

The Long Gray Target

The Long Gray Target is a classic American detective novel by Ross Macdonald. The novel tells the story of Lew Archer, a private investigator hired to find a missing woman. Archer's investigation leads him into a world of corruption and violence, and he must use all of his skills to uncover the truth.



After The Guns Are Silenced: Book Five Long Gray Target Series (The Long Gray Target 5) by Roger Maxim

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Language	: English
File size	: 851 KB
Text-to-Speech	: Enabled
Enhanced typesetting	: Enabled
Word Wise	: Enabled
Print length	: 240 pages
Lending	: Enabled
Screen Reader	: Supported



Plot

The novel begins with Archer being hired by a wealthy businessman to find his missing wife. Archer's investigation soon leads him to a local hotel, where he learns that the woman was last seen with a man named Carl Anderson. Archer tracks down Anderson and learns that he is a small-time criminal with a history of violence. Archer also learns that Anderson was involved in a scheme to blackmail the businessman's wife.

Archer's investigation takes him into the world of organized crime, and he soon finds himself in danger. He is threatened by Anderson's associates, and he is even shot at. But Archer is not deterred, and he continues to pursue the truth.

Eventually, Archer tracks down the missing woman and learns that she has been kidnapped by Anderson and his associates. Archer rescues the woman and brings her back to her husband. But the case is not over yet. Archer must still bring Anderson and his associates to justice.

Characters

- **Lew Archer:** A private investigator hired to find a missing woman. Archer is a tough and resourceful detective, and he is not afraid to use violence to get the job done.
- **Carl Anderson:** A small-time criminal with a history of violence. Anderson is involved in a scheme to blackmail the businessman's wife.
- **The missing woman:** The wealthy businessman's wife. The woman is kidnapped by Anderson and his associates.

Themes

The Long Gray Target explores several themes, including:

- **Corruption:** The novel shows how corruption can corrupt even the most powerful people. The businessman's wife is kidnapped by Anderson and his associates because she has information that could expose their criminal activities.
- **Violence:** The novel is filled with violence. Archer is threatened by Anderson's associates, and he is even shot at. But Archer is not

deterred, and he continues to pursue the truth.

- **Justice:** The novel ends with Archer bringing Anderson and his associates to justice. This shows that justice can prevail, even in the most corrupt and violent of worlds.

Legacy

The Long Gray Target is considered to be one of the best detective novels ever written. The novel has been praised for its complex plot, its well-developed characters, and its exploration of important themes. The novel has been adapted into several films and television shows, and it continues to be read by millions of people around the world.

The Long Gray Target is a classic detective novel that is still relevant today. The novel's exploration of corruption, violence, and justice is as important today as it was when the novel was first published. The novel is a must-read for fans of detective fiction and for anyone interested in exploring the dark side of human nature.

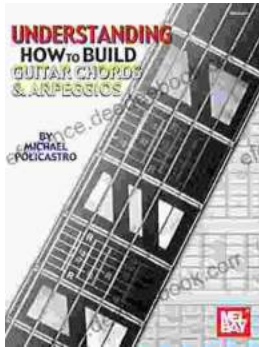


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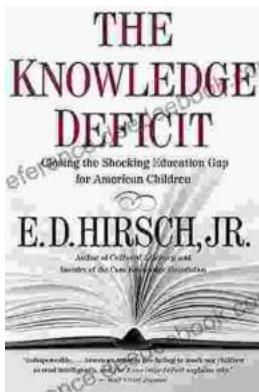
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