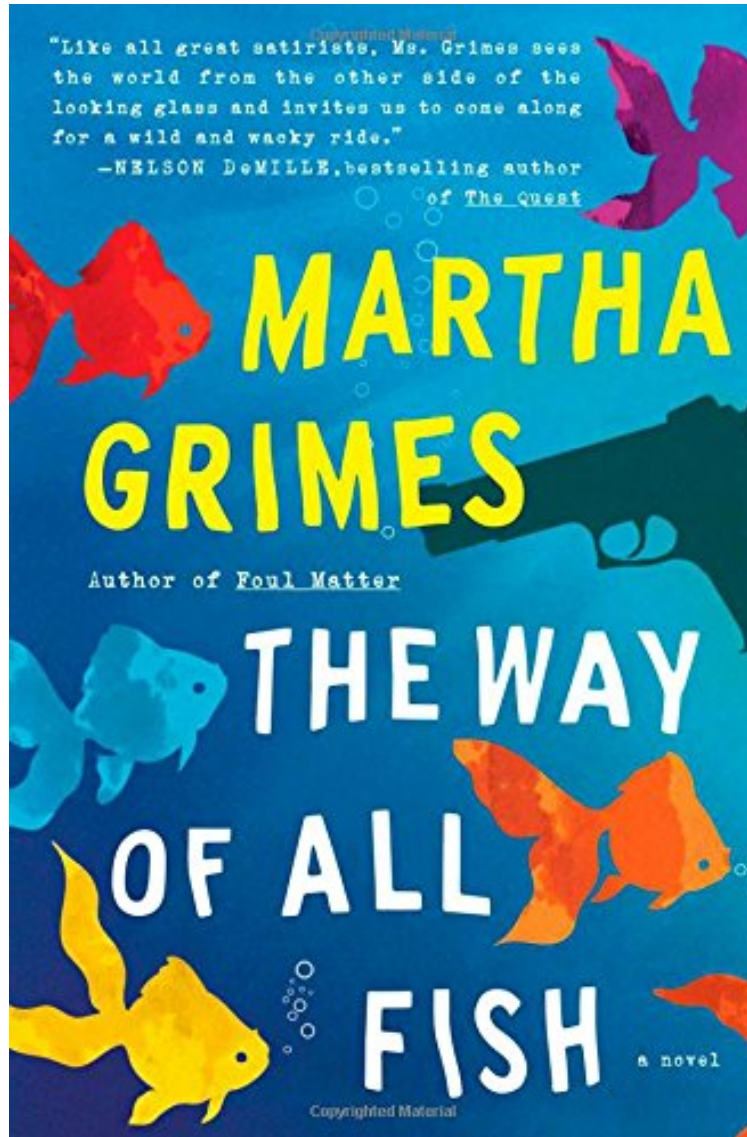


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Martha Grimes : The Way of All Fish: A Novel before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Way of All Fish: A Novel:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Watch your back Hiaasen! By Alexie Aaron Watch your back Hiaasen! Why? Well, Martha Grimes has taken a brief trip to Florida and in has caressed the Everglades in her wonderful style of humor. If you're reading this and think, oh it's a Florida book, you'd be wrong, and it was cruel of me to mislead you. This wonderful book is about the zany justice two contract killers enact against an inscrutable

agent. I can't without spoiling it tell you why they do it. Or how they drag characters from her previous work "Foul Matter" into it. But I am going to say this was so much fun to read that I had to have the book taken out of my hands (between chapter 47 and 48) because my laughter was keeping everybody awake. Who sleeps at 2AM? This is a sequel, but since it had been a while since I read "Foul Matter" it took me awhile until the plot of that book seeped into my consciousness. It wasn't forgettable, I just read a lot and fast. Martha writes the "Richard Jury Series," which I loved enough to crawl in between and under the West Palm Beach Library stacks to find the book that was missing but was supposed to be there. She is a lady and a humorist. She is a writer and a story teller. And she has my esteem. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Snarky wit By Gwynn B. Owens You'll either love it or hate it. I love its snarky wit, its Keystone Cops flavor of one plot after another backfiring in such unexpected ways. Strictly fun with a whiff of literature! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Grimes always a good read! By Matthew Rapaport I've been a fan of Grimes' Richard Jury for years and have enjoyed her other novels as well particularly this one and its "volume 1" "Foul Matter". Don't read this one without reading the first, she relies on your knowing them from the first book. The two together are very funny.

An absurdly amusing (The New York Times Book Review) sequel to Martha Grimes bestselling novel, Foul Matter, this wicked satire of the publishing industry is comic, caustic, and relentlessly readable (Booklist). Writer Cindy Sella is having trouble with her new novel. Aside from her paralyzing writers block, she's faced with a lawsuit from her ex-agent, L. Bass Hess. Hess will stop at nothing to collect a commission from Cindy on her previous novel, which he did not represent since she had fired him long before it was published. Hitmen Candy and Karl first introduced in Foul Matter are asked to get rid of L. Bass Hess. They join forces with a publishing mogul, a bestselling author, an out-of-work Vegas magician, an alligator wrangler, a glamorous Malaysian con lady, and Hess's aunt in the Everglades who has undergone a wildly successful sex change, and concoct a plan to save Cindy Sella from the odious machinations of Hess by driving him (slowly, hilariously) crazy. Grimes fans will delight in the return of several colorful characters from Foul Matter, including Senior Editor Clive Esterhaus, unprincipled publisher Bobby Mackenzie, and ex-mobster and author Danny Zito, currently under the witness protection program. New readers will find that these characters and their escapades shed an amusing light on the New York publishing scene. Informed and influenced by the author's own publishing adventures, The Way of All Fish is a goofily offbeat delight (The Washington Post).

From Booklist They're back! Candy and Karl, who represent the gold standard for hit men in Manhattan (introduced in Foul Matter, 2003), return with their scruples—they kill only persons they think deserve to die and their burgeoning interest in the publishing industry. But their contract on universally disliked literary agent L. Bass Hess hits a snag. Because Hess is suing a former client, author Cindy Sella, Candy and Karl fear that Sella would be the first person suspected if Hess were murdered. So the pair draws on their contacts from the earlier book, including best-selling author Paul Giverney and publisher Bobby Mackenzie, to devise a means of obliterating Hess short of killing him. From the opening pages, when other hit men shoot up an aquarium in the downtown Clownfish Cafe, exotic tropical fish are the key to zany action proposed on the fly. This sequel to Foul Matter is a caper that casts an eye on publishing that is comic, caustic, and relentlessly readable. Yes, it's Grimes lite and probably as much fun for the author as it is for her readers. --Michele Leber Absurdly amusing. (New York Times Book) This sequel to Foul Matter is a caper that casts an eye on publishing that is comic, caustic, and relentlessly readable. Yes, it's Grimes lite and probably as much fun for the author as it is for her readers. (Booklist) This novel is a madcap mystery with delight. (BookPage) This send-up of the book world, in which hit men apparently have more integrity than publishers, is great fun. (Kirkus) [An] addictive, whimsical follow-up to 2003's Foul Matter from MWA Grand Master Grimes The coup de grace alone is worth the price of admission. (Publishers Weekly starred review) [Martha Grimes] goes entertainingly wonky with this sequel to her bestselling Foul Matter delivering insider publishing stuff with acidulous wit. (Library Journal) Martha Grimes is a very funny writer and The Way of All Fish is a hilarious and worthy sequel to her bestselling Foul Matter. Like all great satirists, Ms. Grimes sees the world from the other side of the looking glass and invites us to come along for a wild and wacky ride. A very entertaining and fun read. (Nelson DeMille, bestselling author of The Quest) Few people have ever succeeded in making book publishing of all things seem funny and suspenseful, but Martha Grimes does so brilliantly in The Way of All Fish. (Michael Korda, author of Another Life) "Martha Grimes is back with a deliciously hilarious send-up of the book business. The Way of All Fish nails all the foul matter of publishing dead on, and is a smashingly great read as well." (Linda Fairstein bestselling author of Death Angel) About the Author Bestselling author Martha Grimes is the author of more than thirty books, including twenty-two Richard Jury mysteries. She is also the author of Double Double, a dual memoir of alcoholism written with her son. The winner of the 2012 Mystery Writers of America Grandmaster Award, Grimes lives in Bethesda, Maryland.