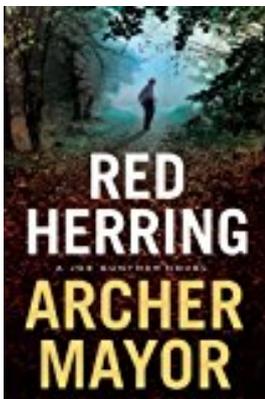


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Description:

From Publishers Weekly A single drop of unexplained blood at each of three murder scenes perplexes Joe Gunther in Mayor's engrossing 21st novel to feature the Vermont Bureau of Investigation police detective (after 2009's *The Price of Malice*). The three victims--two middle-aged women and a young man who had a bright future--led apparently unblemished lives in rural Vermont. Gunther and his team take a detour to the Brookhaven National Lab on Long Island for

lessons in cutting-edge forensics. Meanwhile, the gubernatorial race of Gail Zigman, Gunther's former girlfriend, spotlights the politics surrounding how the VBI was established and affects his current relationship with bar owner Lyn Silva. As usual, Mayor skillfully combines a gripping police procedural with a view of smalltown life balanced by bits of humor applied at just the right time. The suspense builds toward an ending that reveals a surprising motive and a chillingly realistic villain. Author tour.

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From *Starred Review* In Vermont, there are 10 to 12 murders per year. Most are ordinary crimes with obvious suspects: spouses or family members. But when three bodies turn up, and investigation shows them to be murders disguised as something else, Joe Gunther's Vermont Bureau of Investigation is under the figurative gun to find a clever serial killer. The victims seem sober, stolid Vermonters, but each body displays a single drop of blood, and the blood isn't the victims'—or the killer's. Gunther turns to cutting-edge science unavailable to forensics investigators, but the solution must come from old-fashioned police work. This is the twenty-first Joe Gunther novel. Faithful fans have aged along with the shrewd and decent Gunther, and his team of detectives has passed from being inexperienced youths to seasoned investigators. Gunther has learned to laugh at Detective Willy Kunkel's enduring misanthropies even as he parries the demands of state politicians and aggressive journalists. Readers have been schooled in the state's societal changes over the last two-plus decades, and they've come to love Mayor's elegant tributes to Vermont's weather extremes and beauty. If this sounds like a valediction to one of the best police procedural series going, it's because Red Herring ends with Gunther pondering retirement. Mayor's faithful following will simply have to hope he returns. --Thomas Gaughan

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