

# THE MURDER MYSTERY GAZETTE

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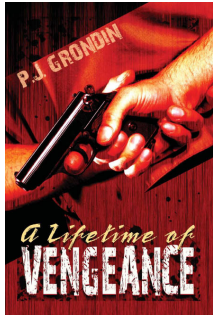
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## A Lifetime of Vengeance - It's All About You and Me!

This story is all about you and me. Like all of us, the McKinney Brothers, my first and (right now) only protagonists, were just normal kids, just like we were, who bow to peer pressure and get caught up in a lifestyle that was out of their league. Has this happened to you? I know it has to me. We think we're in control of our lives and then something happens; a series of events that send us off in a direction that overtakes our lives. We're on a rollercoaster ride and we're not in control.



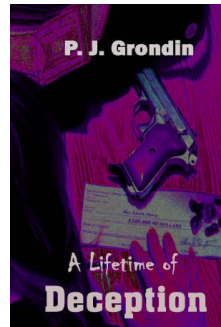
That's what happens to Pat, Joe, and Mike McKinney. They start out thinking that they're in control of events. In reality, everything they do sends them deeper and deeper into the underbelly of society.

Suddenly, they're in an ocean of trouble surrounded by sharks. Were they so naïve that they couldn't see their fate staring them in the face or were they just too young to understand the danger facing them?

Could it happen to you even now? Could you get caught up in a world that is so foreign to you that you can't escape with your life because you don't know which way to turn? Enter the world of the McKinney Brothers and find out about their Lifetime of Vengeance. We've all been there, if not physically, then in our minds. Our situations may not be as extreme as the McKinney's but we've all been faced with adversity. It's part of growing up. Come join these ordinary guys as they're thrust into extraordinary circumstances. See if they survive their series of *Lifetimes*.

## Projects

My second manuscript is called *A Lifetime of Deception*. It's a murder mystery about a young woman and her boyfriend who devise a scheme to take advantage of military personnel who are being deployed overseas.



The young woman, Rebecca Lippert, turns on all her charms to lure unsuspecting young men into her trap. They fall fast and hard for her. Once deployed to combat or at sea, they're left defenseless while she makes off with their life savings.

The McKinney Brothers are pulled into the investigation when Joe McKinney's former boss in the Marine Corps requests that he be brought back to active duty. His job is to investigate theft. Find out what happens when the investigation takes on a deadly turn.

The story takes you on a whirlwind journey of cities near military bases from the Northern plains of North Dakota to Virginia, North Carolina, and Georgia.

*A Lifetime of Deception* will be available soon in eBook .pdf format. Be sure to bookmark the website at [www.pjgrondin.com](http://www.pjgrondin.com) and visit often for release dates on this and other projects from P.J. Grondin.

Be sure to watch for news on my third manuscript, *A Lifetime of Exposure*. The plot is set and I'm on chapter eight. It is sure to be a thriller, chiller story. You'll be wondering, "Is someone watching me in my own home?"

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## Appearances

In November I spoke at the Sandusky Library about Writing, Publishing and Promotion. It was an hour long session where I described my experience writing my first manuscript and what changed when I wrote the second, *A Lifetime of Deception*. The attendees asked a number of excellent questions about the process.



My experience was an extraordinary journey. I started writing *A Lifetime of Vengeance* in the early 1990s. I don't know the actual.

I struggled early getting the story to flow. During that time I was busy with family, work, and a number of other obligations. I attended several classes at a local community college, was on our church council, and got involved in city politics. All this left little time to write.

Finally, I backed off of many outside activities to concentrate on writing, but it still didn't click. I explained to my wife, Debbie that I wanted to finish the book. She gave me the key; the Idiots Guide to Writing a Novel. Reading that book made the difference. Finally, I knew what had to be done. Little by little, writing a few pages each day, *A Lifetime of Vengeance* unfolded on the pages.

The audience provided great feedback. The Sandusky Library expressed interest in having me back again when my next project is nearing publication.

To read the Sandusky Register article about the program enter the following address into your Internet Explorer address; [www.pjgrondin.com/RegisterArticle.pdf](http://www.pjgrondin.com/RegisterArticle.pdf).

Watch this newsletter and my website at [www.pjgrondin.com](http://www.pjgrondin.com) for future appearances and book signings.

## Travel

One of the major components of writing, just as in real estate, is location. As a writer, the more you see the more you know.

My wife and I travel quite a bit. We recently went to Nashville, Tennessee. We did some of the typical tourist stops like the Grand Ole Opry, Country Music Hall of Fame, and the Opry Mills Mall. We also took a Haunted Tavern Tour downtown. Very Cool.

Nashville's downtown is exciting. With the many bars and pubs up and down Broadway and Second Street, live music at nearly every turn, and more restaurants than you can possibly visit in one stay, you'll find it difficult to decide what to do next.

I'm pretty sure that you'll find Nashville as a primary location for one of my next projects. Maybe *A Lifetime of Terror*?