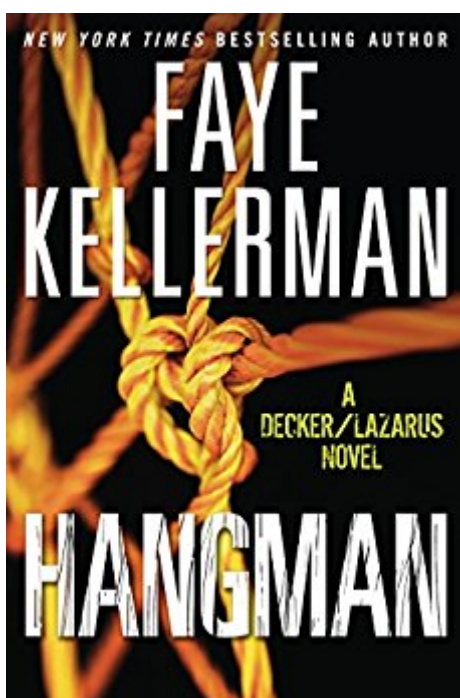


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# Hangman: A Decker/Lazarus Novel (Peter Decker And Rina Lazarus Series Book 19)



## Synopsis

“No one working in the crime genre is better.” —Baltimore Sun  
L.A.P.D. Homicide Detective Peter Decker and his wife Rina Lazarus are back on a case in *Hangman*—an electrifying new novel of suspense from Faye Kellerman, New York Times bestselling author of *Blindman’s Bluff*, *The Mercedes Coffin*, *The Burnt House*, and many other masterful thrillers. A stunning tale of crime and detection featuring the brutal death of a party girl, a health care worker, a mysterious disappearance, and the chilling return of an all-too-familiar sociopath, *Hangman* is Kellerman’s 21st bestseller to feature Decker and Lazarus, the most refreshing mystery couple around. (People)

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## Customer Reviews

I have enjoyed every Faye Kellerman, Decker/Lazarus novel I have read. Multiple story lines at 1 time following the clues and development of the characters, where the clues lead. I enjoyed the alternate story about a teenage boy, his mother and his unusual father as it twinned through the murder mystery. The author doesn't dwell on a gory description of the victims but relates facts in

language that could easily have come from a police report. Decker and his wife are portrayed as a snapshot of their lives, including the blended family and their personalities and maturity.

I've been reading Decker/Lazarus novels for years and looked forward to the next in the series. I've grown to love the central characters and watching them grow older and seeing the changes in their lives. This was a reread of one of the series that continued the Chris Whitman/Donatti character subset. The new character of Gabe Whitman is a winner. I would certainly suggest that if you want a wonderful group of characters in interesting story lines that you read this series.

Multiple story lines made this book much more interesting and intriguing than just one. Good character development of the new players added to the enjoyment. While the solving of a previously unknown and unexpected crime evolves from a current investigation is a bit of a stretch, it makes for an exciting story. And all of this occurs while yet a third more personal story line is going on. Definitely not boring or simplistic. If you have enjoyed previous Kellerman novels, you will absolutely love this one.

i have read most of this series, learned about the Jewish culture in little bits here and there over the years. watched as decker tries to balance his police work, family life & religious beliefs -being the best he can be at all three. i especially enjoyed everything in this particular book - a murder mystery "plus" !! you don't have to read the books in order, but it would be helpful to read some from the early years, then you will have enough background to jump right in anywhere :))) you won't be disappointed!!

Love her books, her characters and the way their lives intertwine. As always a great read. Looking forward to the next one.

I thought that Kellerman's first three or four Decker/Lazarus novels were wonderful and recommended them highly. This one was a mess. The plot was convoluted, the writing was poor and repetitive in places. Details such as what a woman detective was wearing each time she appeared in the book seemed unnecessary and boring.

Reads well and smoothly. Less crime detection with two surprises, luck creates a defendant and lack of luck leaves a defendant in the win. But this is a humanist story...one of a simple, honorable,

peaceful and blessed love relationship and, the other, a complex, strict, contentious, confusing and far from blessed, but nevertheless, love relationship. Definitely, worth the price of admission.

I have read most of this series, but not in order. The tome would be good as a stand alone, However, knowing the characters and history explain questions that occurs in later stories. This one had a busy plots occurring in homicide. Simultaneously, it provided a good update of the extended family and long time work partners.

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