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Hush Money (Spenser Mysteries)



Synopsis

Spenser has his hands full when he takes on two cases at once. In the first, a high-minded university might be hiding a killer within a swamp of political correctness. And in the other, Spenser comes to the aid of a stalking victim, only to find himself the unwilling object of the woman's dangerous affection. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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HUSH MONEY Robert B. Parker Putnam \$22.95 309 pp. In this latest installment, Spenser hooks up with Hawk for the entire novel: he also hooks up with Susan Silverman enough times to turn foreplay into fiveplay, sixplay, even sevenplay. Spenser fans need read no further to know that a lot of fun is in store for them. However, readers less familiar with this venerable series may need a few more facts. Spenser, the one-named private eye, has beaten up bad guys and bandied about bon mots on the bestseller lists for some twenty-odd years, in some twenty-odd novels. A poetry-spouting ex-pugilist with a gastronomic flair, he and his sidekick Hawk could waltz through the entire WWF stable without soiling their sartorial splendor. Hawk, imperturbable quick-tongued African American, was Spenser's "homey" before there was such a word. In HUSH MONEY, Hawk asks Spenser to help an African American professor at Harvard, denied tenure for spurious reasons; he supposedly spurned a young man who then committed suicide. As Spenser soon discovers, the professor was straight, and the boy was killed. Then, while Spenser carefully skirts the pitfalls of political correctness in the groves of academe, his main squeeze Susan entreats him to take on a stalking case for a friend of hers. Before long, Spenser finds himself treading lightly around the grounds of sexual harrassment, as the beautiful stalkee becomes his stalker. Spenser sets up the

boy's murderer for he and Hawk to take out, while he sets up his stalker for Susan to take on. The plot here is as thin as the "villain." However, the real pleasure, the power actually, lies in Parker's wordplay, a form of homage to Spenser's namesake, the great English poet.

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