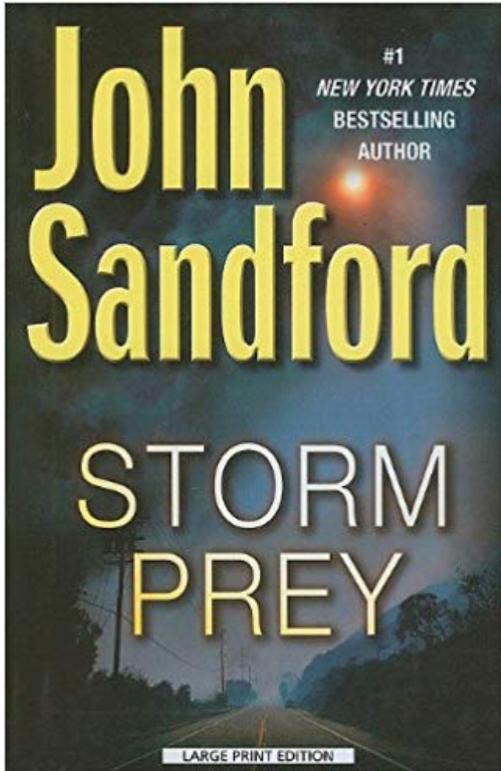


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Early on a bitterly cold Minnesota morning, three men burst through the door of a hospital pharmacy, duct-tape the hands, feet, mouth and eyes of two workers, and clean the place out. Then things go bad, as one of the workers dies and the robbers hustle out to their truck to find themselves -- for just one second -- face to face with Weather Karkinnen, surgeon and wife of investigator Lucas Davenport. Did she see enough to identify them?



Reviews of the Storm Prey (Basic) by John Sandford

Abuseyourdna

I am an ardent John Sandford fan. I recently purchased and read the complete Prey series and then the complete Flowers series in order, and I'm only sorry I'll have to wait for the next book in both series. Sandford is a novelist with the rare ability to carry over characters and plot elements with complete believability while allowing both to develop in interesting, unexpected but natural ways - the only other "serial" novelist who does this nearly as well is Anthony Trollope, and he avoids murders. I re-read these books with pleasure as great or greater than the first reading because the

fast-paced narrative and unexpected plot developments pulls you to read fast the first time; the second or third you can pay attention to atmosphere (he's great on significant landscape detail), character growth, and situation development. Sandford writes like a real novelist, not like someone trying to impress academia with his literary exclusivity.

Pumpit

During John Sandford's "Storm Prey" four men rob a hospital pharmacy. When one of the employees tries to call for help, one of the robbers kicks him so hard, the older man dies of complications.

The robbers also had an inside man who let them into the hospital. Later, we learn about him and his dependency on drugs that caused him to be part of the robbers' scheme.

Lucas Davenport's wife, Weather Karkinnen, is a plastic surgeon at the hospital. She's involved in a major surgical procedure where many of the hospital staff are working together to separate two little girls joined at the head. As Weather came to work on the day of the robbery, she got a good view of the driver of the get away car.

Much of the remainder of this engrossing novel deals with the robbers having a fallout between themselves and attempting to eliminate anyone who could identify them.

They aren't killers so they hire a crazed young killer from California. When the shooter, Cappy, attempts to shoot Weather on her way home from work, we are thrilled by her observing the would be assassin and turning the table on him. She's a true cop's wife and alert to circumstances that get in her way.

The reader gets an immediate sense of drama that the author is noted for in his wonderful series involving the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, Lucas Davenport and his leading detective, Virgil Flowers.

The story moves swiftly - so much so that I kept putting off my dinner so I could read the next exciting segment.

It is interesting to watch Lucas, Virgil and various police departments join in the search. The compulsive story continues chapter by chapter until its exciting climax.

Fenius

I am a huge fan of Sandford and the Prey series. So much so that I am rereading the entire series from the first, Rules of Prey, and should finish about the time the newest is released in the spring. I purchased Broken Prey because it was one of a very few of the series I either had borrowed or had lent and not gotten back. Newer ones in the series are on my Kindle, but this series predates ereaders by several years. This book is as good as any in the series and well worth reading. Any one undertaking the series is well advised to begin with Rules and read the series sequentially.

Understanding Lucas Davenport and getting to know the characters, many of whom show up from time to time throughout the series only adds to the pleasure. John Sandford is at the very top of a list of great mystery / thriller writers list in my opinion. You will probably want to read the Kidd (appears in several Prey books) and Flowers (a spin off from Prey) series as well. There are also a few stand alone novels. Note, he also has a joint venture aimed at youthful readers as well.

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Lucas Davenport; fascinating but, admittedly flawed; he is vain, likes expensive clothes more than he probably should but is so genuinely in love with and supportive of his wife, little son and ward, Letty. He is also a ferocious foe to the bad guy and will stop at nothing to get him, including illegal entry and trickery.

With its twists and turns through the antique dealers world and political nastiness, this book has it all.

Lucas, let's his old pal and cohort, Virgil Flowers in on the action and, typical of Virgil, he does it completely Virgil's way.

I'm prejudiced in favor of all John Sandford's books, the Pre series, the Virgil Flowers and the Kidd books. I've never been disappointed.

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