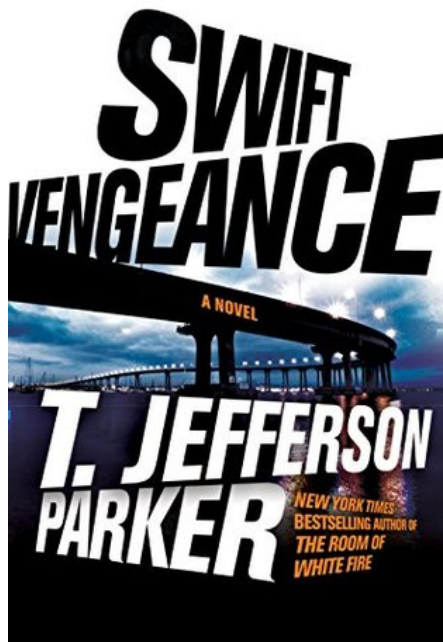




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In this incendiary new thriller from three-time Edgar Award winner and *New York Times* bestselling author T. Jefferson Parker, Roland Ford is hunting down a mysterious killer, jockeying for position with the FBI, and risking everything to save a friend in terrible jeopardy.

Returning hero and private investigator Roland Ford is on the trail of a mysterious killer who is beheading CIA drone operators and leaving puzzling clues at each crime scene. His troubled friend Lindsay Rakes is afraid for her own life and the life of her son after a fellow flight crew member is killed in brutal fashion. Even more terrifying is the odd note the killer left behind: "Welcome to Caliphornia. This is not the last." Ford strikes an uneasy alliance with San Diego-based FBI agent Joan Taucher, who is tough as nails but haunted by what sees as the Bureau's failure to catch the 9/11 terrorists, many of whom spent their last days in her city. As the killer strikes again, Ford and Taucher dash into the fray, each desperate for their own reasons--each ready to risk it all to stop the killer from doing far more damage.

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From Reader Review Swift Vengeance for online ebook

Linda Haas says

This book was very suspenseful with a number of fun quirky characters. It also was interesting in explaining about drones in the military. I enjoyed reading this book.

Darcy says

With this book Roland comes to the aid of a friend and things quickly escalate. Quickly Roland realizes that Lindsay is in real trouble, the kind of trouble that the FBI helps and he enlists a woman he has worked with before, Joan. The 3 of them manage to figure things out, find out who the bad guy is and what is planned, but not before some of those plans are enacted causing some big fallout.

The best moments in this one are the quiet moments between Joan and Roland, talking about the case and life. You get the feeling that their business relationship is moving to a true friendship, something both of them need. Knowing that makes the ending all the more sad.

Donald B. Stewart says

A satisfying story, heavy on process, relationships, and internal dialogue, all of which I happen to like. The writer's style is fluid and easy to follow. I remember reading a few pages and wondering when he was going to get past the preliminary stage-setting, and get to the whiz-bang guts of a traditional whodunit - only to discover that I was already past page 50, and thoroughly caught up in the process, feeling like a member of the detective's patchwork family. Good story, well told, with plenty of action. Looking forward to the next one in the series.

Daniel Ford says

T. Jefferson Parker's hero Roland Ford returns to the page in the brand new Sweet Vengeance. As always, Parker gives us a fun, action-packed thriller, but he also delves into timely big ideas that make you think long after the dust has settled.

Dan Downing says

When you read a book that will not let you go in a reasonable amount of time, and to which you return as soon as possible regardless of what you are neglecting, then you by definition have yourself a 5 Star story. Exactly how T. Jefferson Parker works his magic remains, if not a mystery, then certainly well concealed. Plenty of authors write better, and many create more intriguing characters. California, full as it is of delightful people, avoids being anything close to an exotic locale. We are not in the hard noir territory with Parker; the action is minimal, the sex either missing or off-screen. And yet. He sets the hook and reels you in, and you are left satisfied but slightly miffed because it'll be a year or two before a new one comes rolling

off the press.

Recommended

Mac MacChlerie says

Another winner from Parker

T. Jefferson Parker puts out the best thrillers on the literary world. You can always count on a great story line and always in the back of your head you're hoping that the good guys make it out unscathed.

But sometimes it's one of the subjects you gave up on that shows up in the end.

DP Lyle says

Roland Ford is back. In this follow up to THE ROOM OF WHITE FIRE, T. Jefferson Parker hits it out of the park. Two US drone pilots have been brutally murdered and beheaded by someone known only as Caliphornia. And a third, Lindsey Rakes, is now in his sights. Ford must protect her, while tracking down the secretive and clever killer. Once again he teams with FBI Special Agent Joan Taucher and they break more than a few rules to further their pursuit. The twists and turns are many, the ending explosive, and along the way the story, the characters, and the writing are remarkable. Want to know why Parker has won three Edgar Awards? Read SWIFT VENGEANCE and it will become clear.

DP Lyle, award-winning author of the Jake Longly thriller series

Mrs Mommy Booknerd <http://mrsmommybooknerd.blogspot.com> says

#FirstLine ~ The first time I saw Lindsey Rakes she was burning down the high-stakes room in the Pala Casino north of San Diego.

Such a great read with a dynamic story line, characters and plot. You will be pulled into this story and will find it realistic and heart pounding. It will have you marveling in the rich story and loving all the fast paced action.

Barbara says

I'm halfway through an Advance Readers Copy and loved it from the start. Somehow reminds me of Parker's earlier novels. Moody. Poignant. Painful. Maybe I'll be able to make more sense when I've finished it.

A few days later...finished and continued to love it. Loved the last paragraph, too. Yay, Jeff!

Kathleen Gray says

A fast paced thriller with a very topical plot line. This is the second in a new series and it's a winner. Roland Ford finds himself working with Joan Taucher, a kick-butt FBI SA, to protect not only his friend Lindsay but others who work or work in the drone program. Set aside politics and think of the people killed by Caliphornia. The accessibility of information about individuals on the internet makes the possibility of this type of terroristic serial killing very possible. Ford's a great character and his relationships are well fleshed out with just a few words. Taucher, well, she's an interesting one. Thanks to Edelweiss for the ARC. This is a plot driven read which makes you think.

Lesa says

I thought T. Jefferson Parker's second novel featuring PI Roland Ford was terrific. Swift Vengeance is a fast-paced story that is all too plausible. This was my first one of Parker's books, so I can't compare them to earlier ones. I found the characters well-developed, a little quirky, and fascinating. It was a page turner.

Ford first met Lindsey Rakes in a casino when the drone operator for the Air Force was a heavy drinker and gambler, trying to escape her day job. Two and a half years later, when she turns to him for help, she's trying to get her life back together again. She lost custody of her son due to her lifestyle, and now she's desperate to regain her ex-husband's trust and share custody. But, that won't happen if she turns a threatening note over to the FBI. Rakes has received a note signed "Caliphornia" that threatens her with death by decapitation. She's a little worried that a man she once dated is behind the threats. Ford offers her one of the casitas on his property that he rents to a small group of friends and family, "the Irregulars". He keeps one for emergencies, and Lindsey's threats from a stalker seems like an emergency.

Even before the first death, Ford contacts an acquaintance, FBI agent Joan Taucher, who is based in San Diego. Taucher was a new agent stationed in San Diego when the 9/11 terrorists were connected to that city. Now, the tough woman spends her time trying to catch other terrorists before they can attack. But, even on the day Lindsey Rakes reaches out to her former crew, it's too late. One of the men she worked with has been gruesomely killed in his own home. Lindsey, Roland Ford, and Taucher all trace Caliphornia's threats back to the crew's remote targeting and killing of terrorists.

Roland Ford had been coasting after his wife's tragic death a couple years earlier. His most recent case involved a lost cat. Now, he has a purpose, a reason to get involved in an important case. He says, "I'd felt needed. Needed to protect. To prevent. To vanquish. Nothing better than being necessary....I'd been called again, and was soon to be deployed. My crusade. Roland Ford, paladin."

There's that white knight riding in to save the day, a common trope in detective novels from Chandler to Robert B. Parker's Spenser. In this case, "Roland" was a military figure, one of Charlemagne's paladins. It's a perfect name for the good man who stands up for threats against people and the country.

Swift Vengeance is a riveting story. Looking for a gripping book? Try this one.

Barb Lie says

Swift Vengeance by T. Jefferson Parker is an exciting pulse-pounding thriller. This is my first time reading

Parker, who is a three times Edgar award winning author.

Roland Ford, our hero, is a private investigator and former marine. Roland finds himself in the middle of helping a friend in danger. His friend Lindsay, a former CIA drone operator, has received a note threatening to behead her. When two former members of the drone team were brutally murdered and beheaded, Roland must try to discover who the culprit (Caliphornia) is, in order to save Lindsay from a sure death.

Roland will team up with FBI agent, Joan Taucher, a tough, no nonsense, high ranking agent based in San Diego, and together they will look for all the clues that will narrow down the search for a terrorist who is avenging the death of someone killed in one of those drone attacks that Lindsay's team was involved in years before.

This was a very exciting, fast paced, non-stop action packed adventure to find the person behind these terrorist attacks before he kills again. As they get closer to finding the murderer, there a few surprise violent encounters that were brutal and escalated the search.

I will not say too much more, as I do not want to spoil it for those reading this book. Swift Vengeance was a very well done edge of your seat suspenseful thriller, and Parker had us on the edge of our seat, especially in the last ¼ of the book. As we raced to this exciting explosive climax, we had no idea who would survive. I suggest you read Swift Vengeance, which was excellently written by T. Jefferson Parker.

Barb
The Reading Cafe

Cheryl says

3.75 Would definitely read another. Different philosophy than some writers in this genre. I appreciate the fresh perspective. Engaging!

Eve says

4.5 stars. This is a high quality well written book with sharp writing, vivid imagery, tight plotting and engaging characters. The author uses the landscape beautifully and I really love the idea of the Southern California complex where Roland Ford, the MC, lives and acts as a laid back landlord to his eclectic troupe of tenants. This is the second book of the series, I think, and I didn't read the first one, but I'm gonna go and do that now. :)

Steve says

I just finished reading a wonderful book by one of my favorite mystery authors, Jefferson Parker. Swift Vengeance has everything. Roland Ford is a P. I. in San Diego, California. Lindsay Rakes is a retired Air Force drone operator whose team killed a suspected terrorist along with nine civilians. The civilians killed were not terrorists and therein lies the problem and the plot of this tremendously exciting and well written novel. Along the way our hero Roland Ford teams up with a truly dedicated FBI agent and has conflicts with another private investigator who may or may not be working for the suspected terrorist. The reader follows

all this with rapt attention as time runs out before a terrorist attack plagues San Diego.

T Jefferson Parker is one of the world's best crime and thriller writers. Swift Vengeance will be on sale 21 August. Rush to wherever you buy books and purchase this the second you do.
