. Here's hoping King can maintain the creative momentum of the Bill Hodges Trilogy as he heads into the next uncharted literary territory." (Michael Berry, The Portland Press Herald)

"**A satisfying conclusion to this crackerjack detective series**… As the book's title suggests, there is finality and loss in the final pages. Readers may find themselves wiping away a few tears as this well-written, involving series comes to an end." (*Doug Knoop, The Seattle Times*)

"Outstanding… 'End of Watch' gives us King at the height of his powers. Masterfully plotted, the novel is propelled toward its page-blurring conclusion by two deadly forces: Hodges' advancing disease and Brady's relentless murderous impulse." (*John Wilwol, Newsday*)

"The book leaves a surprisingly deep, melancholy mark, crystallizing the themes that have become prevalent in King's recent work**...'End of Watch' hurtles toward a conclusion you anticipate and dread in equal**

measure — that wonderful, terrible anxiety King's constant readers have been relishing for more than four decades now. 'He's not done with you yet,' reads an ominous message Hodges receives on his computer in *End of Watch*. We're lucky. King isn't done with us either." (*Rene Rodriguez, The Miami Herald*)

About the Author
Stephen King is the author of more than fifty books, all of them worldwide bestsellers. His recent work includes The Bill Hodges Trilogy—*Mr. Mercedes* (an Edgar Award winner for Best Novel), *Finders Keepers*, and *End of Watch*; the short story collection *The Bazaar of Bad Dreams*; *Revival*; *Doctor Sleep*; and *Under the Dome*. His novel *11/22/63* was named a top ten book of 2011 by *The New York Times Book Review* and won the Los Angeles Times Book Prize for Mystery/Thriller. His epic series, The Dark Tower, is the basis for a major motion picture from Sony. He is the recipient of the 2014 National Medal of Arts and the 2003 National Book Foundation Medal for Distinguished Contribution to American Letters. He lives in Bangor, Maine, with his wife, novelist Tabitha King.

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