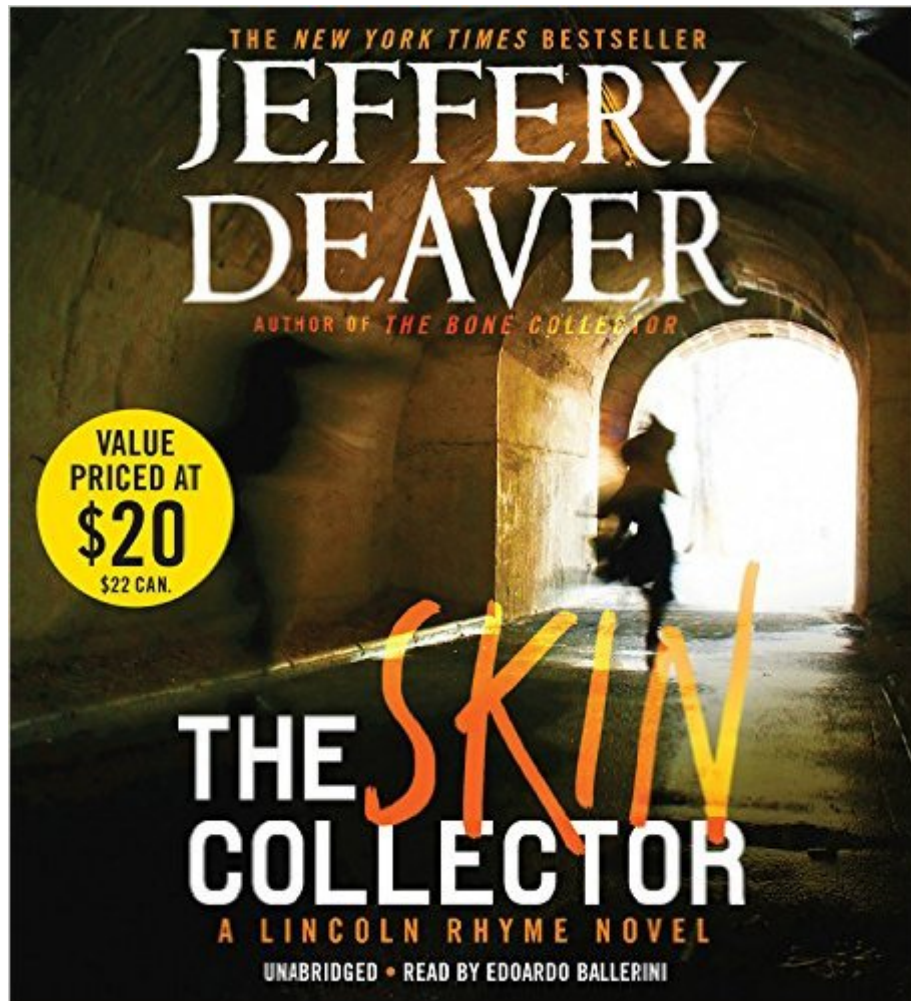


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# The Skin Collector (A Lincoln Rhyme Novel)



## Synopsis

In his classic thriller *The Bone Collector*, Jeffery Deaver introduced readers to Lincoln Rhyme—the nation’s most renowned investigator and forensic detective. Now, a new killer is on the loose: a criminal inspired by *The Bone Collector*. And Rhyme must untangle the twisted web of clues before the killer targets more victims—or Rhyme himself. **THE SKIN COLLECTOR** The killer’s methods are terrifying. He stalks the basements and underground passageways of New York City. He tattoos his victims’ flesh with cryptic messages, using a tattoo gun loaded with poison, resulting in an agonizing, painful death. When a connection is made to the Bone Collector—the serial killer who terrorized New York more than a decade ago—Lincoln Rhyme and Amelia Sachs are immediately drawn into the case. Rhyme, Sachs, and the NYPD must race against time to answer the many questions the investigation uncovers: Whom will the killer attack next? What is the message behind the victims’ tattoos? Does the killer’s own inking—a fanged centipede sporting a woman’s face—hold any significance? And what is his ultimate mission? As time runs out, Rhyme discovers that the past has returned to haunt him in the most troubling way imaginable...

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## Customer Reviews

Jeffery Deaver’s last book featuring Lincoln Rhyme, *Kill Room*, left me slightly underwhelmed. There was a lot of political comment in the book that I found myself glossing over. Deaver also took quadriplegic Rhyme away from his New York City townhouse to a crime scene in the Bahamas, but it just didn’t work for me. It seemed forced and almost gimmicky. It was an okay read, but not a

standout in the series for me. However, Deaver's latest book, *The Skin Collector* (#11) takes us back to what Lincoln Rhyme does best - and the type of story I like best - solving cases based on the evidence and minutiae gathered at a crime scene by his team. And Lincoln's superlative powers of deduction. *The Skin Collector* opens with a wonderfully creepy scene that introduces us to the perpetrator, Billy. It's one of those chilling prologues that promises a great read. And it delivered. Billy is a tattoo artist who delights in finding pristine skin for inking his cryptic messages. And his choice of ink is deadly. Billy Haven is clever - he's studied Rhyme's methods and leaves little if anything behind at his scenes. Yes, plural - Billy has a plan and it looks like he's taking inspiration from Lincoln's first case - *The Bone Collector*. Deaver employs the history of New York and its tunnel and underground passages to great effect in *The Skin Collector*. I ended up checking out many of his references online - it's pretty fascinating history. I thought I had predicted where the plot was going to go about three quarters of the way through the book. But I was pleasantly proven wrong! Deaver inserts a twist, then a turn, then another twist - and I think there may have been another turn.

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