

The Bookworms

Grafton Fans Will Like Muddled 'X'

"X" by Sue Grafton; © 2015, Putnam, 403 pages

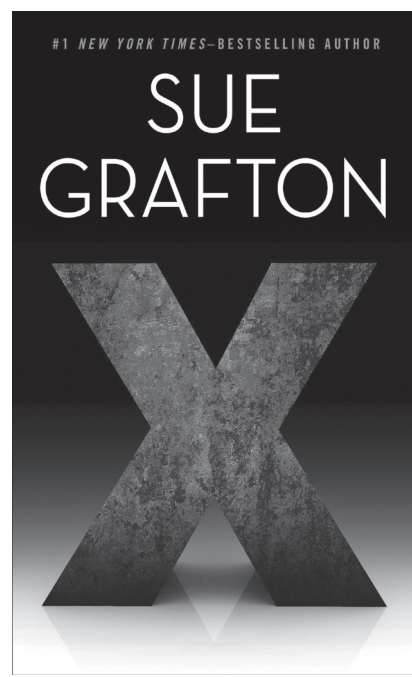
BY TERRI SCHLICHMEYER

The months spent with your ex are better forgotten.

You don't even like to think about them, in fact, and you rarely discuss them. That's all in the past now, and best that it stay that way. Or is it? What if lessons learned from your ex back then can save the life of someone today? In the new book "X" by Sue Grafton, recovered memorabilia leads to an eXtra disturbing discovery.

Ruthie Wolinsky was at a total loss. Recently widowed when her husband was murdered under shady circumstances, Ruthie was trying hard to clean up his paperwork and get rid of junk. She'd hired someone for the latter, but the former was trickier — made more so by the strange call from the IRS, asking for receipts from 15 years ago.

Private investigator Kinsey Millhone had once worked with Ruthie's late husband and though she was no fan of Pete Wolinsky, she adored Ruthie and agreed to help. As she waded through moldering boxes in search of old receipts, Kinsey remembered that Pete had been secretive so she wasn't surprised to find a hidden envelope and an odd code. Pete had obviously been working on a case that he wanted kept quiet; that intrigued Kinsey,



who hated unfinished messes.

What else could she do but complete his case — especially since she'd been stiffed by a client who'd lied to her from the start? The woman said her name was Hallie Bettancourt and that she was looking for someone she'd put up for adoption years before. Bettancourt had paid in cash, but the \$100 bills were counterfeit

and so was her name. It hadn't been a big job, but Kinsey wanted her money.

The code Pete had fashioned was easily broken — Kinsey's landlord, Henry, loved doing cryptograms — but the names it yielded didn't make sense. How could a woman long-dead be of any interest to anyone today? And how did Pete end up with a few old pictures and a Bible from a lifetime ago? Better question: why did someone else want them enough to threaten Kinsey on her own turf?

My very first thought while reading "X" came to me long before I'd even reached the middle of the first chapter: there's a lot of filler in this novel. Readers — even those starting this series from here (and that's OK, by the way) — don't generally need a paragraph on the ingredients in bread or on making coffee.

I point this out because the whodunits you'll find in this latest installment from author Sue Grafton are classic Millhone, but the padding becomes a distraction after a while. I'm sure I'm not alone in thinking that those pages could have been more mystery and less mud to slog through.

And then again, you've read Grafton's other 24 books (A through W and short stories). Can you stand to miss this one, the third-from-the-presumably-last? No ... really, you know you can't. This is the book mystery fans have been waiting for, and they may otherwise find "X" to be X-cellent.

Author, Illustrator To Discuss New Book

Join author Marilyn Kratz and illustrator Beverly Behrens at the Yankton Community Library on Sunday, Sept. 13, from 2-3:30 p.m., as they launch their new book "Quilts and Country Gardens-Remembering a Simpler Time." Talks begin at 2:30 p.m., with book purchasing and signing taking place both before and after the presentations.

Kratz states, "The incentive to gather a second group of my newspaper columns into this book comes from comments of those who read the first one, 'Feed Sack Dresses and Wild Plum Jam - Remembering Farm Life in the 1950s.' So many people told me that book brought back happy memories of their days growing up rural. It gives me great pleasure to give readers another glimpse into that simpler time."

"The quilt block designs and botanical prints in this book were painted by my long-time friend Beverly Behrens, an artist who grew up in rural Alcester. I have enjoyed working with her in our first joint project. Her watercolor prints add not only color but warmth and interest to this book."

Marilyn Kratz drew from her experiences growing up on a farm in southeastern South Dakota to write columns for a weekly newspaper, *The Observer*, published in Yankton. She has had almost 700 articles, stories, and poems published, many in children's magazines. This is her sixth book. She retired after 31 years teaching elementary school and resides in Yankton with her husband. She enjoys reading, gardening, singing with her church choir and visiting her grandchildren.

Beverly Behrens was the only person in her grade in the one-room school she attended in southeastern South Dakota. She was often occupied with art projects at the back of the room while the teacher met with other classes up front. This led her to study art at the University of South Dakota. She has painted scenes from as close as her home state of South Dakota to as distant as Monet's garden in Giverny, France. In recent years, she has found added inspiration in botanical art. Besides teaching adult classes, she is active in art fairs, solo shows, guild activities, and juried exhibits of the American Society of Botanical Artists. Creating quilts is also among her pursuits. She paints in her home studio near the Middlefork Savanna, where she and her husband enjoy the flora and fauna of the Illinois prairie.

For more information about this event, contact the library at 668-5275.

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Machinery: JD 4430 tractor, 5122 hrs, quad, 18.4-38 tires, dual hubs, Koyker 565 loader, bale spear; Ford TW20 tractor, 8032 hrs, 18.4-38 tires; IHC Super H tractor; Frontier MC 1216 hydro-swing; NH 664 round baler; NH side delivery rake; NH hay inverter; IHC 490 disk, 21 ft; Wilrich 24' field cultivator; Case 400 AR 5 bottom plow; JD 7000 8RW planter; 5 section drag; NU-Built gravity wagon, 2 Lundell gravity wagons; silage wagon; 2 flatbeds; 7 section drag; stalk chopper; FarmKing 960 snowblower; elevator.

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The following two tracts of land will be offered for sale at auction in the Wieman Auction Facility located 1-mile south and 1/2 mile west of Marion, SD on:

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH
10:30 A.M.

It is an honor to offer the following tracts of land located in the highly productive and tightly held Norway and Hurley Townships of Turner County, SD. These tracts would command top rental rates and returns to investors with great eye appeal. Both are located along a hard surfaced highway and will be available to farm for the 2016 crop season.

TRACT ONE: 160-ACRES
LEGAL: The SW 1/4 of Section 20, 98-53 Turner County, SD.
LOCATION: From north edge of Hurley, SD go 2 1/2 miles west north side of the road or at the junction of 283rd St. and 453rd Ave.

- 154.98 acres tillable with the balance in RROW and drainage ditch that divides the farm into two fields.
- Soil production rating of 81.4 predominant soils Chancellor silt loam (80) Egan-Irent loam (92)
- Available to farm, operate or lease out for the 2016 crop year
- Annual Taxes are \$4,333.30. Great eye appeal land that has been well farmed.
- This tract has a blue line running through it and would be affordable to install drain tile to make every acre highly productive.
- Base & Yield info, wetland maps, and other pertinent info found in the buyers packet

TRACT TWO: 165-ACRES
LEGAL: NE 1/4 of Section 25, 98-54 Turner County, SD.
LOCATION: From Tract One 1-mile west south side of the road or at the junction of 452nd Ave and 283rd St.

- 102.11 acres under cultivation, 60.31 acres in hayland, balance found in trees and RROW.
- Soil production rating of 50.4. Predominant soil Salmo silt loam (32) and Lamo silt loam (69)
- Available to farm, operate or lease out for the 2016 crop year. Sellers to have the property surveyed to determine the boundary lines.
- Annual taxes are \$2,657.74 Base & Yield info, wetland map, and other info found in the buyers packet.
- Cattlemen or hay producers check out this tract lots of possibilities for rotational grazing, hay production or can continue with row crop production.

TO VIEW THE PROPERTY: We invite you to inspect the property at your convenience or visit www.wiemanauktion.com for a buyers packet or contact the auctioneers at 800-251-3111 and a packet can be mailed out.

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- **The Color of Light** by Emilie Richards; Fiction
- **Darkness the Color of Snow** by Thomas Cobb; Fiction
- **Deceptions** by Kelly Armstrong; Fiction
- **Everybody Rise** by Stephanie Clifford; Fiction
- **Gone Cold** by Douglas Carleone; Fiction
- **In the Dark Places** by Peter Robinson; Fiction
- **Jack Pine** by William Hazelgrove; Fiction
- **Last Bus to Wisdom** by Ivan Doig; Fiction
- **Last Words** by Michael Koryta; Fiction
- **Lavina** by Mary Marcus; Fiction
- **Lawyer for the Dog** by Lee Robinson; Fiction
- **The Nature of the Beast** by Louise Penny; Fiction
- **A Pattern of Lies** by Charles Todd; Fiction
- **The Race for Paris** by Meg Waite Clayton; Fiction
- **The Sage of Waterloo** by Leona Francombe; Fiction
- **The Taming of the Queen** by Philippa Gregory; Fiction
- **Tom Clancy's Op-Center: Into the Fire** by Couch & Gladoris; Fiction
- **The Tusk That Did the Damage** by Tania James; Fiction
- **We Never Asked for Wings** by Vanessa Diffenbaugh; Fiction
- **Approaching the End of Life** by Donna Schaper; Nonfiction
- **The Born Frees** by Kimberly Burge; Nonfiction
- **Born Survivors** by Wendy Holden; Nonfiction
- **For the Love** by Jen Hatmaker; Nonfiction
- **Good and Cheap** by Leanne Brown; Nonfiction
- **I'm Happy for You (Sort of...Not Really)** by Kay Wills Wyma; Nonfiction
- **Mess** by Barry Yourgrau; Nonfiction
- **Rethinking Narcissism** by Dr. Craig Malkin; Nonfiction
- **Saban: The Making of a Coach** by Monte Burke; Nonfiction
- **Scraps** by Vera Vandenbosch; Nonfiction
- **Something Must Be Done About Prince Edward County** by Kristin Green; Nonfiction
- **Team Genius** by Karlgaard & Malone; Nonfiction

ADULT AUDIO BOOKS

- **Friction** by Sandra Brown; Fiction
- **The Night Sister** by Jennifer McMahon; Fiction
- **Silver Linings** by Debbie Macomber; Fiction
- **Who do You Love** by Jennifer Weiner; Fiction

YOUNG ADULT BOOKS

- **A Little in Love** by Susan E. Fletcher; Fiction
- **13 Days of Midnight** by Leo Hunt; Fiction
- **Weightless** by Sarah Bannan; Fiction
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COMBINES: 1990 Gleaner R60, Deutz Dsl, Runs Good, Grain Ext., New Belts & Battery, Used Last Season; 1980 Gleaner N6, Allis Dsl, Runs Good, Grain Ext., Good Rubber; IHC 1460 Axiel-Flow Combine, 5026 Hrs, Shredded; 820 15' Bean Head; 1063 6RW Corn Head; Head Cart Trailer; Deutz 320 Bean Head; 8RW, 30" Corn Head; Farmall H Tractor, NF.

MACHINERY: Schuler Feed Wagon; H&S Wheel Rake; 82" Heavy Duty Rotary Tiller c/w gear drive, 3 point PTO shaft w/overrunning clutch; Gehl Silage Chopper w/ Heads; New Idea Manure Spreader, PTO; Elson Pull Type Gopher Machine; 3pt. Blade; FH F-11 Loader; 3pt. Rotary Mower; (2) 6'x10' Wagons; 3pt. Tractor Snowblower; (2) Cat Irrigation Motors, 3150 & 3208; Fair Mig. 3pt. Snow Blower, Double Bath; New Holland 116 Windrower; 3pt. Post Digger; Pair Pallet Forks; 3pt. Box Blade.
SKID LOADER EQUIPMENT: 94" Hydraulic Skid Steer Loader Dozer Blade/snow pusher; HD Post Puller w/Hyd. Cyl; Unused Lowe Hyd Auger 750ch w/ 9 in & 12 in w/skid steer quick attach; Unused Stout Brush Grapple HD72-8 w/skid steer quick attach; Unused Stout Brush Grapple XHD84-6 w/skid steer quick attach; Unused Stout Rock Bucket/ Brush Grapple Combo HD72-3 Open-end; Unused Stout Material Bucket 84 w/ double cut-edge; Unused Stout Tree & Post Puller; Unused Stout Walk-Through Pallet Forks 48 in.; Unused Stout Full-Back Pallet Forks 48 in.

VEHICLES & TRAILERS: 1996 Jet Grain Trailer, Steel, 34' Tandem axle, Tarp, good tires & brakes; 2006 Timpte Tandem Axle Grain Trailer, Super Singles; 2001 Transcraft 53' Triple Axle Flatbed Trailer; 2004 Timpte Triple Axle Grain Trailer, Air Lift Rear Axle; Traveltrule 20' LS Trailer, Blue; 2004 GMC Crew Cab Dually, Triple C Flatbed w/Alum Toolboxes, Duramax, Auto, 4x4; 1983 Ford F-250, Dsl, Manual, 4x4, Flatbed, Camo Paint, Runs Good; 2001 Ford F-250 Ext., 4x4, V-10, Auto, Runs; 1996 Titan 20+4 Flatbed Trailer, Good; 1997 Travalong 20' LS Trailer, Good Rubber; 6x16' Homemade Flatbed Trailer; 1972 Holiday 26' Camper, AC, Needs TLC; 1995 Ford F-150 Ext. 4x4, Auto, Runs Good, High Miles; 1976 GMC 1 Ton Cube Van, Custom Construction Work Van, Utility Box Trailer; Homemade 26' Flatbed Trailer; 2006 International 9400I Truck, Auto Shift, Clean.

TOOLS & BUILDINGS: 30' X 65' X 15' Peak Ceiling Double Door Storage Building Commercial fabric, waterproof, UV & Fire Resistant, 12' x 12' drive through doors; (2) 10' x 20' Commercial Pop Up Tent; (2) 16' x 22' Marquee Event Tent, 320 sq.ft, one zipper door, 7 windows; 20' x 40' Full Closed Party Tent, 800 sq.ft, doors, windows, 4 side walls included; 10' 20 DRAWER HEAVY DUTY WORK BENCH WITH HANGING WALL 40" high hanging wall, stainless steel drawer panel, metal handles; HD Tire Changer, 110v 60 hz; Heavy Duty Wheel Balancer 110v 60 hz; 20' Heavy Duty Bi-Parting Wrought Iron Driveway Gate; 1" Dr. Air Impact Wrench Kit; 20 ton Air Hydraulic Jack; 50 ton Hydraulic Bottle Jack; 12 ton pipe bender; 10 Ton Hydraulic Porta Power Kit; Welding Helms, Solar Power; (6) Heavy Duty Warehouse Steel Shelving Racks, (6) units, 72 ft per skid per lot; 8pc 5/16"X7" Chain Slings one skid per lot; 38pc 9.5-17ton Screw Anchor Shackles one skid per lot; 72" Forklift Fork Extension; DELTA Commercial Table Saw, Nice.

LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT: Portable Livestock Loading Chute; 300+ Steel Posts; Wood Posts; (70) 20' Continuous Fence Panels, 6 Bar, New; (40) 12' Portable Panels, New, Calf Cradle; Loading Chute; 16' Windmill Tower, No Head; Small Pull Type Caker, Elec. Gate; Wood Feed Bunk.
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LATE CONSIGNMENTS: Allis Chalmers WD Tractor, WF; Farmall H Tractor, NF; Grain Cart; Dwyer 5 Bale Processor, Electric Switches, Tandem Axle; Oxy/Acet. Torch on Cart; 3pt. Double Bale Mover; 3/4 HP Elec. Post-hole Digger; 3pt. Posthole Digger; Pallet Forks; 3pt. Box Blade.
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