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Bestselling Authors Janet Evanovich & Lee Goldberg Join Forces on "The Heist"

Bestselling author Janet Evanovich, creator of the Stephanie Plum series, joins forces with the writer of the TV series Monk, and bestselling author Lee Goldberg. "The Heist" is the beginning of a brand new series featuring FBI special agent Kate O'Hare, and notorious con-man Nicholas Fox is due out on June 18th.

Evanovich notes in a blog post about how she and Goldberg decided to write a book together that "the decision actually took place over a pizza and a pitcher of beer when we realized we had the same vision. We wanted to write books about fascinating people who were involved in high stakes adventures set in glamorous, exotic locations ...like Dajmaboutu, Indonesia, and Calabasas, California."

Before diving into "The Heist," check out the short story "Pros and Cons" an e-book exclusive prequel available from Overdrive or your favorite e-book source. "Pros and Cons" finds Kate O'Hare 92% sure that she is going to capture Nick Fox as he tries to steal a load of cash and bags of valuables from a penthouse while the owner is away getting married. Find out what happens in the e-book available now for download on your favorite device.

"The Heist" begins with Special Agent O'Hare in Las Vegas, investigating a hospital that is selling organs to the highest bidder and providing people with the transplant they need, for a price. She stumbles upon an elaborate scheme, coordinated by none other than Nicholas Fox, the man she has been trying to capture for years. The excerpt, available on Evanovich's website, leaves us just as Nicholas Fox escapes capture once again. If the beginning of chapter one is any indication, this book will be just as exciting, full of suspense, and sure to garner a few laughs much like her other novels.

With over 50 novels between these authors, Columbus Public Library can provide you with plenty of good reads while you wait for "The Heist" to be released. Goldberg has written numerous novels about Mr. Monk, an obsessive-compulsive detective, and modern day Sherlock Holmes, which are based on the TV series "Monk." Evanovich has several successful series to her credit, most notably the Stephanie Plum series, which follows the work of bumbling bounty hunter Stephanie Plum in Trenton, New Jersey. With more than a few blown-up cars to her credit, she gets some guidance from mystery man Ranger, and cop Joe Morelli. Colorful characters abound, including Grandma Mazur, Lula, and Vincent Plum, owner of a bail bond's company that Stephanie works for and are sure to provide endless laughs, perfect for summer. Other series by Evanovich include the Wicked series, which includes "Wicked Appetite" and "Wicked Business," as well as several older series that are complete.

For a complete listing of books available by both Janet Evanovich and Lee Goldberg, check out our catalog, call us at 402-564-7116, or stop by and we'll help you find a great book to read this summer.