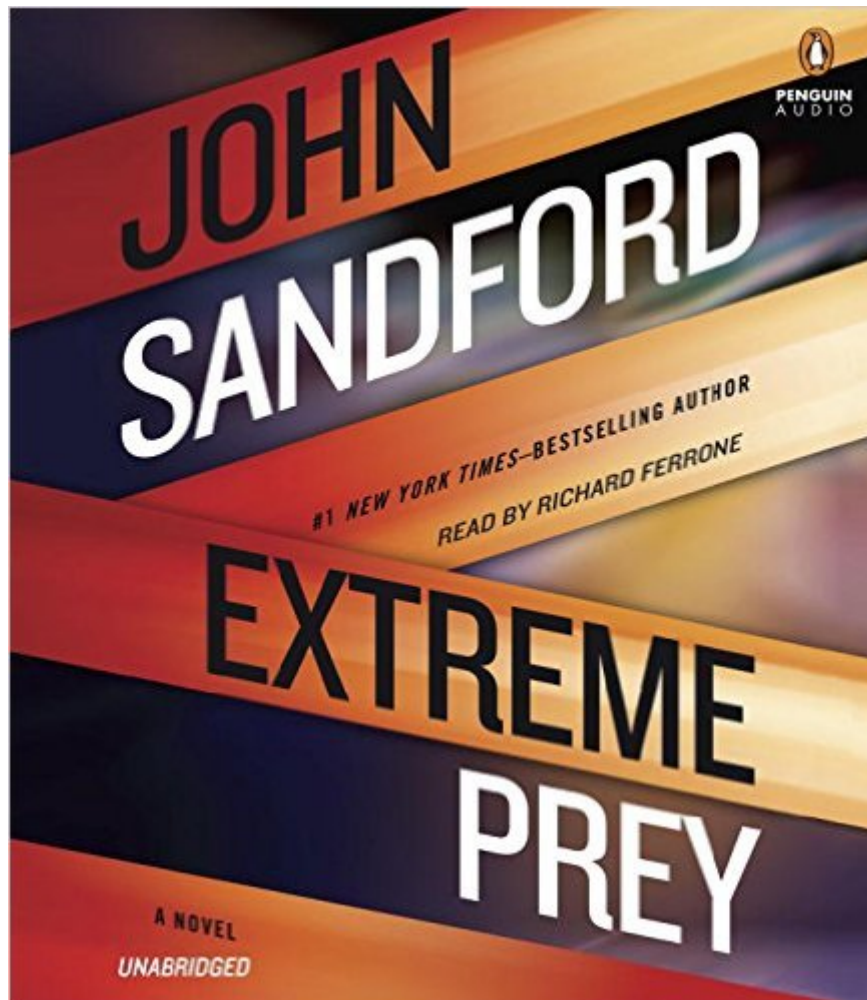


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Extreme Prey



Synopsis

The extraordinary new Lucas Davenport thriller from #1 *New York Times* “bestselling author and Pulitzer Prize winner John Sandford.” After the events in *Gathering Prey*, Lucas Davenport finds himself in a very unusual situation—no longer employed by the Minnesota BCA. His friend the governor is just cranking up a presidential campaign, though, and he invites Lucas to come along as part of his campaign staff. “Should be fun!” he says, and it kind of is—until they find they have a shadow: an armed man intent on killing the governor . . . and anyone who gets in the way.

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Customer Reviews

Marlys Purdy is a middle-aged woman who wouldn't strike casual observers as a likely murderer -- unless they happen to catch her displaying her rage. Having lost a farm and a husband, and facing a new financial disaster after recovering from the first one, Marlys has grievances. She also has mental health issues. Marlys's son Cole inherited the family tendency toward paranoia, and his service in Iraq only contributed to his disordered thinking. Marlys wants to kill Michaela Bowden, the probable Democratic presidential candidate, who will soon be in Iowa campaigning in advance of the caucus. Marlys is equally disdainful of the Republican candidates, who (in Marlys's view) favor bankers rather than little people. Marlys thinks that removing Bowden from the Democratic race would pave the way for the governor of Minnesota, a self-made millionaire whose Democratic primary campaign is based on his claim to be on the side of common folk. The governor does not

think he could win the general election but believes he can wrangle his way into a vice presidential candidacy if Bowden wins the nomination. When the governor hears remarks suggesting that Bowden's life might be threatened, he turns to Lucas Davenport, who no longer works in law enforcement. Instead, Lucas does whatever needs doing whenever the governor needs it done, provided he gets paid. The governor wants Davenport to identify and to stop the threat to Bowden's life. And with that setup, a new novel in the Prey series is born. Extreme Prey is essentially an investigative procedural. Davenport investigates some wacky lowans as well as some lowans who used to be active in alternative politics but have mellowed with age.

Another good read in the Prey series, but not so much that I was compelled to read it in one sitting. Other reviewers have pretty much covered the meat of the story, that it takes place in Iowa, for the most part. I missed the Minnesota and Wisconsin connections, though the story starts out at our hero's cabin in northern WI---with him driving his female carpenter nuts. He then gets a call from the MN governor's office and he's off to Iowa. I was disappointed that there were no Letty chapters, only a reference to her being away at college. Missed her interaction with Lucas (hoping for a spin off series centered on Letty). One of the reviewers commented that there were too many references to Flowers---I didn't notice any more than what we usually read in the Prey books. The books are centered in a relatively small area of the midwest and the cops and investigators no doubt cross paths in reality, so I don't find fault with Flowers' name popping up here and there. In fact I'd be disappointed if I didn't hear something about that effing Flowers. The whole time I was reading the book, and Lucas and his cohorts were tracking down the radicals, something was bothering me about their search. I'll have to read the book again, but seems that the towns in Iowa where they were searching were quite small. Having lived for 20 years in a small town of 300 people I can tell you that in a town that size (and the surrounding rural areas) everyone know everyone, and their political affiliations, especially if they have radical leanings. So instead of trying to track down 182 people from a list (of radicals) given to him by another radical, why not take the descriptions he had and ask at the local grocery store, diner, gas station, tavern, post office, etc.

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