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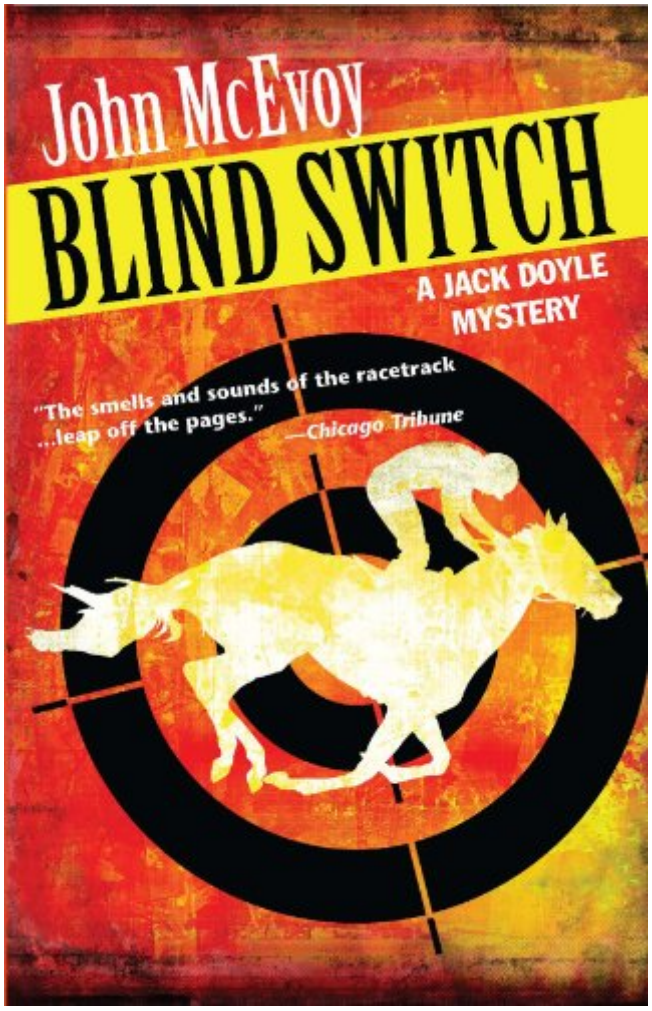

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Synopsis

One-time amateur boxer Jack Doyle, an irreverent and rebellious advertising account representative, goes to work one fine Chicago day and finds his deskâ ”and his jobâ ”both gone. A two-time loser at the marriage game as well, Doyle, usually ultra-confident, fishes himself out of a bottle to take stock, realizing, â œwith a thumping finality, that Life sure as hell did have his Number and was crunching it.â •At loose ends, Doyle accepts a most unusual offer from an acquaintance, Moe Kellman, to fix a horse race. The context of making the deal, a Cubs game at storied Wrigley Field, sets the tone for the drama that follows. Thus begins a chain of events that will lead the FBI to Doyleâ ™s door where they â œcooptâ • him into a quest after people who are maiming or killing thoroughbred horses for their insurance values. Their number one target is a loathsome media mogul who canâ ™t bear to loseâ |at anything.Built upon recent factual events, spiced with satire and peppered throughout with engaging loonies, Blind Switch is a noteworthy first novel with a hero forced to ask in its ultimate line, â œWhere have I gone right?â •

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Customer Reviews

I love books that deal with horses. I especially look forward to those which deal with horse racing. Add to that setting a hero with some serious defects in his character, an interesting scenario which puts him on the side of the angels, several villians whom you will love to hate, some people you will genuinely care about and a generous sprinkling of serious nut cases and you have a very readable, thoroughly enjoyable first novel by John McEvoy. I have read most of the writings of the late, great Dick Francis and in my judgment, references to his writings in comparison to this story is comparing apples to oranges. Both authors have an interesting way of telling their story, but there is little comparison to how they go about it. This is a story that will hold your interest, tickle your funny bone and satisfy your sense of justice. That's a trifecta worth betting on!!

The story was a good story. It started a little slow because it jumped back and forth a lot from chapter to chapter between characters to set up all the aspects of the problem. The reason I didn't really like it, though, was because there were some scenes that described more of the bedroom scenes than I care to read about. I like to have more left to the imagination in that area. I don't know descriptions. I kept reading, though, because I was interested in how it ended. But, I deleted it from my library. I don't think I'll ever want to read it again and I probably won't read anymore John McEvoy books. Dick Frances he is not.

Blind Switch is worth the read! A lively book with full blown interesting, and some despicable characters, this book kept me going. McEvoy makes the world of horse breeding and racing a seductive one and one I would like to visit again. He blends the good guys with the bad guys as the story weaves from Chicago to Kentucky and en route we watch the main character grow and ultimately flourish. A fast and refreshing story!

Hate to think there are people capable of such dastardly deeds but think author did a good job with the storyline. Characters fully developed and story was well told.

Blind Switch has good character development and a very interesting story. The characters are developed such that the "bad guys" are truly bad guys and you root against them. Moe is the one guy that it is hard for me to decide if he is bad or good and that brought some intrigue to this story. The story had a good pace and the description of the horse world was accurate.I look forward to reading more from this author.

This was almost an engaging book for a fun light read to give a few laughs. But about halfway through it becomes tedious to find McEvoy is writing as though he has to get by a political correctness censor and can only choose villains or goofballs from the approved "others" categories. If the PC had been left out I'd probably read more of his work but he isn't good enough to entice me in spite of it.

Loved this book! The characters were well developed, weird but believable. If you're a horse lover with a sense of humor this is a must read

I knew this book would be kind of a mystery with some inside stuff about horse racing. But I didn't expect it to be so highly entertaining. McEvoy has a great sense of humor and satire. Plot is well paced to hold your interest. Many scenes are introduced strictly for entertainment value, and they work. A really fun read.

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