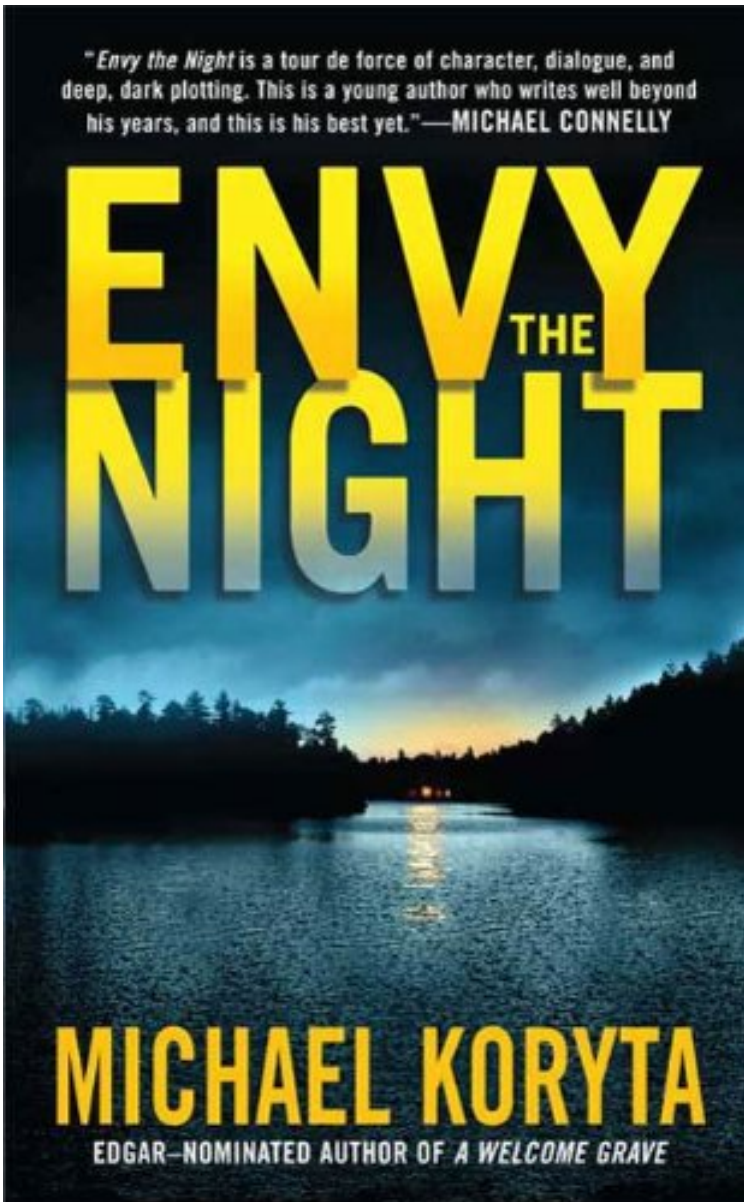


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## Description :

Prsentation de l'diteurIn the seven years since he learned that his U.S. marshal father lead a double life as a contract killer--and committed suicide to avoid prosecution--Frank Temple III has mostly drifted through life. But when he learns that Devin Matteson, the man who lured his father into the killing game only to later give him up to the FBI, is returning to the isolated Wisconsin lake that was once sacred ground for their families, it's a homecoming Frank can't allow.Frank finds Matteson's old cabin occupied by a strange, beautiful woman and a nervous man with a gun. But when a pair of assassins arrives on their heels, he knows Matteson can't be far behind. The wise move would be to get out of town--but that doesn't feel right.

After all, contract killer or not, Frank's father was at heart a teacher. And his son was an excellent student....Michael Koryta's *Envy the Night* is the 2008 winner of the Los Angeles Times Book Prize for best mystery/thriller..comRidley Pearson on *Envy the Night* Ridley Pearson is the author of more than twenty novels, including the New York Times bestseller *Killer View*, the Lou Boldt crime series, and many books for young readers. Here Pearson shares his praise and admiration for Edgar-Award finalist Michael Koryta and gives a glimpse of this young writers promising future. Reading James Crumley and John D. MacDonald set the writing hook in me: I wanted to write mysteries and thrillers. I wanted to be a storyteller. Now, in Michael Koryta, all these years later, I've read the heir apparent to those masters. There is grit and determination in Michael's writing; there is heart and character; the threat of violence first simmers, then boils over. The pulse quickens. *Envy The Night* is everything this kind of novel is meant to be. A more fitting title: *Envy The Writer*. It has been a long time since I've enjoyed a mystery novel as much as *Envy The Night*. This book had me from the first page, and much to my surprise, kept me reading hard and fast until the last. What separates this book from others? One word: characters. Stories are stories. We all read (and write) a ton of them. But we come to novels to meet fresh faces, and Michael Koryta delivers. This diabolical mystery novel, laid out in simple but eloquent prose and pitch-perfect dialogue, heralds a changing of the guard. I have seen the future of "The Best Mystery Writer in America" and its name is Michael Koryta. --Ridley Pearson From Publishers WeeklyStarred . Revenge drives this superb stand-alone from Edgar-finalist Koryta (*A Welcome Grave*). Frank Temple II, a U.S. marshal, commits suicide after a tip leads to the exposure of his secret life as a hit man. Seven years later, Frank II's 24-year-old son, Frank Temple III, learns from an old Vietnam pal of his father's that the man who ratted out Frank II, Devin Matteson, is returning to Wisconsin from Florida. Temple heads to his father's cabin in remote Willow Flowage, Wis., to confront Matteson, who first recruited Frank II into the assassination game. Temple realizes that there's more at stake than his vendetta against Matteson, as he encounters a group of ruthless killers and joins forces with Nora Stafford, the owner of an auto repair shop. Koryta's dialogue is as sharp as the knives his characters wield, and his plot twists at the most unexpected moments. This thriller places Koryta solidly in the company of the genre's most powerful voices. Author tour. (Aug.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.