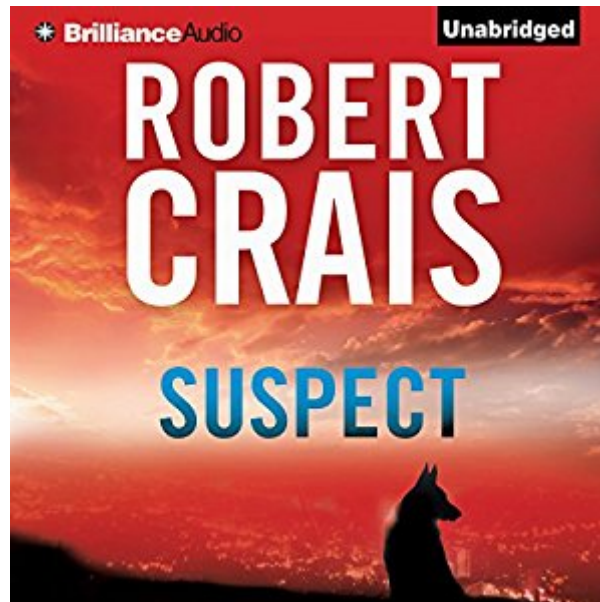


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# Suspect



## Synopsis

Audie Award Finalist, Thriller/Suspense, 2014 For 25 years, Robert Crais has written extraordinary novels of crime and suspense. He is "a master of crime fiction" (Associated Press); "his novels get better with every new book" (Portland Oregonian); "Crais is hands-down the world's greatest crime writer" (The Huffington Post). But in *Suspect*, he may have written his most remarkable novel of all. LAPD cop Scott James is not doing so well, not since a shocking nighttime assault by unidentified men killed his partner, Stephanie, nearly killed him, and left him enraged, ashamed, and ready to explode. He is unfit for duty - until he meets his new partner. Maggie is not doing so well, either. The German shepherd survived three tours in Iraq and Afghanistan sniffing explosives before she lost her handler to an IED and sniper attack, and her PTSD is as bad as Scott's. They are each other's last chance. He was a young cop on the rise; she was bred to guard and protect. Now they are shunned and shunted to the side. They are suspect. And together they will set out to investigate the one case that no one wants them to touch: the identity of the men who murdered Stephanie. Nine months and sixteen days later, they remained free. They were still out there. What they begin to find is nothing like what Scott has been told, and where it will lead them will take them both through the darkest moments of their own personal hells. Whether they will make it out again, no one can say. Thrilling, emotional, intense, with some of the best characters and well-crafted writing in all of crime fiction, *Suspect* is further proof that "Crais just keeps getting better" (Publishers Weekly).

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## Customer Reviews

Awesome book! We feel great sadness for the reviewer who failed to appreciate the accuracy and insight of Crais's description of human animal relationships. We don't know he did it but Crais captured the human dog interaction as well as we have ever seen. Dogs were not literally domesticated, as were cattle and horses. They and humans developed a symbolic relationship. There is interdependence, not co-dependence, which exists nowhere else in nature on such a regular basis. My wife and I have been rescuing severely abused Dobermans since 1995. We have taken dogs that other good people have not been able to help. Fortunately we have had significant success. Crais compressed the time needed for rehabilitation in these cases as he acknowledges, but the overall description is something only truly recognized by those who have experienced it. We have had dogs who were almost beaten to death, or starved past saving, or so injured as to require months of daily care. And they have come back to be the most loving and caring companions imaginable. My wife and I both are Criminal Justice Professionals and receive threats on a regular basis. My my wife has been disabled for the last 5 years, yet I never have to worry about her at home by herself because four large Dobermans stand guard with their lives and provide constant love and companionship. They also guard and include in their pack our four cats.

I was a K9 handler for 7 years. This book captured the partnership better than anything I ever read. I was hooked from the first word.

This tale will grip you from the first page. I have not read a book in one sitting for many years--but I did read Robert Crais' latest "Suspect" with only a few interruptions for soda and snack. The two new members of the Crais cast are a wounded military dog named Maggie and a wounded LA Cop named Scott James. Though both are badly damaged they refuse to quit on their chosen careers and join forces to both heal themselves, vanquish their own hidden demons and still pursue the murderous pack who killed Scott's partner and almost killed him. For the older readers this is a "grown up" tale of a man and his dog in the genre of the best episodes of Rin-Tin-Tin or Lassie, which were popular in our youth. It is rewarding to watch as these two seriously wounded individuals bond and become a cohesive "pack" looking out for each other's welfare and aiding each other in their quest for justice and healing. Let us hope this is the first in a long running series of Scott and Maggie adventures. I very highly recommend this book. Robert Crais has excelled with this new offering. Do not miss out--pick it up and read it. Though, fair warning--once you start reading you won't stop till the final page is turned.

I could not put it down. I read it too fast and now must wait forever for a new book. Mr. Crais, please stop being so cruel and give us more than one book a year. Now I don't know what to wish for...Elvis and Joe or Scott and Maggie. I love them all. I really hope there will be more Scott and Maggie books. Maybe Mr. Crais could give us one Scott and Maggie book and one Elvis and Joe book a year. Sounds like a good idea, huh?

Bestselling author, Robert Crais delivers a crime thriller that draws the reader in immediately with a compelling story that mesmerizes from beginning to end. I love dogs from when I was a child, and love crime thrillers, and this author creates a story with unforgettable characters as you crave for more. This is my first read of this author, but it will not be my last. My only regret is not finding his books in the past. Robert Crais does not disappoint, and I rate him as high as I value the books of James Patterson. The story begins with the life history of Maggie, a military dog, injured in the line of duty. Scott James, a police officer, also injured in the line of duty teams up with Maggie to work together on investigations of finding evidence for Scott's shooting, and his partner's killer. Maggie and Scott have a lot in common as they try to combat their disabilities, and learn a great deal from each other. The bond they share could never be broken as their trust continues to build. The author draws a colorful portrait as he portrays the true meaning of dedication and loyalty, while introducing to the reader the training and commitment required to work as such a team. This riveting, emotional story is told through the eyes of Maggie as it tugs at the heart. A mystery of corruption, greed, murder, and much more. The hero is a character we will remember, long after this book is closed. Entertaining, heartfelt, suspenseful, and highly recommended!

I always look forward to a new Robert Crais book because he is one of the very best writers. I was a bit sad at first that he is introducing new characters in this book but I am not sad any more. I almost never write reviews because I have to hunt and peck the letters out on my Kindle. This book was worth the effort. I couldn't put it down and sacrificed sleep to keep reading. The story is great, the characters really pulled me in to their plights because of the trauma they suffered and the descriptions of the emotions being felt, and the canine protagonist caused me to immediately fall in love with her! I was extremely impressed with this latest novel. A riveting, exciting and much anxiety-producing read..It would be a shame to not have the story continue in another book!

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