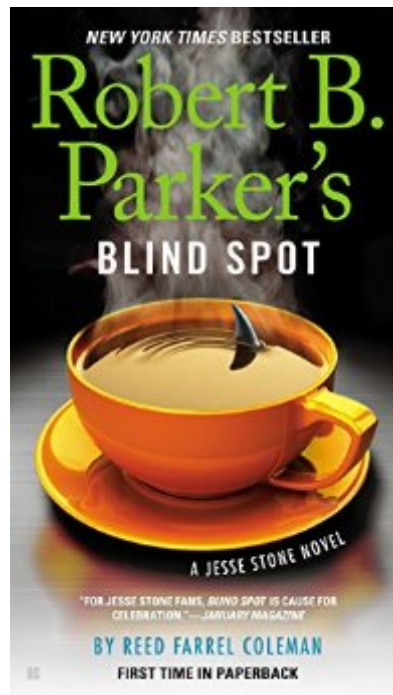


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# Robert B. Parker's Blind Spot (A Jesse Stone Novel Book 13)





## Customer Reviews

9/14/14 Blind Spot, highlighting the late Robert B. Parker's name, but written by Reef Farrel Coleman, is not a Jesse Stone novel, at least not in the Parker tradition. Mr. Coleman writes in his unique style which had led to several best sellers but he is not Mr. Parker. In his novel, Mr. Coleman uses a highly detailed writing style to describe a Ponzi scheme by criminal elements and seemingly upright citizens to defraud investors. That style has none of the impact of that of Mr. Parker who, in a few words, created fascinating characters and plot elements. The brevity that Mr. Parker showed in his lean writing was one of the attractions to Jesse Stone, the police chief of Paradise, Massachusetts. Mr. Coleman, on the other hand, has a complex style, often repetitive, which takes a long time to say what Mr. Parker did in a line or two. That over-writing by Mr. Coleman may be due to his publisher demanding that the book run to the standard length for mystery novels: 300 - 400 pages, average hence the repetition and excessive verbiage. Aside from the differences in writing styles, there are more serious issues. Mr. Coleman shows little understanding of the core characters in Jesse Stone's life: Molly, Suitcase, and Stone himself. The banter, often with an underlying sexuality, respect, and friendship between Jesse and Molly, is gone; now it is strained and contrived. Molly has become little more than just another character in the office; in fact, now, Jesse refers to her as Crane. Suitcase has been relegated to a minor role; it is almost as though Mr. Coleman was given a list of characters to use in the novel and merely added them to give the illusion that they are important.

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