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Description:

From Publishers Weekly Crais's latest L.A.-based crime novel featuring super-sleuth Elvis Cole blends high-powered action, a commanding cast and a touch of dark humor to excellent dramatic effect. One morning at four, Cole gets a call from the LAPD informing him that a murdered John Doe has claimed, with his dying breath, to be Cole's father, a man Cole has never met. Cole immediately gets to work gathering evidence on the dead man - Herbert Faustina, aka George Reinnike - while cramping the style of the assigned detective, Jeff Pardy. Though Cole finds Reinnike's motel room key at the crime scene, the puzzle pieces are tough to put together, even with the unfailing help of partner Joe Pike and feisty ex-Bomb Squad techie Carol Starkey, who's so smitten with Cole that she can't think of him without smiling. Days of smart sleuthing work take the self-proclaimed "World's Greatest Detective" from a Venice Beach escort service to the California desert, then a hospital in San Diego, where doubts about Reinnike's true heritage begin to dissipate. Meanwhile, a delusional psychopath named Frederick Conrad, who is convinced that his partner in crime was killed by Cole,

stalks and schemes to even the score. There's lots to digest, but this character-driven series continues to be strong in plot, action and pacing, and Crais (*The Last Detective*) boasts a distinctive knack for a sucker-punch element of surprise.

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From The 10th Elvis Cole novel earns well above average praise from most critics. In the series' latest, Crais develops one of his most complex characters yet by expanding on the detective's painful childhood. But *The Forgotten Man* does have flaws, especially in comparison to the earlier, and stronger, Cole novels. "All the elements are present to make another thrilling Crais mystery," writes the *Chicago Sun-Times*, "but the spark ... is missing." In other words, longtime fans will appreciate this quick-paced and gritty mystery thriller, but newcomers should stick to previous Cole installments.

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