MRM ~ Holland’s Peach Harvest

2/21/26

2 Gallon batch
4 lbs fresh peaches
2 lbs canned peaches in heavy syrup
6 lbs honey
1/2 packet Mangrove Jacks Yeast
1/2 tsp Fermaid-O
Pectic Enzyme

2/20/26 I let the peaches thaw in bucket for 24 hours with 1 TBsp Pectic Enzyme
added canned peaches, honey and water. 1/2 tsp yeast nutrient

S.G. = 1.096 ~ 11%

2/23/26
1 tsp Fermaid-O

3/22/26
Racked off peaches.

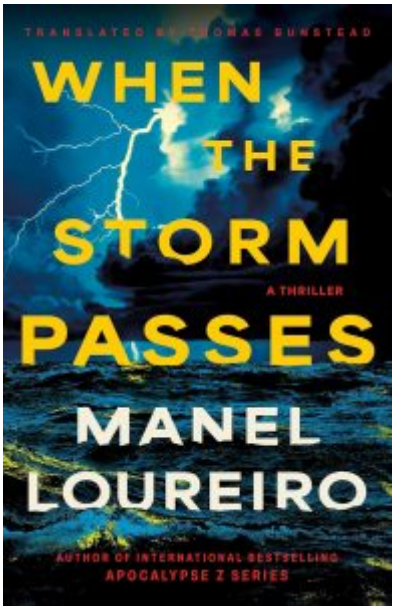
6/12/26
Backsweetened to 1.036 and added about 12 oz of peach flavoring.
Went back into carboy to clear. Will bottle when clear

7/16/26

9 750ml bottles
2 375ml bottles and
1 half 750 bottle

Corked and labeled.

Manel Loureiro ~ When the Storm Passes



Just finished Naked Prey. Starting this book on 6/10/26. Never read this author. Amazon First Read. Story line looks fine.

Finished this book on 6/20/26. 10 days. Great book. Kept my interest the whole way. Characters are *very* well written and

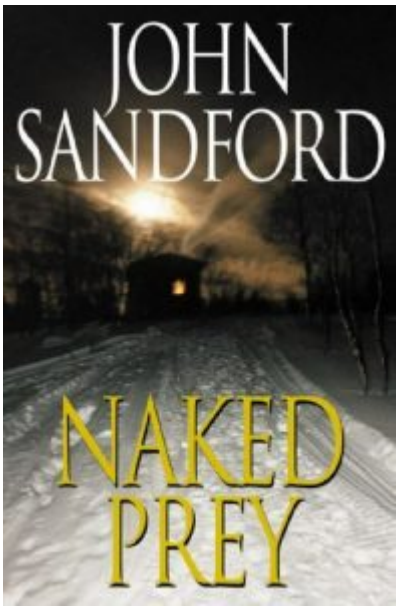
chapters were short.

Imagine being dropped off on a remote island and walking right into the middle of a family feud. Then finding money in the ocean. Then meeting some weird light house keepers. Yep, the "Storm of the Century" is coming as well. How do you get out of **that** trouble?

You'll have to read the book to find out.

Giving this book a 9/10. It's memorable.

John Sandford ~ Naked Prey (Book 14)



Started on 5/26/26. Back to my old buddy Lucas Davenport. Him and Weather have moved into the new house with the new baby.
Finished on 6/10/26. 15 Days. Not to bad for a Davenport

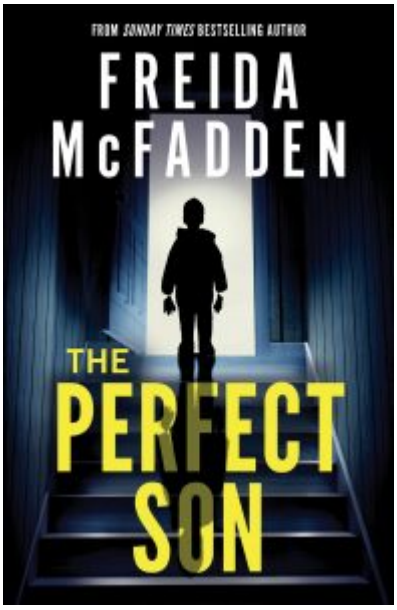
book.

Lucas gets called up to northern Minnesota to 2 bodies lynched and naked. He takes Del with him. Cold and without much to go on they have to wait for more things to unfold. Enter Letty. The young girl who Lucas uses for information at first then gets a soft spot in his heart for her. Letty's mom gets murdered and her house burned up. They catch the killer and Lucas gets his guy.

Chapters (just like most Sandford books) are long. Characters get kind of jumbled in this story but the star characters really shine.

I'm giving this one an 8/10

Freida McFadden ~ The Perfect Son

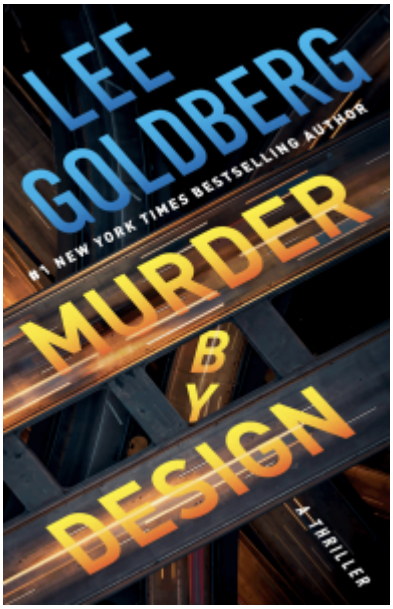


Started on 5/20/26. I love her writing! Finished on 5/26/26. 6 days.

I couldn’t put this book down. From the very first page & chapter it hooks you in.
The son, a quiet straight A student has a dark side. His new girlfriend goes missing and he’s getting the blame by everyone. Most of the time even his mother blames him. The cops arrest him with some weak evidence and testimony from some of his early teachers.
Did he do it? You’ll have to read it to find out.

Chapters were short, characters very well written. Giving this book a 10/10.

Lee Goldberg ~ Murder by Design



Amazon first read. Started on 5/11/26. 245 pages. Looked good so I thought I'd try it.

Edison Bixby. Detective. Shot in face. Lived. Needed a side kick to continue to work.
Grant Murdock. Executive chef, narcissist and playboy. Drops dead from his Gumbo recipe at a big event.
Bridget McGregor. Detective.

Finished 5/20/26. Really good book. Main characters well written. Names got confusing later in the book but mysteries were still solved.
I will read the other books that come out in this series.

9 Days. I'm giving this book a 9/10. It kept my interest.

MRM ~ stROY-berry Hargove's Strawberry



4 Gallon batch

2/20/26
8 lbs Frozen strawberries from Walmart (2 4lb bags)
Thawed with Pectic Enzyme (1 TBlsp) berries in 2 buckets and mashed

2/21/26
I'm doing this in 2 buckets so it's 1 recipe for both. Each bucket gets the same recipe.

4 lbs honey
2 gallons water
Strawberries
1 Tsp Fermaid-O
Mangrove Jacks Yeast (1/2 packet for each bucket)

Stirred all ingredients and mixed well.
S.G. = 1.082 ~ 10%ABV

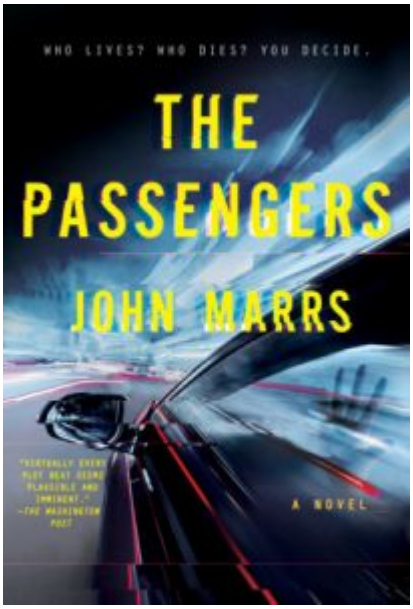
2/23/26
1 tsp Fermaid-O (1 in each bucket)

3/23/26 Racked into 1 gallon carboys (3) and stabilized

5/17/26

Back sweetened each gallon to 1.030 and added 2 Tblsp strawberry flavoring before bottling.
Yielded a whole case +3 extra bottles.

John Marrs ~ The Passengers



Started on 5/1/26. This was TikTok recommended best book.
I'm 22 chapters into the book. It took a while to get to the "meat" but now that I'm there I don't want to stop reading.

I'll let you know when I finish.

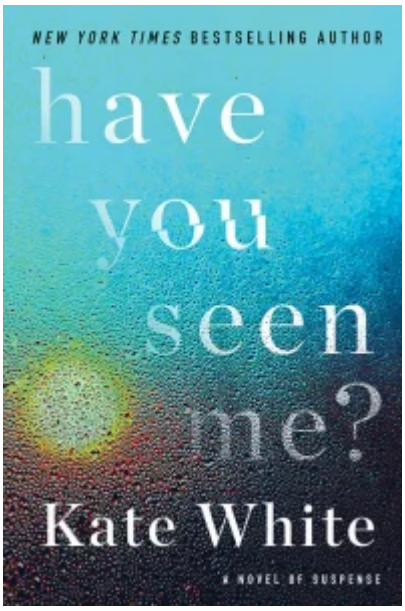
Finished on 5/10/26. 9 Days!!
The meat of the book was great. It ended to early though. The exciting part came to a head and there was still 30% of the book left.

Twists and turned for that last 30% though. The “why” became known and the “who” wrapped up.

The Hackers hijacked 8 autonomous cars and told the world that they would crash and burn in 2 hours. Some of them didn’t make it the whole 2 hours. The ones that did, did they burn? Who are the hackers? Why are they causing chaos on the streets of England?
You’ll have to read it to find out why.

Chapters were short (ish) and characters were well written. I knew who almost everyone was. Could picture them.
Giving this book an 8/10

Kate White ~ Have You Seen Me?



I started this book on 4/21/26 and hope to finish by EOM.

So far I like it. I’m about 5 chapters in. Finished on 4/28/26. 7 days.

You lose 2 complete days of your memory. You show up to a job that you haven't had in 5 years. It's called a "Fugue State". To fill in the missing pieces you hire a P.I. Strange things start to happen and people end up dead.

I didn't really care for it. It was certainly a female book. Maybe they would get it. To many "feelings" and "Inner dialouge" for me.
It kept my attention and I finished it but it wasn't great IMO.
Giving this one a 5/10

Lucinda Berry ~ Keep Your Friends Close



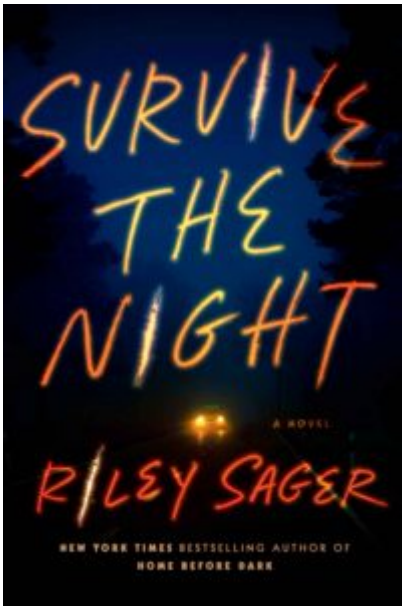
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Started this book on 4/11/26 (Vacation book). Finished on 4/19/26.
If I wouldn't have been on vacation I could've finished this

book in 3 days. It was really good.
Story around a group of Moms. One of them gets murdered at the “Mom’s Only” party. Who did it and why? All the secrets come out in this story. Chapters were short and characters very well written. I could picture them all in my head so it was easy to keep them straight.

Another banger by Lucinda. 10/10

Riley Sager ~ Survive the Night



Started this book on 4/1/26.

Chapters are kind of long. Characters are well written and the story line is suspenseful.
Charlie loses her best friend to the Campus Killer. She’s leaving school early and needs a ride home back to Youngstown, OH.
The ride share board where she’s looking she meets Josh (or

Jake) willing to let her ride with him.
Stories don’t line up as they get in the car and during the drive.

Will Charlie “Survive the Night”? Is Josh (Jake) the Campus Killer? Finish it and let me know.

Finished on 4/11/26. Characters well written and story line is really good. Kendra is reading it now and doesn’t want to put it down.

I’m giving the book a 8/10. Chapters were a little to long for me.