Scarred for life by a brutal father, Joe Trona found a safe haven and a loving childhood in the home of the couple who adopted him. Now he spends his days as a deputy for the Orange County sheriffs department and his nights as a driver and aide to Will Trona, the influential politician who rescued him from the Hillside Childrens Home. An expert in firearms and the martial arts, Joe has been backing Will up for a long time. Still, his skill isnt enough to keep Will alive, and when his father is killed right in front of Joes eyes, the young deputy vows to avenge him. But first he must find out how the kidnapping of a tycoons daughter, a scam to line the pockets of Will Tronas political enemies, the murder of two Guatemalan immigrants, the unholy activities of a charismatic minister whos a close friend of the Trona family, and the strange alliance of two rival L.A. gangs are connected to Wills death. Every secret Joe uncovers leads deeper into his beloved fathers murky past and ultimately his own. But the reader stays right with this extraordinary man as he battles his demons and ultimately vanquishes them. Author T. Jefferson Parker (The Blue Hour, Red Light, Laguna Heat) is one of the best thriller writers working today. Fans of Michael Connelly and Dennis Lehane--and Raymond Chandler, for that matter--will appreciate Parkers ability to create a complex, fascinating, and fully realized hero whose inner reality is brilliantly revealed by his actions. Will Trona is an equally intriguing invention; while ultimately he is an enigma, we remain convinced that he is worthy of his sons devotion. Silent Joe is a mindful, intelligent novel you cant put down. It should break Parker out with the really big boys of mystery fiction, the million-sellers with the marquee names. In fact, hes a much better writer than most of them, and unlike many, he never tells the same story twice. --Jane Adams

Last summer when his previous novel, RED LIGHT, was in its initial release, I had the rare honor of appearing on the same Round Table West luncheon program in Newport Beach as T. Jefferson Parker. As the author of a recently published mystery set in Orange County, I had the privilege of speaking to our Balboa Bay Club audience immediately before Mr. Parker.
During my talk, I stated that Jeff Parker is the author who has taught all the rest of us Orange County mystery writers how to write about our unique region of Southern California. SILENT JOE continues to prove my point. It is a marvelously complex mystery that is Parkers strongest book to date. It will move him securely into the major league of crime fiction writers with the likes of Sue Grafton, Robert Crais, Sara Paretsky, and Robert B. Parker. In its complexity, it even reminds me of the works of the genres immortals such as Hammett, Chandler, and Macdonald.

Joe Trona was scarred for life by an acid attack at the hands of his biological father. He is adopted and nurtured by Will Trona, a local politico. When Joe grows up, he aspires to a career in law enforcement. He works in the Orange County jail and moonlights as driver/bodyguard for Will Trona. Will Trona is murdered. Joe wants to avenge the murder of the man who contributed the most to the person he has become. During his investigation, Silent Joe finds himself entangled in the kidnapping of a tycoons daughter, the murder of two Latino immigrants, and a political corruption scheme. He uncovers long-bured secrets involving Will and himself.

SILENT JOE is an extraordinary work by an extraordinary author. With every book he writes, Jeff Parker continues to show the rest of us Orange County mystery writers how to write about Orange County. Parkers best!

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