The Twelfth Card (A Lincoln Rhyme Novel)

Geneva Settle is a bright young high school student from Harlem writing a paper about one of her ancestors, a former slave called Charles Singleton. Geneva is also the target of a ruthless professional killer. Criminalist Lincoln Rhyme and his policewoman partner Amelia Sachs are called into the case, working frantically to anticipate where the hired gun will strike next and how to stop him, all the while trying to get to the truth of Charles Singleton, and the reason that Geneva has been targeted. For Charles Singleton had a secret - a secret that may strike at the very heart of the United States constitution, and have disastrous consequences for human rights today. And Sachs is going to have to search a crime scene thats 140 years old before she can stop the killer.

My Personal Review:
Mr. Deaver has written a fast paced novel with great detail. He doesn't bore the reader with unnecessary fluff to take up space. The book is somewhat of a roller-coaster ride as you can't possibly figure who hire the excellent villain, Thompson Boyd. Boyds character is the mainstay in the book. The description on why hes as cold & callous as ice is very interesting. A new twist on a very old career, one might say. Beginning with a crime that happened 140 years ago, the book evolves around that central theme very well. Theres very good descriptions of each characters inner beings & turmoils. A nice little touch, though not really needed, is the author posting the text of the investigations description boards a few times throughout the book. Being my first Deaver book, this was my introduction to the main characters of Rhyme & Sachs. Amelia Sachs I liked. Lincoln Rhyme, to me, is just OK. As a main character in Deavers books I found him a bit weak. The author may have subliminally included some of his own political slants, but I didn't care, The book is good. All in all, the book is a solid thriller well worth your time.
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