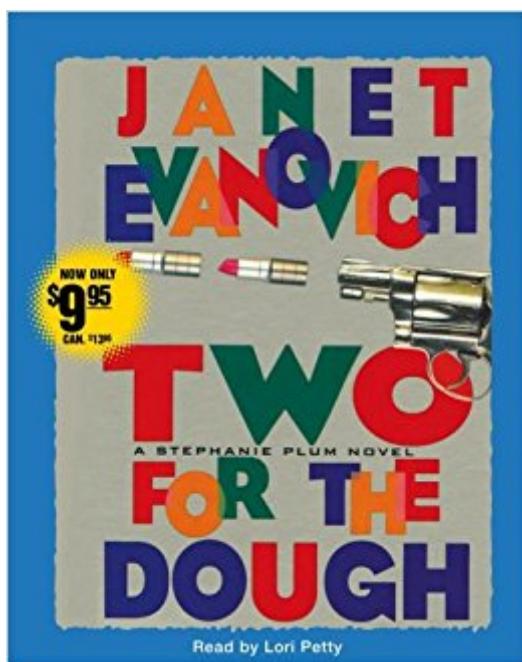


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Two For The Dough (Stephanie Plum, No. 2) (Stephanie Plum Novels)



Synopsis

JANET EVANOVICH'S BLOCKBUSTER BESTSELLER AT A NEW LOW PRICE! TWO FOR THE DOUGH Read by Lori Petty Bounty hunter Stephanie Plum is back, packing a whole lot of attitude. This time around, she's on the trail of Kenny Mancuso, a boy from the working-class burg of Trenton, New Jersey, who has just shot his best friend. Fresh out of the Army and suspiciously wealthy, Mancuso's also distantly related to Joe Morelli, a vice cop with questionable ethics, a libido in permanent overdrive, and a habit of horning in on Stephanie's investigations.

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Customer Reviews

Return of sassy New Jersey bounty hunter Stephanie Plum in Evanovich's followup to *One for the Money*. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Evanovich's first novel, *One for the Money* (Macmillan, 1994), introduced Stephanie Plum, a gutsy heroine who wormed her way into a job with her bond-agent cousin Vinnie. With the aid of vice cop Joe and her Grandma Mazur, Stephanie pursues a bail jumper and knows that a vice cop wants them both. A winning adventure. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Such a fast and fun read! This is one of those series you just can't take seriously...like, at

all. Yes, there are plot holes, as well as obvious moments of "how did you not see that coming?" but really this is a book to be enjoyed for the absolute fun of it all. Instead, sit back and fall into the insane world of Stephanie Plum and watch that crazy, inept woman operate. At times she is ditzy and zany, and other times her lightbulb glows way bright; you kinda want to applaud her then lol. The interactions between her and Morelli are a hoot, the rest of the cast is entertaining and overall this is just a funny way to spend a couple hours.

Perfect light reading. Evanovich is one of the few writers who can make me laugh out loud. I must admit that part of the pleasure I took from the book was based on some of her inside cracks about "the burgh" in Trenton. I worked there as a reporter for five years and I can assure you she only exaggerates a little bit. Her main character, Stephanie Plum, is a bit reckless, but always a fun companion. If you are looking for character-driven complex novels, this book is not for you. But if you are looking for a fun fast read that will put a smile on your face, grab this novel. This is the second in the Stephanie Plum series so it might be a good idea to read No.1, which I think is called "One for the Money" first.

In this second installment in Janet Evanovich's Stephanie Plum series, Stephanie is tasked with locating Kenny Mancuso, a local bad boy who skipped bail after inexplicably shooting a friend in the knee. Mancuso happens to be the cousin of another local tough, Joe Morelli, a policeman and one-time paramour with whom Stephanie is continually butting heads. While Morelli is trying to track down ammo that's been stolen from a military facility and is now being used to kill cops, Stephanie is hired to find some stolen property, a garage-load of cheap caskets. Much of the action in the book thus revolves around the mortuary business whose manager is looking for the caskets, a rat-faced character who's a long-time friend of Kenny Mancuso. The low-lifes of Trenton, New Jersey, operate within a small world. I didn't enjoy Evanovich's second Plum novel as much as the first. The writing is fine, but it doesn't sparkle as frequently as Evanovich's prose did in book one. Stephanie's bounty-hunting mentor Ranger, a character I've come to like, doesn't feature as prominently in this book. Instead, we get more than anyone could want of Stephanie's Grandma Mazur. She's one of those little old ladies who says and does things that aren't appropriate for little old ladies. Think Ruth Gordon with a firearm. We're supposed to find them cute, just like we're supposed to find precocious sitcom children cute, when in fact they're all just annoying. I'm hoping Grandma bites the dust early on in the series. Otherwise, a decent read with a decent mystery to unravel. I'm particularly enjoying watching the lust-hate relationship between Stephanie and Morelli develop.--

Debra Hamel

I love this series. Janet Evanovich has the ability to take you along with Stephanie Plum as she navigates the mean streets of Trenton, N.J. trying to capture the bond jumpers so she can keep her vehicle running (that in itself is a full time job!) and to pay her rent. Living with her hamster, Rex, Stephanie is trying to stay alive while learning all the things she needs to know to become a bounty hunter. Stephanie's a disaster looking for a place to happen and anything that can go wrong....does!! I'm glad that I discovered that has the series available because I am a Stephanie 'addict'. I now own the first 6 books of this series and will continue to collect them. Each book is hilarious (wait until you meet Grandma Mazar and the rest of the Plum family), sometimes a tear jerker, but you are ALWAYS rooting for Stephanie!! So, join the rest of the Stephanie fans who can't put down the next issue in this series once you 'commit yourself' by reading the first paragraph!!.

Enjoy!! Louise Mustain 4-28-2016

My family has told me for a very long time that the Stephanie Plum series is a bunch of hilarious, fast, and enjoyable reads. However, after this book, I don't know if I'm going to continue on. It's not that the first book and this one weren't funny enough, real enough, or fast-paced enough to keep my attention; it's that its positives didn't seem to outweigh the sense of dread I got every time I picked up my Kindle. It took me longer than usual to read this book, and at first I couldn't figure out why. Eventually, though, I figured out that the theme of the first book was rape and the theme of this book is funeral homes. The Plums' goofiness didn't outweigh the trudge through pages of unpleasant details about uncomfortable topics. So I don't know. The plot was good, but it wasn't a fun-times read because of the constant waves of disgusting imagery.

Janet Evanovich's, Two For the Dough is a laugh every other page. I found the mystery novel not to be that much of a mystery, but a fun book to read. Of course there are the bad doers to hunt down, but it is done with mirth and fun. Stephanie Plum is a thorn in the side of detective Joe Morelli a Trenton, NJ PD. Stephanie works for her cousin, Vinnie, who is a bail bondsman. She is given the case of Kenny Mancuso who is related to Morelli. There is much to learn for Stephanie is just learning the trade in the art of finding those that have jump bail. I can just hear Grandma Mazur and her family that reminds me somewhat of my own. Grandma is fun but can be a pain in the rear! I know you will enjoy this fine novel. There are parts that are a bit "off the charts" in description of various body parts, but all in all, like I said, a fun read. Rated not under eight teen. Very strong

language and sexual descriptions.

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