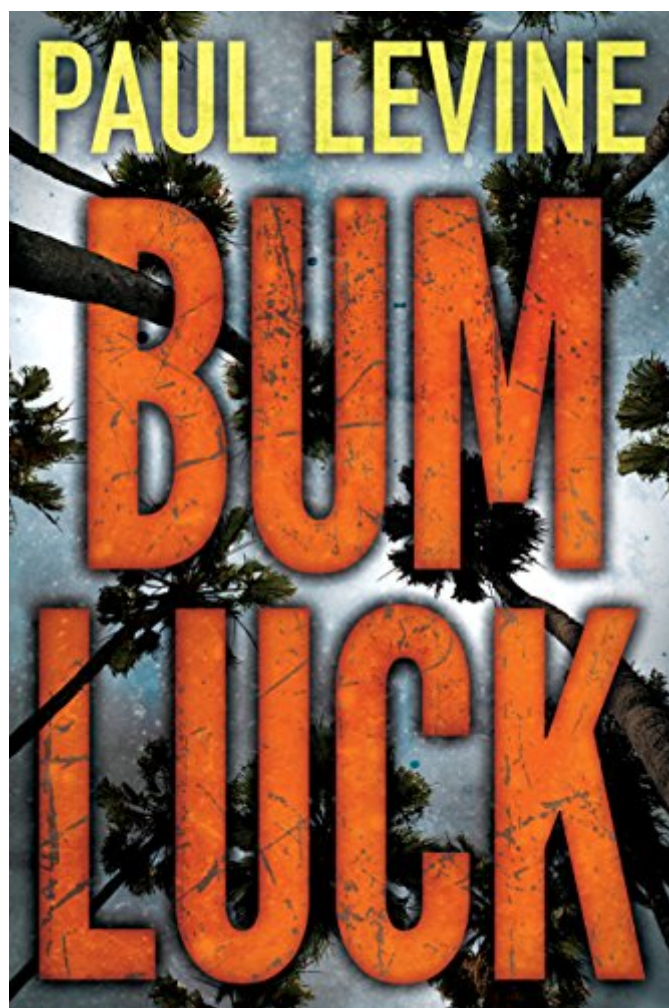


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Bum Luck (Lassiter, Solomon & Lord Book 2)



Synopsis

Thirty seconds after the jury announced its verdict, I decided to kill my client. Second-string linebacker turned trial lawyer Jake Lassiter squares off against his toughest, most unpredictable adversary yet: himself. The downward spiral begins when Jake's client, NFL superstar Thunder Thurston, is cleared of murdering his wife. Jake didn't expect to win, didn't want to win, since he is sure his client is guilty. When Thurston walks free, Lassiter vows to seek his own kind of justice. Street justice. Vigilante justice. Law partners Steve Solomon and Victoria Lord can't believe their friend has become so inexplicably obsessed with killing his client. Convinced Jake's unhinged behavior is due to repeated concussions suffered during his pro football career, they beg him to seek treatment. But as Lassiter's raging fixation on vengeance grows, Solomon and Lord wonder if they're too late to help. Is it game over for Jake's career...and his life?

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Customer Reviews

I remember my disappointment in the late 1990s when it appeared that Levine was done with the Jake Lassiter books. The 7th and last Lassiter in that decade was *Flesh and Bones* in 1997. After publishing the forgettable *9 Scorpions* in 1998, Levine spent the next several years in LA doing TV writing, and he published four Solomon vs. Lord novels between 2005-2007. Entertaining, but a bit lightweight, not as gonzo as the Lassiter books. Between 2009-2014, he published four stand alone books, really good stuff---but not LASSITER. You can see where I'm going here. Lassiter is the single strongest and best-developed character Levine ever created. And Levine knew that Lassiter had to return. In 2011, our hero was resurrected in *Lassiter*, and there have been four more Lassiter books since then. All of them were right in the groove of the original novels, although we see that Jake is getting older and wiser. *Bum Luck* is as every bit good as any other Lassiter book, and it's gratifying to see Jake aging and mellowing and ruminating about his ethics and his priorities. That's what people do when they get to be 50 years old. Here, Jake is having trouble with his conscience after years of defending guilty scumbags--and winning those cases a good percentage of the time. The refusal of the NFL to acknowledge the effects of concussions among players is a theme here. In fact, Jake himself may have brain damage from his years as a football player. It's an intriguing topic, and it's a socially responsible statement from Levine. I hope Levine still has a couple more Lassiter novels in him. If you're uninitiated, start with *To Speak for the Dead*, 1990, and read your way through one of the best Florida crime series ever written.

I don't agree with Mr Levine's politics but I sure love the characters I get to hang out with. Never a dull day with this bunch. This particular book put the spotlight on some very serious issues regarding traumatic brain injuries. Well done, Mr Levine

I really enjoyed this Jake Lassiter mystery. I have not read any of this series since we moved to Hawaii from Miami. The author's descriptions of the South Florida area bring back many memories of the steamy summer weather and the beautiful flowers and sunshine. He shows the cross section of cultures that populate Miami and the surrounding area. I love the writing and the quick pace of the story. Jake is going through a crisis of conscience and coming to grips with what is justice really means. I love the characters of Solomon and Lord and will go back and read the books featuring them. I won this book for free in a First Read giveaway from Goodreads in exchange for an honest review. A fun mystery series and an interesting undercurrent questions does the legal system really bring justice.

I have probably read every one of Levine's Jake Lassiter novels and they just continue to get better. The pages almost turn themselves (well, not exactly since I'm reading on a Kindle, but you get the idea). Levine combines a great mystery with his quirky sense of humor that makes the experience unlike any other thriller writer out there today

Wow Lassiter gets thrown quite a personal dilemma. The story line is great but I think Levine has his readers so hooked on his characters that I, for one, have to always come back for more. Solomon and Lord and Lassiter. Thank you. I hope this is not the last one with all 3.

Another fairly light read. After the two clunkers I tried before, it was okay. But, the author got a bit carried away trying to incorporate too much modern mythology, human caused global warming for one, that added very little to the story. I also didn't care for the lame jab at the poor unsophisticated people of North Florida who are apparently incapable of murdering each other in sufficient number to be interesting.

Great installment to the series. Always a good mystery with laughs thrown into the mix. Paul Levine is such a talented author. I recommend you read all his books as you will love them.

Typical Lasseter book. They never get old. Will buy again. Will recommend to all my friends. Can't wait for the next book.

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