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## **The Stingray Shuffle Details**

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### Frank says

I haven't read a bad Serge Storms book yet and that includes The Stingray Shuffle. Tim Dorsey is masterful at giving depth to a cast of shallow characters. This time he gives it a little meta-mystery twist.

There are no surprises here. If you're familiar with Dorsey and the Serge Storms series, you know what you're in for. As usual, my favorite aspect of any of the books in the series is that you need not read them in order (And I haven't).

Perfect for reading while you're in Florida or in the summertime or just when you need to read something with a smile.

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### Joyce says

This series is consistently screwball and unpredictable. Summary: When serial-killing local Florida historian Serge A. Storms is off his meds, no one is safe -- not Russian hoods, Jamaican mobsters, spoiled frat boys, women's book clubs, drug dealers, bad Vegas-rejected local lounge acts -- especially when \$5 million in cash in a bugged suitcase is still racing up and down the Eastern Seaboard. But in the oddball circus known as the Sunshine State, little things like astronomical body counts tend to get lost in the shuffle.

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### Jjudyfl says

"I hate it when I wake up driving." Yes, it's THAT KIND of book.

Serge stars again as a serial killer in another Tim Dorsey title.

In one scene he slowly murders his victims in a lengthy, prolonged torture.

After last week's real-life shooting spree of young children at a Connecticut school, I found myself wincing & hesitating to laugh at Serge this time. When does insanity start and stop being funny?

A well-plotted book, THE STINGRAY SHUFFLE provides characters whose blunders and missteps are actually believable. It IS a funny and enjoyable ride around South & Central Florida.

There have been too many books and movies written and made about zanies chasing a briefcase full of money around the landscape, but I was willing to overlook that, & will continue to read Dorsey books.

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### Linda says

There are fifteen books in Tim Dorsey's Serge Storms series - The Stingray Shuffle is the fifth book published, but the end of this book seems to precede the third book in the series, Orange Crush. This really doesn't lessen the entertainment factor, but a Virgo (like me) will finish the series, then go back to read them again in Serge's chronology. Clever ploy Mr. Dorsey!

The book itself is hilarious (yes, I'm running out of descriptives), well written and with some truly interesting twists: a publicity tour by an author who wrote a book about a missing briefcase containing \$5 million, and

some other synchronicities with the Serge Storms series. I'm not explaining it well, but I really, really hope that anyone reading this who enjoys off-beat humor will just get the books and read them - in whatever order you are able to lay your hands on them. Enjoy!

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## **Mort says**

### **4.5 STARS**

This was the fourth Tim Dorsey novel I've read and the first review I write about him. With the first two books, I had to ask myself if I was resorting back to my juvenile sense of humor. Slapstick comedy is something I've outgrown – for the most part – and I couldn't understand why I was enjoying the books so much and laughing so hard.

The third novel was even better than the first two and I had to look deeper to discover why. It all became clear with this fourth one.

Tim Dorsey is a damn good writer.

His novels feels polished to me, the way everything comes together and makes sense in the end. Serge Storms is an anti-hero, but with such heroic values and convictions, you have to excuse his behavior and root for him.

How can anyone write stories with a main character who is insane, with friends who are crooked, drug-addicted misfits, who ignores the law and stays one step ahead because of his unpredictability? Who is intelligent and charming when he needs to be, loyal yet viciously psychopathic?

Well, in my opinion, nobody but Dorsey can. He writes like no other author I've read, with the ability to keep you entertained and laughing from page one.

It will not fall into everybody's taste, that much is clear, but I'm a fan and will recommend it to anyone with a good sense of humor. On average, I haven't read anything from him that deserves less than four stars.

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## **Robert says**

This was another turbo-charged funhouse of a novel by Tim Dorsey. He started out being incredibly derivative of Carl Hiaasen's work, but he's found a voice of his own, and it's at times laugh-out-loud hysterical. Once again, he uses Serge Storms, Florida's favorite serial killer and historian, as his principal protagonist. This time, Dorsey expands his reach a bit from Florida and has a go at NYC. "The Stingray Shuffle" is a book within this book, which had been written a decade prior but inexplicably starts selling a lot of units at the bookstores, which we later learn is used by the Mierda Cartel to sell cocaine by cutting out the inside of the book and putting in the cocaine. Stingray also refers to "The Silver Stingray", an Amtrak train from NYC to Miami, used to put on a murder-mystery dinner theatre. Dorsey drags out several characters from his previous books, and weaves yet again a loony tale that is far-fetched and hilarious. If you've never read anything by this guy, give "The Stingray Shuffle" a try. It's bound to elicit a chuckle (or twenty) from even the most stone-faced reader.

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## **Angie says**

The self-referencing is what makes this book so hilarious! Couldn't get enough of the stupid mobsters and

the urinal guy! Love it! More Serge please!

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### **Diana says**

Tim Dorsey's books would make great cult movies. Of the three I've read thus far, this one I think is the funniest -- think "Rocky Horror Show" on steroids. Serge Storms the psychotic serial killer with a treasure trove knowledge of Florida trivia (informative, too) devises ingenious ways to kill his often deserving victims. Pure mindless fun.

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### **Jackie says**

I don't keep a lot of books anymore. I read them and pass them along. But this one is staying in the collection for a re-read in future because it was hysterical! I can't even count how many times I laughed out loud at the descriptions of south Florida! It was also a wealth of intriguing historical detail about Florida's train system; I actually learned things. Really a cool and unusual protagonist, too...if you can call Serge that...he does have a certain sense of poetic justice, even if he is a sociopath! Anyway, I highly recommend this book and am going to be looking for others by Tim Dorsey!

Saving this one to share with Linda!

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### **Peter says**

A very funny book. You can kind of see that Dorsey was writing this almost as a movie, you can see where it would have made a very funny flick! A quick read, and hilarious!

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### **Mr.B says**

I like this guy's writing. It's campy, quirky. Mystery writing that is basically surrealistic humor. Sort of a whodunit Hitchhiker's Guide.

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### **Nik says**

read this one for the second time and it didn't seem to lose it's luster.

i love the line where serge says grace at dinner "lord please protect me from your followers. amen"

still very funny the second time around.

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## **Snotchochez says**

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## **Paul Pessolano says**

“The Stingray Shuffle” by Tim Dorsey, published by William Morrow.

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This is Dorsey's fifth book in the Serge A. Storms series. As I have said before they do not have to be read in sequence but it would be a good idea for continuity. This is especially true for “The Stingray Shuffle” as it ties together the characters and plot of the first four books. Readers will find out what happened and who winds up with the missing 5 million dollars.

Serge, a serial killer, who kills only those who deserve to die, and is a running encyclopedia of Florida history, is off his meds. Serge and his whacked out buddy, Lenny, get involved with the Jamaican Mob, a bungling cocaine cartel, and a woman's book club, the three B's (Books, Booze, and Broads).

Serge leaves the State of Florida and winds up in New York so he can ride the mystery train back to Florida. The question is can New York survive Serge, who also knows a little history of the Big Apple. Johnny Vegas, the Accidental Virgin, is also trying to improve his sex life but again with disastrous results, you really got to hurt for this guy.

Once again, Tim Dorsey, shows he is a master of combining murder and comedy.

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## **Mike French says**

Another tremendous in the Serge Storms series! This book is enjoyable and entertaining from start to finish! If you like Carl Hiaasen and Paul Levine, you will Tim Dorsey!

