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Jenny Spencer is missing after a violent encounter on a beach. Her aunt, Susan Blake, ask wisecracking PI Jake Travis to intervene. Susan and Jake had only spent one dinner together and both felt an instant attraction. Jake walked away. He was, and is, committed to Kathleen.

As Jake and his partner, Garrett Demarcus, close the circle on finding Jenny, they discover that Kathleen's past ties to organized crime and Jenny's life are strangely entwined. They fight a two-front battle to find Jenny and protect Kathleen.

But by protecting Kathleen, will Jake become the type of man she could never love?

Does he have choice?

Cooler Than Blood wraps Lane's trademark humor and literary theme overtones into a suspenseful and entertaining mystery.

## Cooler Than Blood Details

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### **Talon K. Condon says**

#### **Another great story!**

He does it again! Read the whole Jake Travis series; just do it! He fleshes out his characters in a manner that is not burdensome to the story and gives the reader a clear picture .

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### **Kathy says**

Cooler Than Blood by author Robert Lane is the second book in the Jake Travis mystery series. I have not read the first book, The Second Letter, and it was not necessary to my enjoyment. Cooler Than Blood can easily be read as a stand-alone novel.

Is Jenny Spencer a habitual runaway? She ran away from her home in Ohio to stay with her aunt in Florida. When she disappears in Florida everyone is wondering if she has simply run away again. Jenny's Aunt Susan hires PI Jake Travis. Jake is on the case, a case that has a connection to his girlfriend Kathleen. Can he keep his personal life out of this case?

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I always enjoy a Florida setting. The novel Cooler Than Blood has plenty of twists. Interesting read. You'll enjoy it!

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### **Laura says**

Ex-military Jake Travis uses his covert op training to help people who need the services of a PI. One who doesn't think twice about crossing the line – but only when necessary. His humor is as sharp as the knife he conceals, and he isn't afraid to use either of them. When Susan Blake calls him, he ignores her at first. Not wanting to create any waves with his girlfriend Kathleen, he feels the less contact he has with a woman he felt attracted to, but successfully avoided intimacy with, the better off he will be. Until he finds out Susan's teenage niece is missing.

Jenny Spencer, a recent high school graduate left Ohio without telling her mother and step-father. She moved in with her Aunt Susan in Florida. Leaving home before a bad situation got worse; Jenny felt safe with her choice. Unfortunately a violent encounter with a man on a deserted beach quickly turned her world upside down again. Then she mysteriously disappeared.

The police are not concerned. She "ran away" once, so why worry about her now? That is Jake's first response also. Until he finds out she left her cell phone behind. No teen would leave his or her phone for a few hours, much less run away without it.

Reluctantly Jake agrees to look for Jenny. He calls his partner, Garrett Demarcus to help with the case as

well as a few of his other friends/partners that he worked with in the past.

Jenny's trail isn't easy to follow. It seems as though she is one step ahead of them. The question is; who actually has her? It could be a crazy drug selling family from Ohio. It could also be mobsters with ties to Chicago. It could be someone from her past or maybe she just ran away like the indifferent detective on the case believes. Jake needs to find her before she outlives her usefulness.

In a strange turn of events, Jake finds out a dangerous person in Kathleen's past may be connected to this case. He has to figure out how to find the teen without dragging his personal life into the case. Balance is difficult for most people, but Jake's failure to keep work and home life separate could prove deadly.

Lane's work is beautifully literary, with a healthy side dish of noir. The blending of two seemingly unrelated styles is perfectly crafted to create a work of art you will savor to the last page. His characters have relatable flaws and quirks both good and bad, masterfully breathing life into them. Lane's descriptions and dialog pull the reader into Jake's world and don't let go until Jenny is found.

The second book in Robert Lane's Jake Travis works well as a stand-alone novel, but you may want to read the first in the series, *The Second Letter before Cooler Than Blood*. I read it last year and couldn't wait to hear more from Lane (read my review here: <https://lauramhartman.wordpress.com/2...>). There are a few references to his first book, but I don't feel it would be confusing if you have not read it.

Read them both – you are going to love this author's work.

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### **Carol Kelly says**

**The plot thickens!!! Love jake Travis and the main characters. Seems like a stand alone read, but if you are a ROBERT Lane fan it is a good follow on from his first novel and discloses some back ground on the characters.**

Like the series but a bit similar in plot. Or is that just Jake's repetitive life?! Never the less....a good read and the audio version is even better as the narrator's voice is perfect for the character!

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### **Jack Goodstein says**

Jake Travis is roped into helping a woman he felt an attraction for in the past find her niece who has been kidnapped after killing a man who tried to rape her on the beach. Everything gets more complicated when mobsters become involved and his current lady (who may be a threat to mobsters from the last book) may be in danger.

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## **charles ross says**

### **Good read...good series**

This is an action book with a minimum of action and that is not a bad thing. I'm not a fan of a James Bond chase sequence in words. I can barely tolerate it in a movie. The author gives the main character a sharp sense of humor without making him seem a smart ass. The book moves briskly and when you sense it reaching its conclusion you're surprised it's only half complete. The only reason I don't give it 5 stars is because even though the main character is finely developed the secondary ones are not and that's a shortcoming because many of them seem potentially interesting. I'm looking forward to book #3 in the series.

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## **Mahala Church says**

Robert Lane definitely has a flair for the dramatic in a Phillip Marlowe sort of way: blunt sentences, macho repartee, and good-ole-buddy sequences. A serial-killer plot with variances on a common theme and colorful characters, Lane's book has enough white space on the pages and enough writing chops that the book will garner a broad-based following. Filled with purple prose that fit the situation and don't come off as high school boy meets pen and paper, the Jake Travis series is one to watch.

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## **Nicki says**

### **Good Mystery**

I did not read this series in order. I did get more of the back stories from this book but this was good as a stand alone too. There were several places the author could have made it a shorter story. I am thankful that the bigger story was left intact. I liked the level of detail a longer book allowed. I totally enjoyed this book and the series as a whole.

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## **Ray says**

Book one was enough for this series. 2.5

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## **Steve Hedberg says**

### **Jake Travis**

Robert Lane spins intrigue and color. It's obvious he loves Florida, it shows in his writing. Jake Travis is a great character. Aka a cross between Jack Reacher and Travis McGee

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**Julie says**

The only reason I would have ever even noticed this book is because my book group selected it. It's by a local (Fort Myers area) author who has self published several of his own works. Most of the group were Luke warm about it, and I have to agree. I probably should have given it 2 stars, but there were things I liked about it, just not enough to finish it. Wait .... maybe I should go back and change my rating ....3 stars is too many for a book I didn't finish. Make that 2.5

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**Brenda Schneider says**

Great read!!I won this book in a goodreads giveaway

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