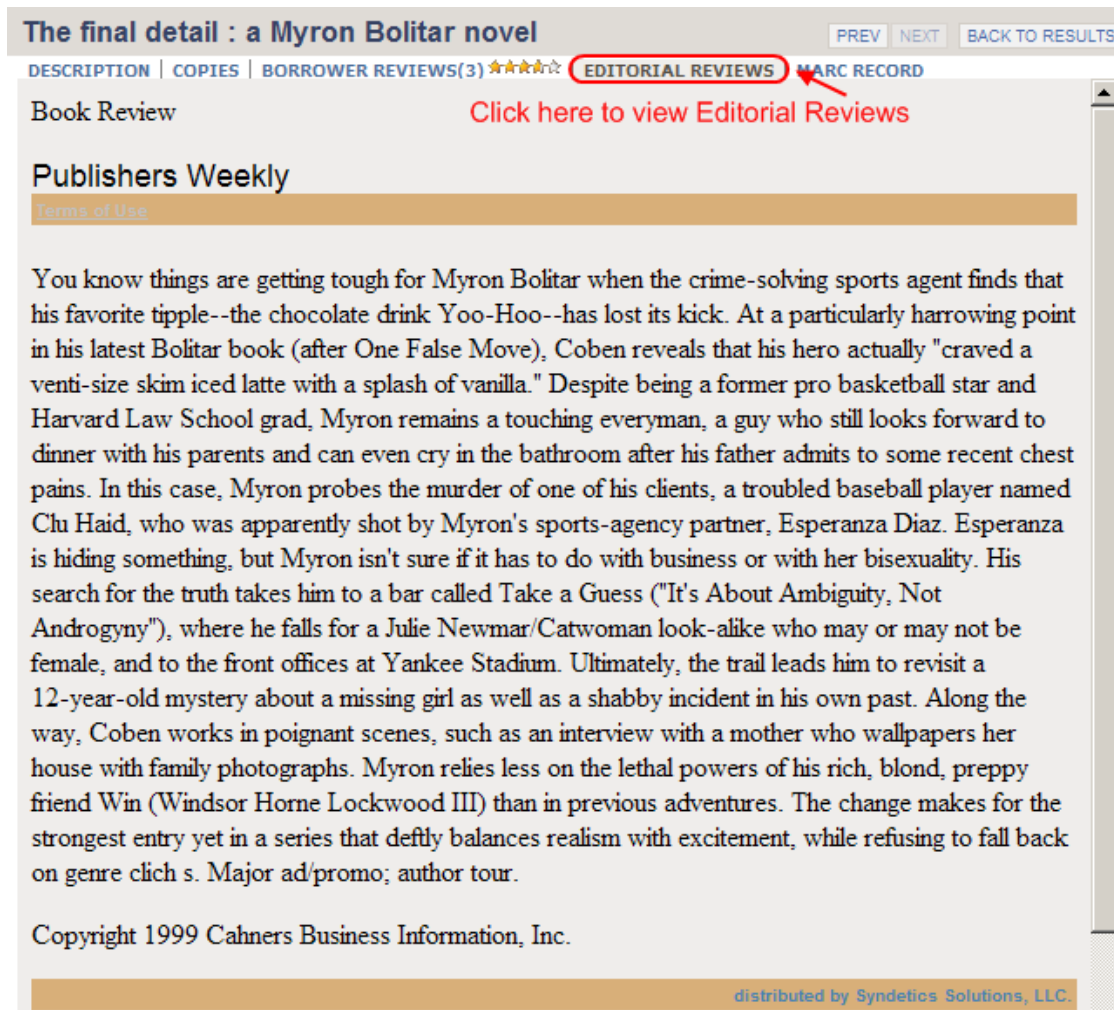


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The final detail : a Myron Bolitar novel

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You know things are getting tough for Myron Bolitar when the crime-solving sports agent finds that his favorite tipple--the chocolate drink Yoo-Hoo--has lost its kick. At a particularly harrowing point in his latest Bolitar book (after *One False Move*), Coben reveals that his hero actually "craved a venti-size skim iced latte with a splash of vanilla." Despite being a former pro basketball star and Harvard Law School grad, Myron remains a touching everyman, a guy who still looks forward to dinner with his parents and can even cry in the bathroom after his father admits to some recent chest pains. In this case, Myron probes the murder of one of his clients, a troubled baseball player named Chu Haid, who was apparently shot by Myron's sports-agency partner, Esperanza Diaz. Esperanza is hiding something, but Myron isn't sure if it has to do with business or with her bisexuality. His search for the truth takes him to a bar called Take a Guess ("It's About Ambiguity, Not Androgyny"), where he falls for a Julie Newmar/Catwoman look-alike who may or may not be female, and to the front offices at Yankee Stadium. Ultimately, the trail leads him to revisit a 12-year-old mystery about a missing girl as well as a shabby incident in his own past. Along the way, Coben works in poignant scenes, such as an interview with a mother who wallpapers her house with family photographs. Myron relies less on the lethal powers of his rich, blond, preppy friend Win (Windsor Horne Lockwood III) than in previous adventures. The change makes for the strongest entry yet in a series that deftly balances realism with excitement, while refusing to fall back on genre clichés. Major ad/promo; author tour.

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FICTION

The Big Bang Symphony

by Lucy Jane Bledsoe

Three women and their interactions not only with each other but with the other workers, scientist and artists at a remote Antarctica outpost.

A Year of Cats and Dogs

by Margaret Hawkins

Anything with dogs and I'm hooked. The author incorporates I Ching with each chapter, which follows the main character in mid-life crisis.

The Devil's Punchbowl

by Greg Iles

Set in Natchez, Mississippi, this thriller is about a mayor who investigates a floating casino and the murder of an old friend. Very suspenseful.

Stay

by Allie Larkin

Against the Odds! A young woman living on her own has too much wine one night and, feeling sorry for herself, orders a puppy from the internet. Never having owned a dog before, she finds her life taking a very different direction.

Fragile Beasts

by Tawni O'Dell

You really get drawn in by these wonderfully flawed characters. Two young boys struggling in their home life find themselves living with the "old" woman who resides in a mansion.

The Search

by Nora Roberts

Great story line – very interesting and suspenseful.

Mrs. Darcy and the Blue-Eyed Stranger: New and Selected Stories

by Lee Smith

Enjoyable "southern" stories by NC writer Lee Smith. It was nice to re-read the old ones, and the new ones were a treat as well.

The Mapping of Love and Death

by Jacqueline Winspear

A gentle read. Maisie Dobbs is a detective, which was an unbecoming profession for a woman in the 1940s. She is smart, thorough, and kind.

YOUNG ADULT & JUVENILE

The Summoning, The Awakening, and The Reckoning

by Kelley Armstrong

This trilogy is called "The Darkest Powers." I did not want to put these books down. Great characters with cool powers.

Need and Captivate

by Carrie Jones

Cool story about Pixies and "Weres" (not just werewolves, but also eagles and bears). It had a great storyline, and I can't wait for the next one.

Wings

by Aprilynne Pike

Another great YA book! This was a cool story, and the author left the ending open for a series. I can't wait for the next one.

Immortal

by Gillian Shields

This novel put a different twist on the "mythical powers" type of genre. It has an interesting plot and characters, and seems like it will be a series.

The Mysterious Benedict Society trilogy

by Trenton Lee Stewart

Great stories, complex characters, and tons of suspense! It was fun to read all of three of these books.

Shiver

by Maggie Stiefvater

This is the first book in another YA series. Teenager Grace was attacked by a pack of wolves as a child and afterward she feels a strange bond with the wolf that saved her. Supernatural romance for fans of Twilight.