

The Winds of Change

By Martha Grimes

Richard Jury series. "Richard Jury embarks on the darkest investigation of his career when the dead body of a young London girl leads to the cold case of a missing girl in Launceston-an unsolved mystery that has haunted Police Officer Brian Macalvie for years." He's investigating a murder in a big English country estate. So funny. I like the characters in the books a lot. It's a wonderful series she's a wonderful writer. Very good mystery as well.

The Stranger in the Woods

By Michel finale

An amazing book. The book starts by talking about the capture when he broke into the camp to take food from the freezer, when a game warden had gotten motion detectors in the camp. He catches the guy when the motion detectors go off, and a state trooper comes to arrest him. The author is a journalist who hears about the situation, and he starts writing with Christopher night the man who lived in the woods for years. It was interesting to get a look into his mind and his rules. He wouldn't break into any year round homes only camps. He wouldn't go out if it was snowing so he wouldn't leave tracks. There was some information about the history of hermits-there's an online discussion board of hermits. Fascinating hearing about how this guy survived.

A Short Introduction to the Ancient Greek Theater

By Graham Ley

The idea of the Greek theater what I learned about the construction and the usage was fantastic. There are even some sketches that show the angles. I had no idea that Greek theater was open only to males. The theater itself was built in a valley with lots of stone and the back was wooden places to sit and staircases and eventually they carved it out of stone. The one in the center of Ancient Greece would hold 20,000 men. They made a couple of tunnels under the sides so the actors could come out. Usually there were only one or two actors and the rest were dancers and singers. All men. They wore big masks. Inside the mask was a thing that would. Amplify your voice if you spoke through it. Extraordinary book filled with detail. Fun and useful.

Golden Prey

By John Sanford

Series featuring US Marshall Lucas Davenport. One section after another of these bad guys - sort of a cult of people including four women who like to do nasty things. So the idea is to catch these bad guys. The techniques used are to trace phones etc. but the bad guys use burner phones and ditch them. At one point they put a burner phone on the back of a tourists vehicle to mislead the Marshall. Very crude and unpleasant in places with what they do, but it works out in the end.

Crisis of Islamic civilization

By Ali A. Allawi

"The book explores how Islamic civilization began to unravel under colonial rule, as its institutions, laws, and economies were often replaced by inadequate modern equivalents. Allawi also examines the backlash expressed through the increasing religiosity of Muslim societies and the spectacular rise of political Islam and its terrorist offshoots." The author talks about the attempts to integrate the Islamic culture with Western culture. which hasn't been very well done.