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COLD JADE is the newest novel in the acclaimed John Rockne series by award-winning and international bestselling author Dan Ames.

Once a cop in the well-to-do Detroit suburb of Grosse Pointe, John Rockne was dismissed from the force after making a tragic mistake that resulted in the brutal murder of a young man.

Now working as a private investigator, John is hired by a man whose daughter is missing and he soon discovers the young woman was living a secret life under the name Jade.

John quickly realizes the world Jade had entered was a dangerous one filled with thieves, drugs, pimps and murderers. He has no idea if he can find her...and bring her out alive.

Cold Jade Details

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Tulay says

Some what entertained.

Missing eighteen years old girl. John is hired by the father, as always does everything to find this troubled girl. Fast read.

Kimberly R. Martinez says

Easy read

I liked how quickly this book read and the bits of humor mixed in with the mystery. I would happily read more of this series. A perfect weekend book that delivers a decent story.

Betty Schroyer says

Not quite hardboiled.

I rated this a 4 because as hard as as "hardbroiled" goes I have read much better in terms of character, charisma and action. The opening is so misleading to the storyline that I was actually looking through the whole story to see when it would get back on track. Overall a disappointment

Sandra Holladay says

“He was cut in a hundred places and Clay thought he had bled out.” Several paragraphs later: “He took off his leather jacket and set it on the back of a chair, well away from the action. He didn’t want any blood to get on it.” Now he’s worried about getting blood on the jacket?

As usual, Rockne is rescued in the nick of time. Although he does a lot of questioning and following leads, he really doesn’t solve much. This story just unfolds and Rockne follows it where it goes.

Will Decker says

There's probably a good story here, but it bored me to no end. The MC was boring, the pace was slow, and the ending was downright forced and unbelievable. Nothing the detective did brought a conclusion to the mystery(?), it all happened on its own and would have happened even without the clueless detective. The

background characters were little more than cardboard cutouts and the editing could use some work. Bleh!

Tonya says

This book was entertaining and kept my interest.. There were several plot twists I really did not see coming which blended well with the parts that I predicted. There are several reasons I gave this book a 5 star rating.... One is the way the author, Dan Ames, portrays the differences between the nice middle and upper class parts of town and a gritty side of Detroit where violence is the norm. Secondly, this book reads fast...very fast, I could not believe how quickly I read this book! Finally, I like the main character as he is realistic...rather than some larger than life hero, he is simply a normal man with a great sense of humor. The normal man, working as a Private Investigator entertains and surprises as he plods his way through a missing person's case. Dan Ames weaves the world of sex, violence, and politics throughout this quick mystery novel with PI John in the center of the action.

PROS:

John's wit, the interaction between John, Anne (John's wife) as well as between John and Nate, the well connected and knowledgeable sidekick. The humor is entertaining but being inside John Locke's head is the best!

CONS:

The mysterious secret was not revealed to the reader as obvious as I would like... It felt like it appeared to John magically without clues to the reader...perhaps I should read slower...

Barry L. Floyd says

Good Read

Good, quick read. Entertaining. My first Ames novel and I enjoyed the twists of plot. Enough so that I will be picking up another very soon. If you like short detective novels you will like this one.

Steve says

This is a satisfying installment in an appealing detective series. The protagonist is funny without being slapstick.

Rosemary says

Cold Jade - a review by Rosemary Kenny

'Innocent' (according to her parents), young Kierra Cotton is missing - and the police aren't really interested, assuming she's just reacting to the fight she had with her parents the night before she left. Into this scenario comes John Rockne, a somewhat cynical PI who agrees to take on the case - to find Kierra and persuade her

to return home - for a hefty fee from Kierra's rich father.

Using Kierra's social media account, Rockne soon discovers that Kierra (aka Jade), is about as far from being a blushing, untouched maiden as possible...in fact she's been accumulating quite a bankroll by hiring herself out as a stripper, an escort and even as a hooker.

What is the secret Kierra's family hides from John? How does it affect what is happening to the people who last saw/talked to 'Jade'?

Who is Nix and what is his influence on Jade's life?

Who is Clay? What is he hired to do - and by whom?

Why are the Vaughans involved in the case - and what is their relationship to Jade?

The topics of Dan Ames' diamond-sharp book are definitely realistic possibilities in the 21st century world we live in, where the person on the street is only ever a few metres away from a whole different world and one where crime pays and the innocent are soon fleeced - or worse! Its fast paced action and psychological drama quickly engage the reader and keep them tingling with anticipation - and the hope that John is not too late to save Jade's life - or his own. You'll love it!

Gael Richmire-holmes says

Great romp!

I really liked this story!! A good plot, an interesting private investigator with a sweet family, had me worrying about them!! He is hired to find a missing girl, and there are lots of twists and turns. I have been reading mysteries for a long time, and this one had me guessing, I really enjoy a book that I don't figure out in the first few chapters!

Keep up the good writing, Mr. Ames, I'm a fan! Thank you, I will be reading more of your books! Sincerely, GRH

Heuge says

The story and writing were ok at best up until the last few chapters, and then stuff started happening inexplicably out of the blue, with a largely unbelievable and unexplained ending.

Would have given it 2 stars for 85% of the book, the last 15% or so dropped it to a 1 star.

Won't be reading any more by this author.

Paul Fussner says

To much profanity

All in all a well written novel with a very intense story. However, I must say this book covers a lot of ground that I felt was way to racist in its literary content.

I found myself asking why an author with this high of a level of writing skills felt the need to use socially

responsible verbage throughout this book, I found the language to be very offensive. This is going to be the last time I'll be reading anything written by Dan Ames.

Joan Cameron says

Surprised me!

Absolutely loved this book. Main character humorous, honest, bright sometimes, lost at times, but very human. The end caught me by surprise, didn't see it coming. READ IT!

Mark Zodda says

Fast-paced with often violent action, the book was a good read. Rockne is humorous, quick-witted and self-deprecating. Not really a mystery, the story fits more in the thriller category as it seems more interested in the setting and the action than in any mystery. My kindle version of this book is subtitled "A Hardboiled Private Investigator Mystery Series," and it is probably the expectation of a hardboiled private investigator that I find objectionable. Rockne doesn't carry a weapon and nowhere in this story is he responsible for any of the violence that sets the stage for his investigation. All in all he seems like kind of a soft-hearted good guy. This is my first John Rockne mystery and I don't feel that I lost any context by stepping into his world in the third book. Recommended.

Teresa Collins says

Like the first two John Rockne books, I enjoyed this one for the most part. I must admit, I didn't have quite as many editing issues as I did in the first two, but this one felt more thrown together. I almost got the impression that Mr Ames had a story he wanted to tell and he had a great beginning and a great ending. He just wasn't sure how to get the middle worked out. I really like the character of John Rockne and the little bit we see of his relationship with his wife Anna. I would like to see her more fully developed, but I'm not sure it will happen. The one thing I really have to give Mr Ames credit for is the ability to write characters that I REALLY don't like. The Spook in books 1 & 2 was bad but Clay Hitchfield is a whole other animal. I have most of the John Rockne stories and I'm hoping they will improve as far as editing and character development. I'd really like to be able to give one of them a 5 star rating. Unfortunately, I haven't been able to yet, but I'm holding on to hope.
