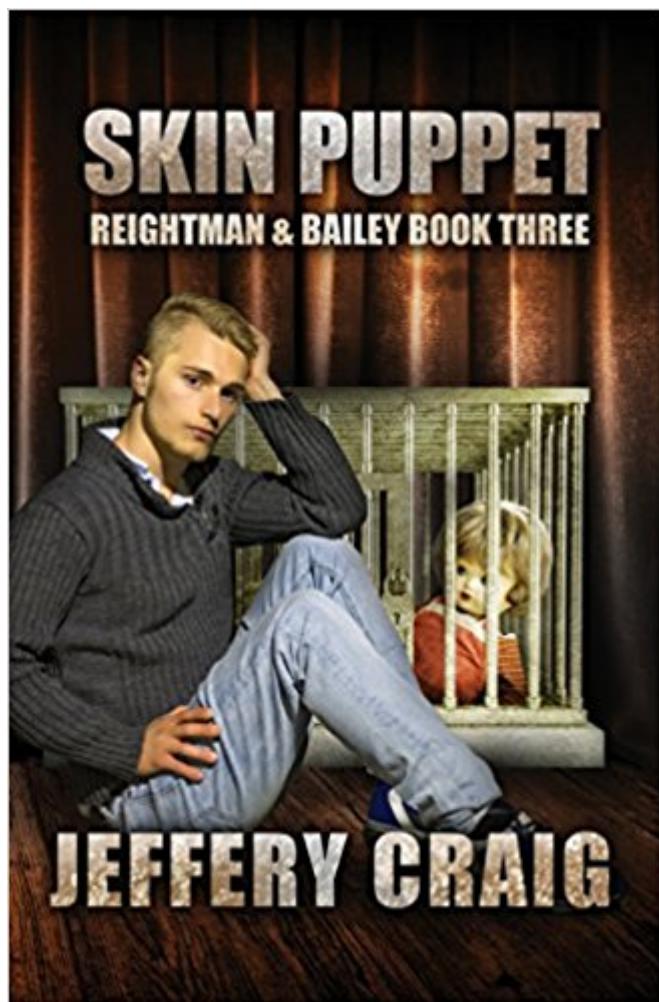


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Skin Puppet: Reightman & Bailey Book Three (Volume 3)



Synopsis

In Skin Puppet: Reightman & Bailey Book Three, the whole gang from Capital Street is back and almost ready for business. It's just two weeks until The Reightman & Bailey Agency officially opens, but Melba Reightman and Toby Bailey have things pretty much under control. After the horrific events of the last six months, things starting to feel normal again. An inconvenient lisp from a busted lip isn't slowing Toby down, but it makes him sound embarrassing like a cartoon character. And there's the whole awkward situation with Jon Chiang. One minute Zhou Li's nephew is cold and distant, and the next minute well, Toby could swear the guy might be interested in something more. It's all very confusing. Melba's got her hands full completing last minute paperwork so they can open for business. There's the huge stack of invitations Madame Zhou dropped off, all needing to be hand-addressed. Melba doesn't see the need for a huge grand opening party, but there's no point in arguing with the bossy owner of Green Dragon. To top things off, Zhou Li is strongly hinting that Melba needs a new dress. With so much going on, the reports of children missing from the local area haven't really registered on anyone's radar. The single flyer posted by a desperate mother looking for her daughter was disturbing, but it's really a matter for the local police, not the Reightman & Bailey Agency. Right? Wrong. Things are never that easy.

WARNING: This novel deals with mature subject matter.

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Customer Reviews

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Very engaging, fast paced and interesting.

(Originally reviewed for Love Bytes Reviews.) Here we are, back for book three of Jeffery Craig's Reightman & Bailey series, and I've got to tell you I really like these characters and the things they get up to! I am so happy that I stumbled onto the first and second books when they first came out, and I'm really happy the story is continuing. In the current installment, Skin Puppet, the characters we came to know and love in the first two books are back center stage, and the story is set just after the end of book two with little or no gap in time. Toby and Melba now have their private detective agency up and ready for business. And just in time it seems. Girls are disappearing from the city, including the child of one of the side characters we met in the previous books, so it is personal for Toby and Melba. When the case blows up to huge proportions, the Feds are called in. The story, as I mentioned above, deals with children disappearing, and with the shadowy world of child sex slavery, but it does it in a slightly distanced way for the most part. There are a couple child deaths and abuses, but otherwise it is kept mostly off camera. I think the author did a good job with that. We, the readers, know what is going on, and we suspect we know who is behind it, but with a couple of exceptions, we don't hear a lot about the actual abuse. I'm going to have to admit that I only vaguely suspected the actual perpetrator, who wasn't revealed until the end of the book. Good job Mr. Craig keeping me guessing. I really liked this one and I'm going to recommend it highly. It flows well from the previous books, and the story is planned to continue, so there is a teaser in the last few paragraphs that hints where the author is going next. I look forward to continuing the journey. If you like detective / whodunit / mystery type stories, this series should definitely work for you. Start with

book one though and catch up, because I think you would be lost without the background in the first two books. I gave the first two 5.0 ratings as well, and I don't think catching up should be too onerous on you!

On the heels of Hard Job, Toby Bailey and Melba Reightman have opened their detective agency. They are wrapped up in all of the opening and party and don't really notice the disappearances in their area. That is until someone close to them loses their kid. Together, Toby and Melba start investigating the disappearances and find a child sex ring. Although the Feds have tried to solve this case, Toby and Melba will be the real heroes in the end. I love these two, they work so well together solving the case and dealing with some eccentric friends. But they are going to have their hands full trying to track down those involved in the child sex trafficking ring. They might get lucky and solve the case in time for the grand opening. This is a great story that had me guessing until the end. This is a very tough topic and I think Jeffrey Craig did a fantastic job of discussing some of the events but in a way that it's not shoved in your face. This is an amazing series that I strongly recommend for everyone to read. I received Skin Puppet from Silver Dagger Book Tours for free. This has in no way influenced my opinion of this book.

This is an excellent albeit difficult read (at times) due to the child trafficking which is the heart of the novel. We see the development of Toby and all of the characters... except for Mitchell and his boyfriend.

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