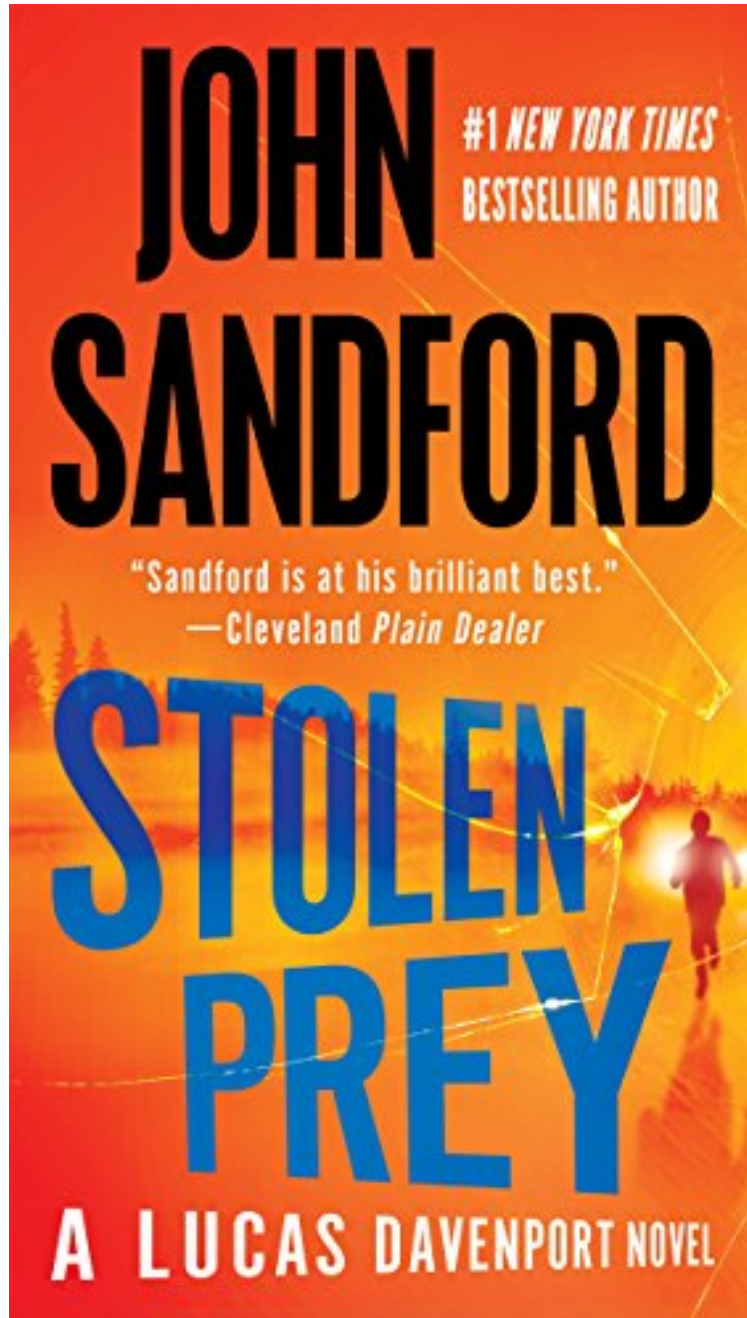


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Von John Sandford : Stolen Prey (The Prey Series) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Stolen Prey (The Prey Series):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Unusual for a Sandford, but goodVon TulsiStolen Prey is the latest tale involving Lucas Davenport, the richest criminal investigator in Minnesota. Unlike other Sanford books, it deals with white collar crime but starts, continues and ends with bloody deaths and gory violence, so to that extent its very much a Sandford book. We see the plotlines unfold from various angles: the viewpoint of the BCA (Bureau of Criminal Apprehension), the cyber-thugs themselves and a couple of Mexicans, both criminals and cops. Tangled up in all this is Lucas himself, who in a sub-plot gets mugged at an ATM, and wants to get those perpetrators as well. Virgil Flowers, a much later creation of Sandfords, plays a minor but humorous role in the story.Overall, I thought the story picked up good pace as it described the vagaries of cyber-crime rooted in greed (what else?), but the links between people and situations sometimes sounded contrived. There are a few loose ends to the story which actually made it all the more interesting, and that's when I realized that Lucas Davenport has definitely mellowed. He's getting older and is not as hands-on as he used to be. Instead, we have his daughter, Letty, showing great presence of mind and tremendous courage. Maybe Sandford will give her a larger role in his future novels. I would love to see that.For those who haven't read the earlier Prey novels, I recommend you start at no.1 (Rules of Prey) and read until around novel no. 15. After that you can read them in pretty much any order. It's important to see how the nature of law enforcement has not really changed (it has indeed become much more efficient), but Lucas Davenport develops as a character right through the books, and for the reader that's both enjoyable and edifying. We realize that he's innately flawed and more so likeable because he's ever so human. If you start out with this book (which is no.22 on the Prey list), you might not quite follow everything, so read the earlier ones first in order to get a fair idea of the context and characters.I recommend Stolen Prey because it reflects whats going on around the world just now. With open borders, unregulated global banking and interdependent financial systems, money laundering and cyber-crime have become intertwined with drug dealing and an easy way of life in several countries. This book shows how easy it is to launder money and reconvert it to legal tender, but also how such criminals can be brought to justice by effective law enforcers. There are some interesting characters like ICE, who clearly is no Lisbeth Salander (the fictional character created by Stieg Larsson in his Millenium series), but I'm hoping she will return in future books as she's already showing major potential.This is not Sandfords greatest novel, but its right on top of the heap with the other good ones.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Davenport chasing electronic thievesVon Alfred J. KwakThree years ago Lucas Davenport did not own a cell phone. In this book he feels naked without it. In this police procedural he faces three separate acts of crime, the theft of a bronze statue, himself being robbed, and the killing of a family of four. Killing is an understatement by a long measure, because only Mexican drug cartels use the horrific methods employed. The first two crimes receive only marginal attention in this novel, with LD's rural investigator Virgil Flowers making some breakthroughs that help solve the robbery. But the third crime soon morphs into a much wider investigation involving money laundering, computer theft and more deadly violence, keeping several US and Mexican law enforcement agencies busy.What happened? A Mexican crime cartel has for years secretly used US banks and companies to launder drugs money. When suddenly 22m dollar disappears, the cartel suspects one company owner, with terrible results, see above. Whilst the DEA focuses on the money laundering and the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension on the killings, Lucas concentrates of the theft. The teams keep each other informed, but this also proves risky. In the course of the novel readers will get to know all the good as well as the bad guys (and gals). One of the compromised bankers provides on p. 181 some key input regarding computer theft and whitewashing: Funds can be shuttled around the world indefinitely, but to be of any use they have to surface one day, either through shell companies or in some other form like fine art, diamonds, precious metals...This book a race against the clock for the thieves to convert their electronic dollars into gold coins and stay ahead of the law and the Mexicans... This reader is not convinced such a heist is really possible, but Sandford has done his best to make it seem plausible. Nice finish with maybe a sequel in future.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. SolideVon Benjamin ZieglerDer aktuellste Teil der Prey-Reihe ist ein solider Thriller. Er kommt zwar an den Vorgnger Buried Prey nicht ran, ist aber im Groen und Ganzen ein guter Roman.Eine Familie wird brutalst gefoltert und ermordet, Lucas Davenports Team ist zunchst nur am Rande mit der Ermittlung betraut. Es wird vermutet, dass es sich um einen finanziellen Betrugsfall bei einer Firma in Verbindung mit einer Bank handelt. Im Verlauf der Ermittlung kommt schnell raus, dass die Killer wohl von demjenigen gesandt wurden, dem das Geld gestohlen wurde. Immer mehr Leute geraten in Gefahr, und Lucas' Team sucht einerseits die Killer, auf der anderen Seite die Diebe.In einem kleinen Nebenplot jagd Davenport auch noch zwei Kleinganoven, die ihn beim Geldhaben ausgeraubt haben.Der Nebenplot ist im Endeffekt nicht ganz so spannend gestaltet, der Hauptplot ist aber recht gut geworden. Es gibt einen sehr interessanten und berraschenden Twist, der Showdown ist dann auch sehr gut gelungen und dramatisch.

KurzbeschreibungThe brilliant Lucas Davenport thriller from the number one New York Times bestselling author. Lucas Davenport has seen many terrible murder scenes. This is one of the worst. In the Minnesota town of Wayzata, an entire family has been killedhusband, wife, two kids, dogs. On the wall, in blood: Were coming. No

apostrophe. There's something about the scene that tugs at Lucas's cop instincts; it looks an awful lot like the kind of scorched-earth retribution he's seen from Mexican drug gangs. But this is a seriously upscale town, the husband ran a modest software company, the wife dabbled in local politics. None of it seems to fit. Until it does. *Pressestimmen* Sandford is at his brilliant best. *The Cleveland Plain Dealer* The climax will have you holding your breath and the book's very last line will leave you hoping for more. *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* *Stolen Prey* will make you a believer and a reader. Bookreporter