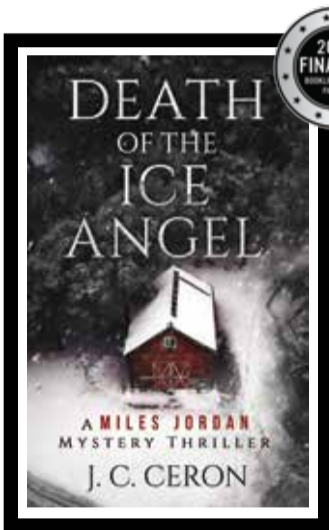


Dear Subscribers and Fellow Readers,

Wishing you a joyful holiday season and a Happy New Year! I hope your December schedule includes plenty of time for diving into page-turning mysteries and thrillers. What could be better than that?

**DEATH OF THE ICE ANGEL- FINALIST**

After being named a semifinalist in the 2024 BookLife Prize contest—presided over by a panel of Publishers Weekly reviewers, editors, and esteemed authors—the novel advanced to become a **finalist and winner of the mystery-thriller category.**



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*Mystery readers are in good hands with this well-crafted, character-driven crime novel.*

—Kirkus Reviews

Please visit my landing page for more information about the book: <https://www.jcceron.com/ice-angel>

**BOOK 4 - UPDATE - DEATH IN THE EMPIRE CITY**

For book four, I’m developing ideas for the main plot along with two or three subplots, one of which will delve deeper into Miles’ personal life. Research for the book is ongoing. I’ll be off from my day job the last two weeks of this month, during which I plan to sightsee and conduct research in Downtown Manhattan and Brooklyn. I’m also hoping to arrange a tour of an NYPD precinct. I’m not sure if that’s allowed, but it’s worth a try. Wish me luck. I’ll share the pictures I take on social media.

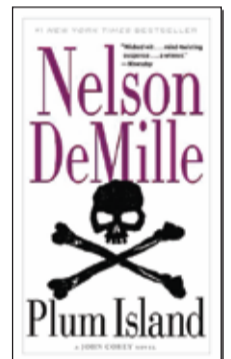
**BOOK REVIEW**

**PLUM ISLAND** by Nelson DeMille

As a continuing tribute to the late author, I’ve reread his classic John Corey novel:



**PLUM ISLAND** is a gripping mystery thriller set on Long Island’s picturesque North Fork. NYPD Detective John Corey is convalescing in the township of Southold, a region known for its fishing, farming, antiques, vineyards, and rich New World history. His friends, Tom and Judy Gordon, are murdered in cold blood. Was it a burglary gone wrong or bioterrorism?



The Gordons were scientists working on Plum Island—a federal research facility studying deadly animal pathogens like foot-and-mouth disease, anthrax, and Ebola. Corey is pulled into the case by the local police chief and soon finds himself in a sinister web of deception and murder. As the bodies pile up, the clues point Corey to dark secrets, some stretching back more than three hundred years.

The novel is driven by logical clues and compelling motives that lead to a satisfying conclusion. With Corey’s sharp wit and relentless drive for truth, **PLUM ISLAND** is a page-turner that will make you want to devour all seven hundred pages in a single sitting.

**CURRENTLY READING**

I’m currently reading, **I WILL FIND YOU** by Harlan Coben. Have you read it? If so, what did you think? I’m about halfway through, and it’s been great so far. Once I’m done, I’ll post a review on social media.

**MAIN CHARACTER UPDATE**

It’s December 2016. Miles is taking a couple of comp days to volunteer at a soup kitchen and wear a Santa suit for kids in the cancer ward of a local hospital. He plans to spend Christmas Eve with Vincent’s family and his octogenarian grandmother, who promises a feast of homemade pasta and pastries. On Christmas Day, he’ll Uber to his sister’s house in New Jersey, packing the back of the vehicle with gifts for his nephews.

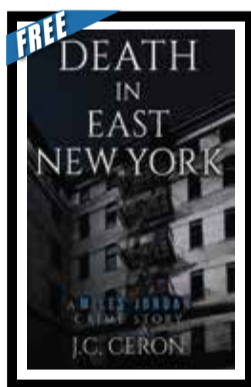
**QUOTE OF THE QUARTER**

“Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counselors, and the most patient of teachers.” — Charles W. Eliot

**DEATH IN EAST NEW YORK**

If you haven’t yet received your copy of **DEATH IN EAST NEW YORK**, here’s the bookfunnel link: <https://BookHip.com/LZJZSQF>

The link will take you to a page where you can choose to download the book in formats like PDF or EPUB (compatible with Kindle) or read the story directly in your browser without downloading any files.

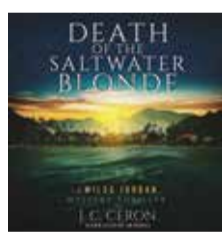


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**AUDIO BOOK RAFFLE**

**Congratulations!**

to the winners of the audiobook raffle: **Islyn N. and Dtersavige** You will each receive a copy of the audiobook **DEATH OF THE SALTWATER BLONDE**, narrated by JR Birks! I hope you enjoy it.



**AUDIO BOOK - COMING SOON!**

**DEATH IN THE CITY OF BRIDGES**

The first cut of the audiobook is complete and currently under revision. It will be available in 2025. I’ll keep you posted.



*Happy Holidays*

