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## **Dead Money Run (Lou Malloy Crime, #1) Details**

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## **From Reader Review Dead Money Run (Lou Malloy Crime, #1) for online ebook**

### **Michael says**

As I was enjoying "Dead Money Run," by J. Frank James, I associated the hard boiled character of Lou Malloy with Dashiell Hammett's Sam Spade. The fact that Hammell was a former Pinkerton Detective helped him with creating realistic dialogue and that is what there is plenty of in this novel. I'm sure that if Humphrey Bogart was with us today, he could play the part of Lou Malloy on the big screen.

Lou Malloy is released from prison after serving fifteen years for robbing a casino of fifteen million dollars. A few months prior to his release, Lou received a letter telling him about his sister's murder. As Lou later learns, his sister, Susan, was doing something honorable when she was tortured and murdered.

The action packed story has Lou (think Sam Spade) taking one step at a time, eliminating gunman and getting closer to who was responsible for his sister's death.

Lou has the good luck to team up with Hilary Kelly, a private eye, hired by the insurance company who paid the claim to the Indian Casino for the money Lou stole. Hilary is suppose to befriend Lou and have him lead her to the money but she falls for him and becomes his partner.

Various criminals are after Lou and he is able to dispatch them with ease. (I'm still seeing Bogart with the gun and maybe blowing on the barrel of his gun as he shoots another goon.

There are a number of levels to the story. On one hand there is the family love Lou shows for Susan. She was only fifteen when he was sent to prison. He seems to feel an inner regret that he wasn't there to protect her. We also see the friendship and emotional connection between Lou and Hilary. Finally, there is the friendship between Lou and Crusher, Lou's powerful protector in prison and right hand man in this story.

Overall, this is a gem of a story as if one of the classic hard boiled novels was recently found and released.

Don't miss it.

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### **Mike Siedschlag says**

I was given a print copy of Dead Money Run by J. Frank James for review.

Dead Money Run is the second entry in the Lou Malloy Crime Series which I believe now stands at nine books. I have not yet had the pleasure of reading any of the others. This is a hard-boiled crime mystery in the truest sense of the word. Main character Lou Malloy is as tough as any noir detective you want (or don't want) to meet. There are two other characters who probably are part of the series. If they aren't they should be. Hilary, the female love interest, who is no pushover herself, and Crusher (I think the name pretty much says it all).

Malloy takes on gangsters, the government, police, and others in a fast paced story of stolen money, murder, and general mayhem. Lots and lots of action, violence, property destruction, and even a little romance thrown in.

People who look for such things may also see this as a morality play (loyalty, honor and such). I don't usually look that deep into the books I read, I just go along for the ride, and a wild and exciting ride it is.

In Dead Money Run, author J. Frank James has delivered on the promise of shoot 'em up good guys vs bad guys, though that distinction is sometimes flipped and always muddied.

So basically, fans of the hard-boiled detective crime drama genre are going to like Dead Money Run by J. Frank James. I know I enjoyed the heck out of it. I recommend it. Enjoy!

Mike

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### **Marina says**

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Fifteen years ago, Lou Malloy robbed a casino on Indian territory. A casino involved in money laundering. Fifteen million bucks. He is caught by the police and serves fifteen years in prison. Money never found. Just before he comes out of prison, Lou finds out that his sister is murdered. He is thirsty for vengeance. Is she murdered because of him and his fifteen million bucks? Those bastards have to be punished!

Many people are interested in those money. Dirty money that were already included in the laundering process. Hilary Kelly, a PI, tails the former prisoner for the same reason. Very soon, they start to work together as a couple. She wants a revenge too. Lou's sister was her friend, at least she says so.

No one is safe. There are many people after Lou and Hilary. Lou and Hilary are after the people who killed his sister. Everyone wants the money. No one can be trusted. The run for the dead money starts.

Lou Malloy is a classic anti-hero as a main character. He kills people almost everywhere, he doesn't choose the place or time. There is too much blood where ever he goes. But there is some decency in his character. He doesn't kill innocent people. He loves his sister very much, he is doing whatever it takes to find her murderers. He has been hurt in life and he is not afraid to hurt others. An eye for an eye. He is smart and brave, but also too much impulsive.

With a character like Lou Malloy, the action scenes are so tensed and hard-boiled. The author visualized the killing scenes very well, included many bullets and blood all over the places. Described to the tiniest details, the killing scenes are so vivid and adrenaline-fullfilled. Some of them happen so fast, you've turned the page and BAM, three people dead! In the same time, the author added Hilary, as a balance, a person who can restore Lou's faith in humanity. The characters are so unpredictable, it is very hard to separate the good guys from the bad guys. There is no single character that can be described as just good or just bad. Even Hilary is like a wolf in a sheep's clothing. You don't know who to trust.

Overall, I enjoyed in this very bloody run for the fifteen million bucks. Full of action, blood and bullets, it is

a fast-paced thriller that will keep you on alert-mode till the very last page.

My opinion: 4,5 / 5.

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### **Diane Coto says**

Lou Mallory had no sooner been released from the Atlanta Penitentiary than trouble started. Two guys were waiting in a Lincoln Town Car offering him a ride. Actually, it was not a polite offer; it was more of a demand. Just about that time, a prison guard came back through the gate. Lou asked him to call a cab for him. Fifteen million. That's the amount of money he'd stolen from a casino. And, fifteen years later, no one had found it. He took the cab to a bus depot and headed to Jacksonville Beach.

His first order of business was to find out who'd killed his sister, Susan, while he was doing his time. Hilary Kelly met him at the depot. She's a PI. He didn't know her, but it didn't take long for her to confess she'd been hired by the insurance company who was out \$15 Mil to befriend his sister and find out the location of the hidden dough. But she didn't anticipate becoming friends with Susan; she no longer wanted to fulfil the job. Lou and Hilary are about to find out that powerful people who are money hungry won't stop at anything to get what they want.

Lou is not your typical 'good guy'. In fact, he's a 'bad guy', but this is one of those books that will have you rooting for the bad guy. Lou is snarky and brash – a 'shoot now; ask questions later' type of guy. I liked the addition of Crusher to the Lou / Hilary team. He had been a pro-wrestler and a former inmate with Lou. Now, Crusher has Lou's back. If you like your suspense hard-boiled, this novel will surely peak your interest. Rating: 4 out of 5.

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### **Alka says**

Dead Money Run reminded me of those days when as a kid I discovered Nancy Drew, then later Agatha Christie and then Sherlock Holmes. This book reminded me of the pleasure it feels when you have got your hands on a series book; you get hooked to such extent that you do not need to look any further to discover yet another book and keep on waiting for the next.

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However, the cover pic could have been better designed, since it was one of the most off-putting factors due to which I delayed reading this book.

Mr. James has cast a winner here with character Lou, who does not bat an eyelid before killing someone whom he thinks harmed his closed ones or could bring potential harm to him or his closed ones. Fast paced, action packed, thriller on the run and romance in between with short punctuated chapters, the story progresses in the perfect manner. With the new characters being introduced one after the next, the main leads never lose out on the pointedness. Excellent writing!

Hey, but the story is yet incomplete. Eagerly waiting to find out what happens next in the sequel - "Only

Two Cats".

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## **Regina Foo says**

Dead Money Run is the first installment in Lou Malloy Crime series. Badass main character, short chapters, fast-paced and page-turning plot, this book is a must-read if you love crime fiction.

Disclaimer: I obtained this book from the publicist of the author in exchange of my honest review.

I'm lucky to be contacted by Book Publicity Services to offer me this book to read. From the synopsis, I immediately know that I would love this book if it's written well. In fact, I nearly couldn't stop myself from reading it since I started it.

First of all, if you've been reading my book reviews, you knew that I love books with short chapters. Most of the chapters in Dead Money Run are about 3 pages, some even only half a page! I love the no-bullshit writing of the author. Straight to the point and able to bring me into the world of Lou Malloy which is full of mysteries to be solved about his sister's death.

When the book first started, Lou is in the jail, serving his fifteen years of prison for stealing fifteen million dollars from an Indian casino (what a nice figure!). Six months before his scheduled release date, he receives a letter from his sister, Susan Malloy (aka Kandi Kain) and the news about her death. From then on, Lou has decided to seek revenge on his sister's killer.

In Lou's journey of seeking the killer of his sister, he meets with Hilary Kelley, a private investigator who aids him in his revenge mission after that. I love the chemistry between Lou and Hilary and I particularly like reading the conversation between them especially when Lou is being humorous.

At first I thought Lou is a boring character with only hatred in his heart or maybe I'm just biased because he is a criminal. But when I read on, I'm able to see the humanly side of Lou even though he kills without a blink of eye. I can see that Lou is a loving partner, loyal friend and badass killer. His great sense of humor in his conversation with others also amused me a lot.

The story progresses in a quite steady pace. Even though I would sometimes get confused with the clues Lou gets along the way, I'm quite enjoying reading with the little mysteries that the author left here and there to make me wanted to learn more about what will happen next.

The ending is satisfactory and somewhat predictable. Based on what I read on Lou, I'm quite interested to know what his life will look like after that. Will he continue to be a criminal or will he get to a place and settles down with Hilary? I guess I would only know that by reading the sequel - Only Two Cats.

Curious on knowing how good is this book? You may be able to read it by taking part in the giveaway sponsored by Book Publicity Services! Go to my blog to find out more! Link: <http://wp.me/p6Uw1h-ky>  
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## **sue says**

I was offered a copy of this book in paperback from the author and its been sitting on my bedside awaiting its turn to be read.

I have to say, I am a sucker for a cover, a cover that attracts me and this one just didn't do it for me so maybe that is why its been sat for so long unread.

You can never tell a book by its cover though and this turned out to be an interesting story. Most of the reviews have touched on the proceedings of this book and what the story is about.

So I am going to say this, I have give it 4 stars not to sit on judgement but because I read near on 500 books per year and a book has to SO stand out to make it rise above the piles of the kind of genre this is aiming for. I say it is part way there.

At times it was seemingly written very professionally and then it left me with my eyes raising to the ceiling thinking the author could have worded that sentence better or even deleted that paragraph or enhanced this or that.

I do not profess to be anyone but a reader. I am not a critic. I just say what I felt worked or didn't work for me personally and I won't split hairs just because someone wants a 'good' review out of me.

It has all the makings of a 'good read' and 3 stars from me means it was OK. But it didn't hold with the best I have read in debut novels or ones that are newly Indie lately.

I do not mean this in an awful way, just truthful. And after all, if someone asks me for an honest review, its what you will get but I wish to never cause offence just to say, work on it, enhance it, jiggle up, get some advice and make it the best of the best to stand out in this over growing book world.

Thank you to the PA/publicist and author for allowing me to read and await my honest review

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## **Kate~Bibliophile Book Club says**

My thanks to Kelsey at Book Publicity Services and J. Frank James for my copy of Dead Money Run in exchange for an honest review.

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million, recovered guns and ammunition hidden with the money, and murdered two low-level mobsters and fed them to the crocodiles.

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I have to say, I really enjoyed this book. I don't know what I was expecting but Dead Money Run is definitely a good read!

Lou Malloy is serving 15 years in prison for his part in a casino robbery that left him \$15 million dollars richer. Just before his release, he learns of his sister's murder so he leaves prison on a mission. Get the money and find out who killed his sister.

The book reads like an action movie. From once Lou walks out of prison, right to the end, the pace is kept up! Teaming up with Hilary Kelly is one of the better decisions Lou makes. Kelly is a strong character and she manages to soften Lou's edges at times.

Dead Money Run is a fast paced crime caper! The amount of bodies piling up in the wake of Lou's release is staggering, but it's all in his quest to bring his sister's killer/killers to justice.

I really enjoyed the writing style of this book. The chapters are short so you fly through it! If you like action movies, your main character to be full of brawn and wild goose chases then this is the book for you!

I gave Dead Money Run 3 ?? on Goodreads!

My thanks again to the author and Book Publicity Services for my copy!

Happy reading

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### **Rubina says**

The story...

Is gripping. From the start till the end, the author has managed to keep the readers glued to the story. The book comes with a prequel and the review of the same can be found here. Thankfully the doubts I had, regarding the prequel, were unfounded here. The names had variance and were easy to connect with. But coming to that I am still wondering who Louise is? :P

Lou Malloy starts on an adventure. And the strange part is he had just come out of one. But 15 years behind the bars at Atlanta Penitentiary must have changed him- one would think so. When the warden asked him, "So what are your plans, Lou?" I started 'listening' too. Well, god forbid if I was in his shoes, I would have first thought of some old age home plans but nada!.. this pesky character had some plans of his own.

Finding the \$15 million he had stolen from the Casino Mafias 15 years ago (wolf whistle) to avenging the

traumatic death of his sister, Susan Malloy.

(Note to the author: I felt bad about this for I had really liked the character in the prequel. An afterlife episode perhaps?)

This episode is the 'hooking' line of the story. Why was the sister working as a prostitute? Why was her name Kandi when she died? The mystery unravels as we start traveling along with Lou. We meet some interesting characters as the story progresses. Hilary Kelly and Crusher being my favorites for obvious reasons: I am a good person. :)

The gory details:

This book is not for those who are shy of blood. As Lou and Hilary start getting clues about the man who was responsible for Susan's death, they encounter many who want to finish them off. They could not understand initially why so many were after them. As it becomes clear to them, the game becomes more dangerous. Whom to trust? Who is real? And above all who is on their side is something they had to work out every day - to stay alive.

Then comes a situation when Lou is brought back to the point he had started, where he is forced to rob another casino. Why? Will he do it? Well, read the book

The visual effects are good. I will not deny that there are moments I cringed at the killings but they were justified. I am a no trigger happy person. In fact the opposite. But when your loved one is put through that and without justice being done or remorse being felt; well a guy's got to do what he has got to do.

"Don't shoot, Malloy. I didn't know who she was. I thought she was just another dirty ....."

Well.. I rest my case.

Pacing...

J. Frank James did his own rhythm with this one. At times, it was too fast paced. The character's introduced, characters vanquished. In a blink of an eye few of the character, whom you could have liked in the future, were done away with. eg. Sheila. But keeping the genre in mind, I will have to admit, the author has done a good job in keeping the readers guessing. Was the game not of whodunit? The game was 'whenwillhebecaught'. (Copyright. I invented the word.)

Reasoning

I thoroughly enjoyed reading this fast paced novel. The antagonists. like Sonny and Nick were cruel enough to make me cheer for Lou and characters like Crusher were soft enough to give multiple dimensions to this plot. Not to forget the romance between Lou and .....

Will I recommend this book:

To every crime story lover: YES

The Line that stayed with me

"I know the difference between a Flying Mare and a Full Nelson. Do you?"

She had me there. "

Yay! for women power :)

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## **Sarah says**

Lou Malloy is in prison for stealing 15 million dollars. As you can imagine as the money has never been recovered, he is quite a popular guy but obviously all for the wrong reasons. Just before his release he is informed of his sister Susan's untimely death.

As soon as Lou is released we are taken on quite a fast paced ride. Not only is Lou hell bent on finding out why his sister was so brutally murdered and wanting to find out who is behind her murder, he also has quite a few unsavoury characters hot on his heels after the elusive 15 million dollars!

There is quite a lot of action in this book and some parts made for uncomfortable reading but that is to be expected in a crime thriller.

Lou is quite a tough character but then spending 15 years in prison will probably do that to a guy. I think due to the storyline he has had to let his head rule and not his heart. Hilary the private investigator is also a strong character. She seems to take everything in her stride and adjusts to new events with Lou quite quickly.

I really had no idea how things were going to pan out at the end for Lou but I certainly was not disappointed and I am very interested to see what the author has in store for an ex con in future books.

Many thanks to the author for a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

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## **Elizabeth of Silver's Reviews says**

Fifteen million dollars, fifteen years in prison, a murdered sister, and lots of bodies.

The day he got out of prison is when it all started.

Lou Malloy, now known as John Addams, is released from prison and goes on a killing spree as he looks for the money he hid and for his sister's killer.

Lou meets Hilary Kelly, and they team up? with both of them doing the investigating and with Lou doing the killing. We meet many unique characters.

DEAD MONEY RUN was fast-paced but a bit unbelievable how John acquired guns, found information, and always managed to get rid of people that were after him.

?I definitely wouldn't want to be on Lou Malloy's ?"list.?"? :)? He had no qualms about maiming or killing people.? There is a lot of gore.

?As DEAD MONEY RUN continued, Lou found out that his sister may have been killed for more than the money he stole, and she may have been involved in other things.

DEAD MONEY RUN wasn't gripping, but is a read that will keep you wondering where the search will lead and who else is involved in following and trying to kill Lou and Hilary and what the motives of these people are. The ending was tense and quite good.

DEAD MONEY RUN needs a bit of polishing up in the believability factor, but I did enjoy ?DEAD MONEY RUN. We have to realize, though, that it is a book and not real life, right?

Mr. James knows how to tell a good tale and keep you interested. 4/5

This book was given to me free of charge and without compensation in return for an honest review.

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### **Aditi says**

*“Revenge may be wicked, but it’s natural.”*

----William Makepeace Thackeray

J. Frank James, an American author, has penned his debut novel, *Dead Money Run* which centers around a brother trying to find his sister's killers after a hell lot of jail time due to stealing millions of money. Moreover, this is the first book in the *Lou Malloy Crime* series.

### **Synopsis:**

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*As the body count rises, the story grows more complex and his sister's death becomes more mysterious.*

Lou Malloy served his 15 year jail time for stealing \$15 million from an Indian casino, but just before his release, he learns that his only sister has been murdered. He pairs up with the private detective, Hillary to find his sister's killers, but unfortunately he gets dragged into a messy puddle of crimes and strangely he becomes the most-wanted man in the country.

The writing is really good and the book has lot of adrenaline rushing moments that kept me on the edges, and I loved how skillfully the author have pulled off those power-packed action scenes. The flow of the book is free-flowing, thus giving a fast pace to the book. The narration is really beautiful and the author have managed to keep it full-of-suspense. There are not much twists in this book as the story flows with Lou's perception and his journey of finding the killers.

The character of Lou is not that impressive, in fact his rash and irrational decisions made me dislike him and at times, I failed to contemplate with his actions, well, on the other hand, I fell for Hillary, an understanding, strong and determined lady and her powerful demeanor fits her bill as a private detective.

The author is quite keen to tiniest of details, thus it helped me to see the images quite vividly. In fact the author have also give a huge amount of depth to his storyline, that kept me engaged to the core of the story. Overall, the storyline is very interesting and compelling enough to keep anyone glued to till the very last page, and the author's easy and simple language makes it more easier for us to enjoy the mysterious and action-packed roller-coaster ride.

**Verdict:** *Recommended to all the psychological thriller fans.*

**Courtesy:** *Thanks to the Book Publicity Services for giving me an opportunity to read and review this book.*

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### **Jancee Wright says**

Actual Rating: 3.5/5

The Story: Lou Malloy learns of his sister's death right before he is released from prison, having served 15 years for the theft of \$15 million from an Indian-owned casino. After his release, he heads to the Southeast to track down his sister's killer, but it isn't long before he gets sucked into something even bigger. Before long, he is wanted by everyone from the mob to the FBI.

The Opening Line: The warden was a small man, but dressed neatly.

What I Loved: The action really moved the story along. There were never really lulls where I got bored or distracted, and the pacing, although fast, fit the tone of the novel overall. I also really liked the short chapters, as it made it easy to pick up and read even during the shortest of breaks.

What I Didn't Love: On a purely surface level, I did notice the occasional typo and grammar error. Within the story itself, I could never bring myself to really love Lou as a main character. Sometimes he made connections that seemed impossible, while at other times, he couldn't draw the simplest of conclusions. I liked Hilary much better.

Final Thoughts: I'm not huge into stories driven mostly by action, so this was a bit of a stretch for me. But to my surprise, it was a pretty enjoyable read overall, especially if you're interested in crime syndicates and the lives of the rich and corrupt. If you enjoy gangsters, casinos, guns, cars, and money, this is definitely a book you should check out!

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### **Cats of Ulthar February Weird Fiction says**

Review: DEAD MONEY RUN by J. Frank James [Lou Malloy Crime Series #1]

Lou Malloy is a walking oxymoron: an honest criminal. He's a robber, admittedly so; a liar, and he acknowledges it; a killer, and not afraid. That makes him very likeable, in my eyes; he may commit crimes,

but he possesses integrity(I know, oxymoron).

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### **John Beebe says**

I selected this book while traveling and needed something to read when not driving and listening to Audible. The book is fast paced, a little to fast I can't buy Lou Malloy being so adept at everything after 15 years in prison. He makes decisions and that's good for him since a national/international cartel is breathing down his neck, but can't seem to hire anybody that knows how to tail somebody or do anything else. The editing made me groan do they not research anything

A smaller waterproof bag next to the money held the weapons a Glock 17 and a Walther PPK.... Opening the bag I dry fired them to make sure they were still good to go. Then I took clips for both revolvers and inserted them....

Im going to stop there, clips and magazines, it is magazine, get used a lot and interchangeably and I can forgive that, Glock has never made a revolver, the Glock and the PPK are both semi-automatic pistols. At times the book seemed professionally edited and other times not so much, like he was free writing and forgot to go back and make correct edits or they were never reviewed.

Its not a tight book but if your on the beach trying to read and pay attention to things going on around you its ok for that

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