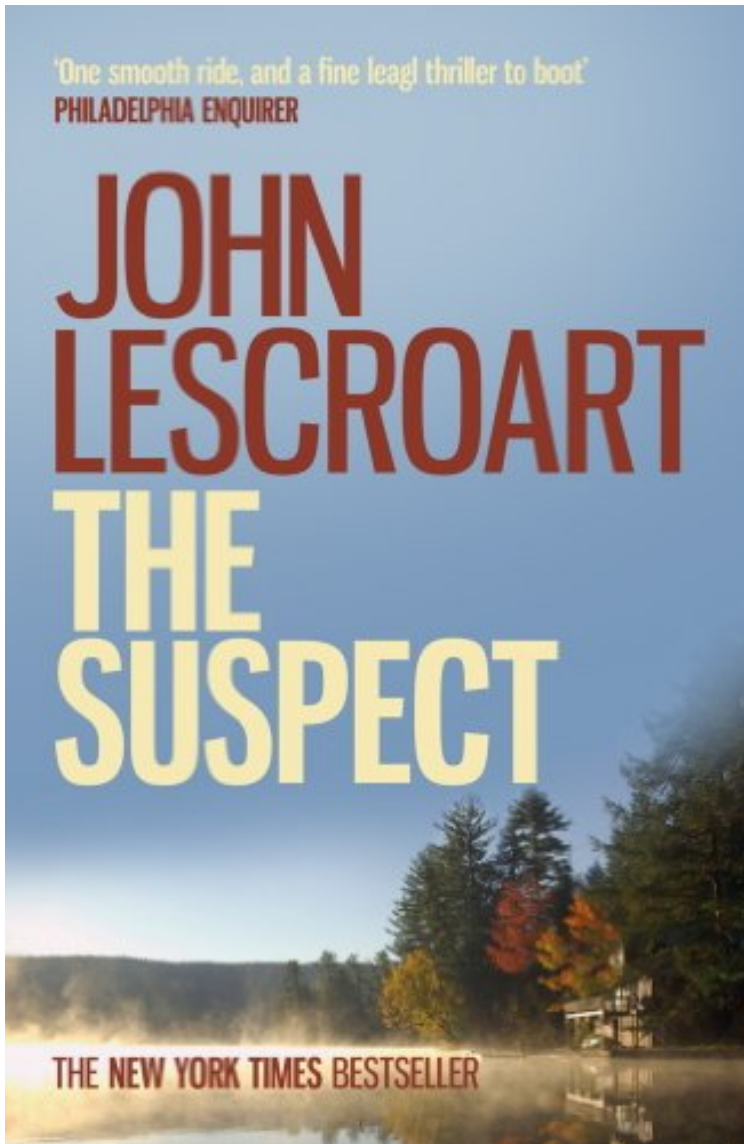


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complicated her feelings become; she feels strangely drawn to him at first, then has to confront the possibility of a dark history lurking in his past. Desperate to know the truth, Gina calls in Wyatt Hunt to investigate. Before the facts are in, her client is on the lam; he's already been tried in the press, and so he's certain the courtroom won't bring him any mercy either. Racing to a stunning conclusion as Gina uncovers disturbing answers, *The Suspect* is a chilling story of secrets, love, and lies. Building on *The Hunt Club's* phenomenal success, *The Suspect* showcases the writing of a master of suspense at the height of his art.

Presentation de l'auteur Innocence is no guarantee of justice... John Lescroart, bestselling author of the Dismas Hardy series, returns with a gripping standalone murder mystery, *The Suspect*. Perfect for fans of John Grisham and Steve Martini. 'One smooth ride, and a fine legal thriller to boot' - Philadelphia Enquirer Dr. Caryn Dryden is found dead in her hot tub, and homicide inspector Devin Juhle targets a suspect close to home: her husband, Stuart Gorman. After all, Caryn recently asked for a divorce ... and Stuart stands to gain millions in insurance. His alibi—that he was at his cabin on Echo Lake that weekend—doesn't keep him out of hot water. But maybe a shrewd attorney will. Gina Roake, a partner in Dismas Hardy's firm, is eager to take on such a high-profile case, especially when the client's innocence seems so easy to prove. Yet the more time she spends with Stuart, the more complicated her feelings become; she feels strangely drawn to him at first, then has to confront the possibility of a dark history lurking in his past. Desperate to know the truth, Gina calls in Wyatt Hunt to investigate. But as the damning facts accumulate, and as the rabid press concludes that Stuart is guilty, Gina must face the possibility that Stuart may not find mercy in the courtroom either. From Publishers Weekly Bestseller Lescroart's latest legal thriller falls short of its recent predecessors (*The Hunt Club*, etc.), after a promising opening. Successful outdoor author Stuart Gorman finds himself the prime suspect in the murder of his wife, Caryn, whose nude body he discovers near their hot tub at their San Francisco home after returning from a weekend at his mountain retreat. Feeling that he has nothing to hide, Stuart is frank about the tensions in his marriage, and those admissions, coupled with a history of domestic disturbance and a huge life insurance payout, prompt a close friend, California state assemblyman Jedd Conley, to recommend a lawyer, even before Stuart's arrest. The attorney, Gina Roake, is eager to sink her teeth into a major case as a way of overcoming a traumatic personal loss, and she soon turns investigator when evidence suggests that something amiss in Caryn's professional life as a doctor may have triggered her death. Unremarkable courtroom scenes and a clumsy gimmick to uncover the real killer make for a less than compelling resolution. (Jan.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. Audiofile Dr. Caryn Dryden is found dead in her hot tub. The number one suspect is her hot-tempered husband, Stuart Gorman, who stands to inherit millions but steadfastly claims to have been miles away at his mountain cabin. Although attorney Gina Roake has never handled a homicide, she is eager to defend Gorman since his innocence seems so easy to prove. But things change quickly. Reader David Colacci clearly captures Gorman's anger and disbelief as the case builds against him. He effectively articulates Roake's exasperation with her client's refusal to accept his perilous situation. Although there are several holes in the plot, Colacci carries the day with his smooth presentation. T.J.M. Winner of AudioFile Earphones Award AudioFile 2007, Portland, Maine-- Copyright AudioFile, Portland, Maine