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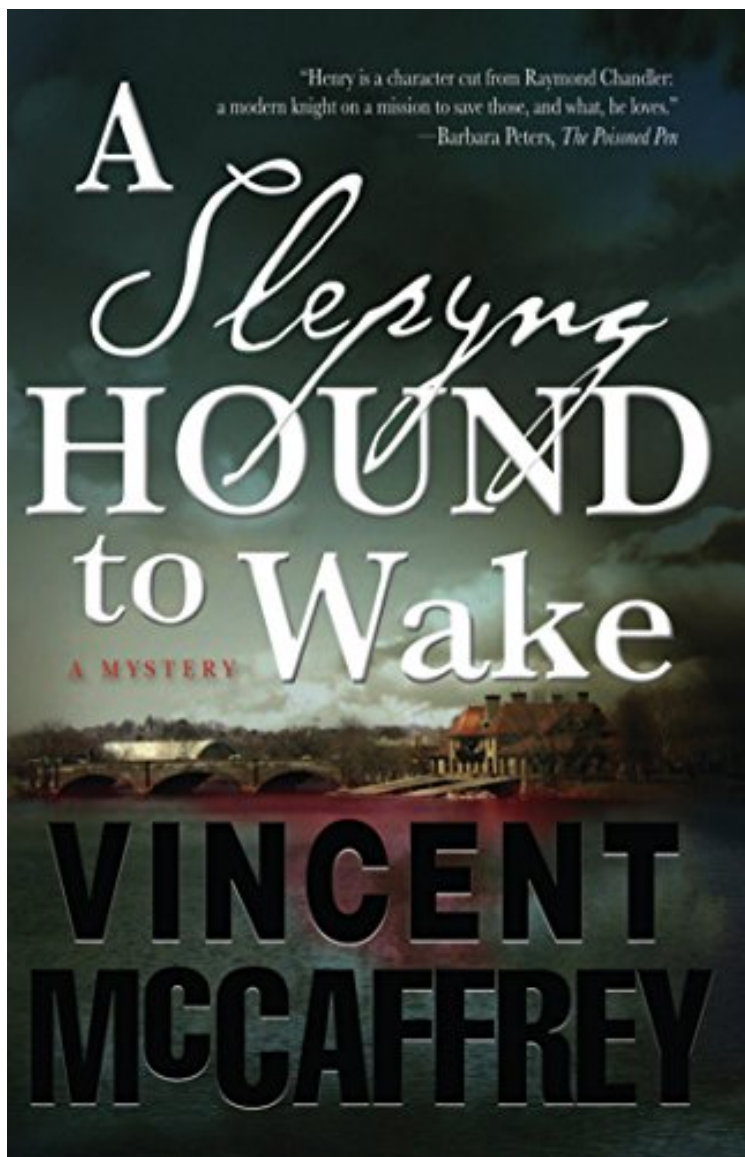
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bookstore owner who has undoubtedly create his hero and his supporting cast from people in his previous occupation. His details of the industry are too crisp to be just imagined. This book is the second featuring Henry Sullivan, a middle aged, self-employed book hound trying to make the best of a going no-where life. Henry is a part of a dying breed (so to speak), as he moves through his daily routine of looking for, and selling, fine books via the Internet. A one-time book store employee specializing in looking for rarities, he now scourges estates and even trash with his college-educated and best friend turned garbageman Arnold, hoping to find a first edition. Henry has a heart, and it is that compassion that leads him to buying a book from a fellow book hunter who soon thereafter is murdered. Although that event alone leads to a good mystery, Henry is begged by his former lover and employer to look into a possible case of plagiarism at just that time. Ummm...is there a connection? The mysteries are interesting, but what really made this book good for me are the characters and their relationship with Henry. Besides Arnold, there's Della, a mid-30s free spirit who reminds you of the neighborhood tomboy who has her eye on Henry so is always hanging around; Mrs. Murry a retired schoolteacher and his landlady who Henry thinks of sometimes as his mother, sometimes as a former teacher, and sometimes as a lecherous "cougar"; Shasa a fellow tenant at Mrs. Murray's who practices her violin and crawls thru Henry's window when she forgets her key; and many others, all of whom are presented realistically and seem familiar as someone you would know. The setting and the characters are wonderful. It isn't hard to imagine Henry's trove of books as he adds to it after searching abandon houses; seeing him drive his 1950s edition truck and reminiscing of riding with his grandfather; visiting his aging father who repairs vintage radios, and going to Red Sox games and wishing he had better seats. I really liked the plot of the story and commend the author at keeping it moving.

There are few wasted words and the events neatly fit together. But, I enjoyed the interactions, the settings and the development of the characters more. There's no deep psychological agenda here, no terrorist plot, no superhero sleuth. It's just a great book about a middle-aged guy who laments the demise of bookstores, the lost opportunities in his life, and the interesting people who intersect with him. I've read far more books with details and issues that weren't nearly as interesting and as well written. Wake up the hounds! I want more. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Long Time Commin' By MysteryMan I have to say, or rather I'd like to say, that I enjoyed this book thoroughly; as I did the other in the "series." Not your typical mystery at all, these books move at a slower, more thoughtful pace which helps deliver a TON of detail and background usually missing from the more typical mystery books being offered. There are killings and detective work and twists and turns and enough of the standard fare to satisfy, but there are also smaller, personal, bits and bites that make the cast much more real and makes you much more interested and concerned with their lives and situations. Couldn't recommend this book (series) more highly, looking forward to/hoping for a third and fourth book, and starting to lament the loss of the small book store as a result of reading the HOUND series. An odd statement for an avid eBook reader . . .

In his second bibliomystery, bookhound Henry Sullivan has a new girlfriend, a new apartment, and a shelfload of troubles.