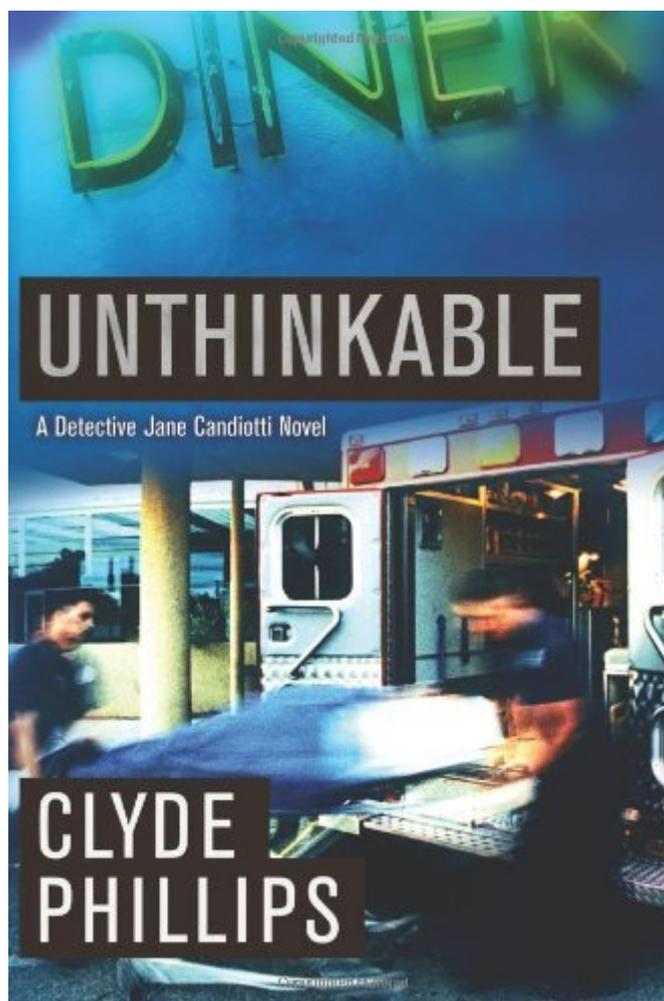


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Synopsis

For homicide lieutenant Jane Candiotti, stress is part of the job. But now that she and her husband are expecting their first child, Jane is under strict instructions to take it easy. A tall order on an average day, yet never more so than when a mass shooting at a local restaurant claims six victims—including her teenaged nephew. Jane's always been professional. But this time, it's personal. Before she can bring a baby into this world, Jane vows to hunt down the monster who didn't think twice about shooting an innocent kid. But every thread of evidence leads her deeper into a tangled web of deception, violence, and murder. Her only hope of navigating the twisting turns of this case is to enlist the help of a dangerous ex-con, one who could shed light on the connection between the death of her nephew and a decades-old murder case—eventually leading her to the most shocking discovery of her career.

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Customer Reviews

To be released in August 2013 by Thomas and Mercer This is my 1,000th review on my blog. I have several good books that are already read and just waiting to be reviewed, but only one could be my 1,000th review. This is the best of that small bunch of books and it is really quite good. This is the

fourth book in a series of books about married San Francisco homicide detectives Jane Candiotti and Kenny Marks. I had not read any books in the series until this one and the reader does not have to read them in order to join in. Candiotti and Marks are called in to a nasty murder scene in a fast food restaurant. Six strangers are massacred in the basement storage area right after the lunch rush. They have nothing in common except for the way they died. To make everything much, much worse, one of the victims is Marks' nephew. The San Francisco Police Department starts to sort through the clues and work through the pasts of all of the victims looking for a motive and their search leads them to a former gang member who is conducting an investigation of his own and he promises to deal with the murderer in his own way... This story grabs you from the first moment and pulls you right through. I flew through this book and I was genuinely surprised by who actually committed the murders and the ending is quite satisfying. Disclosure: the publisher sent me an advance reader's copy of this book through the Vine program at no charge in exchange for an honest review.

Before I start this review, I would like to list why I was excited to read this book: 1] I had read the first three books more than a decade ago when I first came across them and the 2nd one (Blindsided) made me a fan of the series as well as the author. 2] Clyde Phillips for those who don't know him is a writer/producer for shows like Dexter, Suddenly Susan and a others. His involvement with Dexter coincided with some of the series best seasons and coincidentally his exit led to some weaker ones (5th and 6th). Unthinkable stars Jane Candiotti and her husband Kenny Marks, both of whom are members of SFPD. After the events of the past 2 books which have lead to some drastic personal and professional changes in Jane's life, this book shows us the vibrant aftermath and it is soon shattered when a fatal restaurant shooting occurs. With a personal connection to one of the murdered victims. Jane and Kenny strive to solve this case but things are never black and white as they come to witness. Clyde Phillips is simply a masterful plotter and with this book, he again shows how twisted his plots can be. With a streamlined plot and plot twists that will trip readers, Unthinkable is a fine return by one of the most under-rated thriller writers. Be sure to grab this book and the previous ones if you love Jeffrey Deaver, Owen Laukkanen, James Patterson (earlier thrillers) or Harlan Coben!

I love mysteries and I especially enjoy police thrillers. This is the first Jane Candiotti novel I have read. The book hooks you right from the start, with the descriptions of the people who were gunned down but I didn't care for the description of the actual shooting. I did think many parts of this book

were unrealistic. I know this is fiction and anything can happen, but still. Do 9 month pregnant women still go out on active police duty? Do gang members actually turn their lives around and become honorable human beings? I guess this could happen, but I had a hard time believing it. Edgar Silva, the former gang member in question, is a likeable character, but he seemed too fake. In spite of these things, I did enjoy the book and plan to read the rest of the books in the series.

How wonderful, another book by one of my favorite writers, Clyde Phillips. I'd been addicted to his TV series, Dexter -the writing is just so good- when I stumbled upon his first book, Fall from Grace, the first in the Jane Candiotti homicide detective series. Hooked again. I proceeded to read the next two as well. Finally, after much too long a wait (2004), another Jane Candiotti book- 'Unthinkable' - a mystery reader's dream- filled with intrigue and surprises with compassionate characters that grab your imagination. WARNING: This page turner will keep you up at night-highly recommended.

This is DEFINITELY a five star reading experience! The book is fast-paced, full of twists and turns, and one of the best, TRUE whodunits I've read in a good while. The protagonist is a strong, caring-but-tough lieutenant who lives-eats-and-breathes crime-solving strategies! The plot is sublime, the characters interesting, and the location is none other than California's own Bay Area! The book is superbly written with insight and clarity into the world of sick, sociopathic serial killers. Great job Clyde Phillips!

I loved this book; it was my first read from this author. The characters were well developed, the plot kept me turning the pages. The ending surprised me greatly and I like that it was unpredictable. As a born and raised San Franciscan, I was happy that the author portrayed my city and its different parts correctly and without being a tour guide. I will now read the first three books.

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