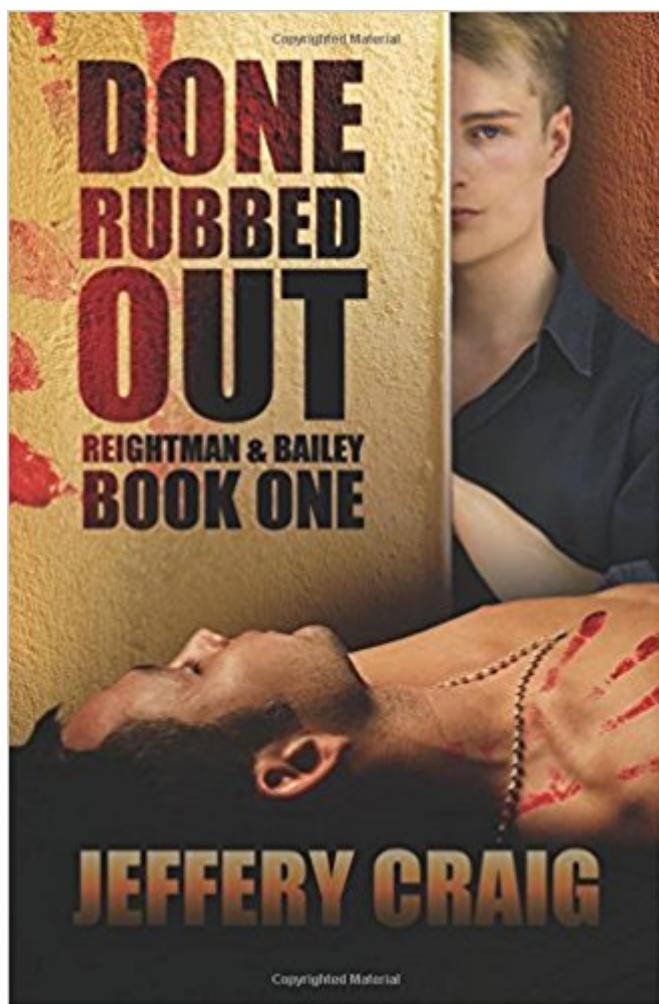


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Done Rubbed Out: Reightman & Bailey Book One (Volume 1)



Synopsis

In this first book of the Reightman & Bailey Series, deceit, corruption and murder tangle together with vivid, unconventional characters in a story of unlikely new friendships and their power to change us. Things are going well at the Time Out Spa, but the night young proprietor Toby Bailey discovers his former lover naked and dead on a massage table, more things are spoiled than just his white leather shoes. Detective Melba Reightman and partner, Sam Jackson are called in to investigate and soon become embroiled in the most perplexing homicide case seen in years. After a Hunting knife engraved with Toby's name is found in a pile of wet, bloody laundry, he's arrested for the murder of Geraldo Guzman. He enlists the aid of Madame Zhou Li, practicing attorney and owner of Green Dragon Chinese Herbs and Teas. The peculiar octogenarian seems an unlikely choice to defend him, but has a few tricks up her sleeve. Toby joins forces with Reightman and Jackson and a shocking string of clues leads them closer to the killer. The bad news? Successfully solving the crime might unleash a firestorm on this southern city, and come with a price none of them are prepared to pay.

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painting or enjoying the covered porch of his historic southern home with a good book in hand. He can be reached via his website (www.jefferycraigbooks.com) or on social media.

I thought this book was great. Really great! Let me be clear with this disclaimer: Jeffery Craig is a friend of mine. But he is not the first friend who has written a book that was published. The difference is that the last one was a cute little tale but this one is movie-worthy! When I read fiction, I basically only read murder mysteries and this one gripped me from the the first 3 paragraphs. After that, I could not put it down. I was so impressed with Jeffery's ability to draw in the reader with a carefully crafted tale of intrigue. At times it was a smooth relaxing pace that methodically laid out the background and allowed the reader to get to know the characters like a budding friendship but then later was able to shift into a more excitement filled ride of thoughtfully created twists and turns. I finished it and immediately wanted to launch into the second book in the series so that I could reconnect with with the characters and the story. Like life, I could see that that there was so much more that was just around the next corner and I couldn't wait to dive in! It's a great summer read--you won't regret it!

I resent paying \$4.99 for a book that has so many distracting errors in grammar and word usage, not to mention the typos and errors in continuity.

I thoroughly enjoyed reading Done Rubbed Out, by Jeffrey Craig. It was entertaining and suspenseful till the end leaving me wanting more. Can't wait to jump into book two of the series.
G.DiRazzo

rushed to get vol 2. waiting impatiently for vol 3! care for the characters, which is essential.

Can't wait to read the next book! This author definitely has me hooked!

Spelling errors, misuse of words, bad grammar all distract horribly from the story. Obviously the author did not explore what happens when someone is detained in jail-- unless this took place in Mayberry! Please find an editor to look over your work. Friends only tell you what they think you want to hear. The resolution was poor.

The characters in this book are engaging. I particularly love the attorney, but there's a collection of

people that are engaging, entertaining and so much fun to follow. While the book is thoughtfully written, there are moments that are light-hearted, some suspenseful and actually, some nostalgic. The book aptly creates the sense of a small southern town with all its foibles. I liked some of the characters and enjoyed the quips some of the characters exchange - I can hear them talking to each other. I hate other characters, not because they weren't well-written, but because they are snarky jerks - I'm sure that's the intention. In all, I thoroughly enjoyed the read!

Toby Bailey and Geraldo Guzman own a high class spa called Time Out Spa. One night Toby walks into one of the rooms and finds his business partner and former lover dead on the table. After looking around a hunting knife is found with Tody's name carved on it. He is quickly arrested and accused of the murder. But he calls in Madam Zhou to help defend him. Detective Reightman and Toby are going to have their hands full solving this murder, especially since the box by Geri's body has a whole bunch of dirt on some very powerful people and it's up to them to find it. Toby is a great character and well developed. You can't help feeling for him losing his best friend. Then you have a full cast of characters that add a little to the story with their little perks and quirks. You don't realize how they all fit together but they all help this story shine. This is a great mystery that will draw you in with the first couple pages and leave you guessing at who the real killer is. Just when you think you might know who did it something will pop up that will throw you off kilter. There is a wide cast to keep everything rolling and a cliff hanger that will leave you wanting more. If you are looking for a really good mystery, look no further. I was completely surprised by this book and I can't wait to start reading book 2. I received Done Rubbed Out from Silver Dagger Book Tours for free. This has in no way influenced my opinion of this book.

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