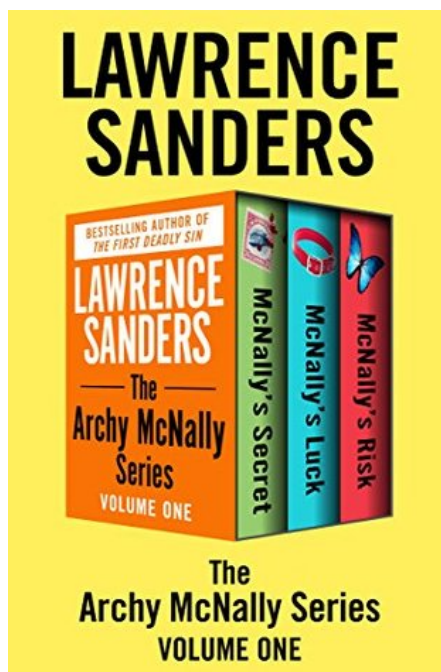




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A playboy PI becomes entangled with passion, murder, and unabashed greed in these three adventures by a *New York Times*–bestselling author.

Privileged bachelor Archy McNally enjoys sipping late-night port with his girlfriend of the moment and tooling around South Florida in his red Miata sports car. Only occasionally does he get around to doing actual work as a part-time investigator for his father's law firm. In these three witty novels, he's paid to make discreet inquiries for Palm Beach's elite—who are rarely what they seem.

McNally's Secret: When Lady Cynthia Horowitz's priceless 1918 US airmail stamps go missing from her plantation-style mansion, McNally unearths a shocking secret that could expose his own family's skeletons. His search thrusts him into a thickening maze of sex, scandal, blackmail, and murder.

McNally's Luck: McNally's latest assignment is a simple catnapping. But, as McNally knows, things are rarely as simple as they seem. Soon, the case of the missing foul-tempered, overweight Persian morphs into the murder of a prominent Palm Beach woman. And when McNally uncovers a chilling connection between the two cases, he's plunged into a psychological game of cat and mouse.

McNally's Risk: Checking out the background of a wealthy client's prospective daughter-in-law should be easy—but when the people around Theodosia Johnson start being killed off, McNally must expose the murderer. Theodosia herself is the biggest mystery though. And as she sets out to seduce McNally, he'll have to orchestrate his own scam to uncover the truth.

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Mike says

The first three books in the Archy McNally series - great fun!

In the grand pantheon of literary detectives Archy McNally falls closer to the realm of a Hercule Poirot or Ellery Queen rather than someone like a Sam Spade or Lew Archer. Which is to say that Archy is not really a rough and tumble "put up your dukes" type of guy. He's more a lover than a fighter who, while romancing the ladies to the best of his abilities, finds time to investigate cases for his father's company McNally and Son, Attorney-at-law (notice the singular 'attorney'). Archy heads up the Discreet Inquiries department for his father's law firm. He is, in fact, the only member of that department. The McNally name is well known and respected by the Palm Beach elite with whom they hobknob on a regular basis and who form the basis of their investigative clientele.

Archy is a bit of a fop or a dandy. A playboy of the old school. He is an effective detective but he goes about things in his own peculiar way, tongue-in-cheek, taking very little seriously. He is good friends with detective sergeant Al Rogoff and often works closely with the police (though seldom with full disclosure). He associates with people who have names like Pinky Schatz, Lolly Spindriff, and Binky Watrous.

In these days of reality TV superstars and billionaire presidents these books read more than ever like a parody of the lifestyles of the rich and famous.

-- McNally's Secret, The Archy McNally Series, Book 1

This first in the series is basically modelled after the old English manor mysteries. A block of rare postage stamps is stolen from a wealthy neighbor and Archy must determine which of her houseguests is responsible... while being as discreet as possible.

I wasn't all that crazy about this first story. It's okay. A little more on the cozy mystery side than the rest (though not a cozy!)

-- McNally's Luck, The Archy McNally Series, Book 2

A simple catnapping turns to murder in this second book of the series.

-- McNally's Risk , The Archy McNally Series, Book 3

Archy is hired to check out the bona fides of a wealthy client's prospective daughter-in-law.

These stories fall into a category I refer to as "soft-boiled", meaning they are nowhere near gritty or tough enough to be considered Hard-boiled but they have an edge to them and can't rightly be put in the cozy mystery mold. There is some adult language in use, and a suggestive sexual situation here or there. Should be okay for most readers.

I recommend these books/this collection to anyone who enjoys a good mystery with a dose of humor.

***Special thanks to NetGalley and the publisher for allowing me the opportunity to read and review this collection of McNally books by Lawrence Sanders

Harry L. Lydick says

What a bargain!

Sanders's third (and most light-hearted) series. Mystery series, volumes 1 to 3. Sanders is always careful to be sure that enough of the background and main characters are explained enough so that any book in the series can be read as a stand-alone. Some characters are on the fringe of many of the books. Always satisfying. Archy's catchphrase is:

"One never knows, do one?"

Nfloodtularosa.net says

If you want something different- try this series.

If murder mysteries can be called lighthearted the Archy McNally series would be it. I read these years ago as they came out and decided to revisit them again when this set was on sale. Make no mistake these are full on mysteries but the main character has very tongue in cheek humor that sometimes had me laughing out loud. If you want something different- try this series.

Lynne Tull says

This is the beginning of Archy McNally and his discreet investigations. To introduce him Mr. Sanders has chosen a set of three almost Novella length stories. I am not sure that Archy's bon vivant character will be one that I can take for very many episodes. Already there seems to be a formulaic style emerging. I'll check out another one, but then decide whether to continue.

Lara says

I own this whole series in paperback, and it was good to revisit. Light-hearted and funny. Fluffy but well done. A little dated now, since I think they were written in the early 90s.

Marcee Feddersen says

<http://www.anurseandabook.com/2017/08...>

For the last week, I've been sucked into the Archy McNally series by Lawrence Sanders. I read Volume One of the series, which is the first three books. They were just as good as I remembered - just fun, lighthearted

mysteries. It made me want to keep going through the series again. Sanders really was a great writer - and I'm not sure if it was harder or easier to be a best selling writer back then. If you've never read these books, take a look, I think you'll enjoy them!

Bonnie Fournier says

Lots of fun

Lots of fun, especially for a former South Floridian of the legal community. So much to create to. Get this series.

Mark Wilson says

Really 3.5 stars - a fun series

Archy McNally skates through the world of society Florida, romancing and dining while he detects. The action and characters draw you in, but I found the ultra-arch (sorry) language a bit off-putting. Archy sounds like a refugee from a 1930's mystery: Dorothy Sayers leavened with a bit of Dashiell Hammett, which jars when we're in the present day. Actually, he sounds like Archie Goodwin in the Nero Wolfe books, which is worrisome with the name similarity. If you can accept the florid prose as a character trait of the protagonist, then the tales are enjoyable and amusingly told.

Tim says

I received a copy of this book from the publisher through NetGalley to read and review.

“THE ARCHIE McNALLY SERIES VOLUME I” is a compilation of the first three books in the Archie McNally series, McNally's Secret, McNally's Luck, and McNally's Risk.

Archie is the young playboy son of a well respected attorney in the Palm Beach, FL area who specializes in “Discreet Inquiries”, and Archie is the investigator in those cases assigned to him by his father. Seemingly content to devote the majority of his time to a life of leisure and womanizing that his life of privilege makes possible, he occasionally is required to take time to investigate the above mentioned cases and report his findings to his father.

Successfully solving cases is often made possible by Archie utilizing the long list of acquaintances he's known over the years, but most often relying on his friend Al Rogoff, the rough detective from the PBPD who overlooks the fact Archie is often a thorn in his side making his job more difficult.

Lovable and charming, Archie somehow maintains his relationship with the lovely Connie who has been able to forgive his dalliances with attractive women he comes in contact with in his investigations.

Humorous dialogue taking place with others along with quips by Archie really make these books a pleasure to read, and it's surprising how light hearted these reads can be in the midst of the murders that take place.

Highly recommended to fans of humorous situations present in investigations by a lovable but hopelessly flawed leading character, the books in this series will not disappoint.

4 stars.
