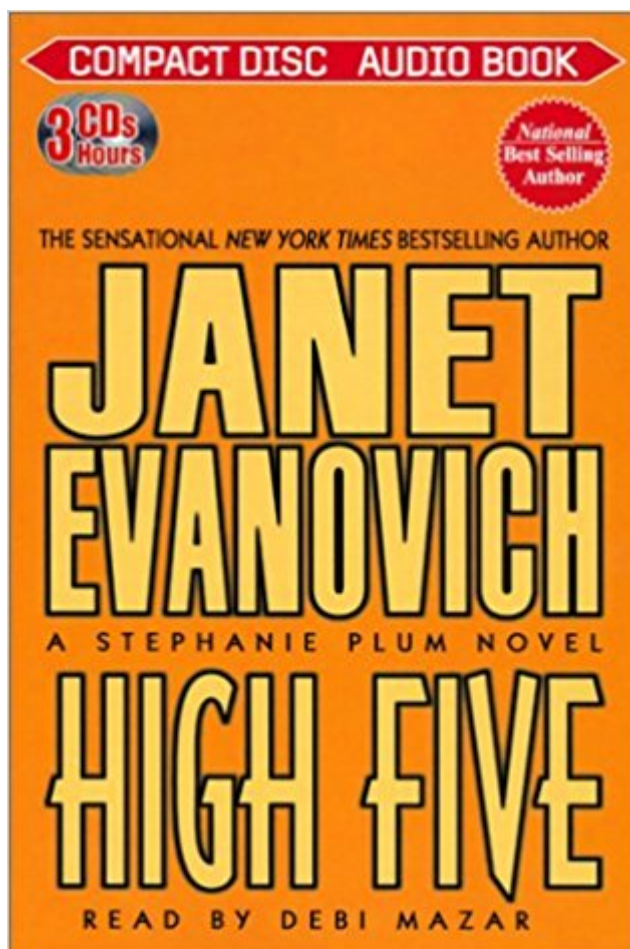


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Synopsis

Out of bail skippers and rent money, Stephanie throws caution to the wind and follows in the entrepreneurial footsteps of Super Bounty Hunter, Ranger, engaging in morally correct and marginally legal enterprises. So, a scumball blows himself to smithereens on her first day of policing a crack house and the sheik she was chauffeuring stole the limo. But hey, nobody's perfect! Anyway, Stephanie has other things on her mind. Her mother wants her to find Uncle Fred who's missing after arguing with his garbage company; homicidal rapist Benito Ramirez is back, quoting scripture and stalking Stephanie; vice cop Joe Morelli has a box of condoms with Stephanie's name on it; and Stephanie's afraid Ranger has his finger on her trigger. The whole gang's here for mirth and mayhem. Read at your own risk in public places.

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Customer Reviews

"Uncle Fred was someone I saw at weddings and funerals and once in a while at Giovichinni's Meat Market, ordering a quarter pound of olive loaf. Eddie Such, the butcher, would have the olive loaf on the scale and Uncle Fred would say, 'You've got the olive loaf on a piece of waxed paper. How much does that piece of waxed paper weigh? You're not gonna charge me for that waxed paper, are you? I want some money off for the waxed paper.'" The speaker is Stephanie Plum, the glamorous if slightly ditzy bounty hunter from Trenton, New Jersey, and one of the most original creations in recent mystery fiction. In this fifth entry in Janet Evanovich's increasingly popular series, Stephanie's problems are many and varied. She's not making enough money picking up FTAs (Failures to Appear) for her cousin Vinnie, of Vincent Plum Bail Bonds; her red-hot love affair with

Detective Joe Morelli has cooled off; and her giant extended family is no help at all. For instance, Uncle Fred the cheapskate has disappeared, leaving behind some suspicious photographs of body parts in garbage bags and links to some really dangerous people. When Stephanie turns to her friend and mentor, Ranger, for financial advice, he gets her involved in a gang of toughs doing instant evictions for landlords. (She complains to Ranger about the job and its dangers, prompting one of the hired thug to say, "Man, you don't like to get shot. You don't like to get arrested. You don't know how to have fun at all.") Most of Stephanie's charm, of course, comes from her attitude--a combination of the brazen bravado that turns a failed lingerie model into a bounty hunter in the first place and the normal fears of a person in over her head. Other Plums in paperback, by the numbers: One for the Money, Two for the Dough, Three to Get Deadly, and Four to Score.

--Dick Adler

Fans of Evanovich's tales of the adventures of Stephanie Plum (Four to Score, etc.), Jersey girl and bounty hunter extraordinaire, have been eagerly anticipating this next installment in the popular series. The good news is that the novel is just as wacky and over the top as its predecessors, and that the disaster-prone Stephanie has brought along her usual wild-and-crazy crew of sidekicks and loony relatives to help her chase down felons. Evanovich even manages to make the dowdy working-class city of Trenton, N.J., seem like a hip, edgy place for her funky characters to live. But Trenton also has its share of nefarious criminals for Stephanie to pursue. A folk like Randy Briggs, the dwarf, who not only repeatedly eludes her grasp but keeps taunting her as a loser. Stephanie careens through her days, looking for her missing Uncle Fred and taking on FTA (failure to appear) cases for her cousin Vinnie, a bail bondsman. Further complications ensue when she tries to earn extra money by moonlighting on quasi-legal "security" jobs for Ranger, her dangerously sexy mentor at the bounty-hunting game. Ranger is looking awfully good to Stephanie these days, and she is finding it hard to choose between him and old flame Joe Morelli. Evanovich tells her fast-paced and furiously funny story expertly. The action never stops, the dialogue is snappy and the characters are more than memorable. Readers can't miss with this one. (July) Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc.

High Five by Janet Evanovitch is a funny, funny book to read! Evanovitch mixes home fun with mom, dad and grandma that is so close to what some of us knew when we were growing up. Between looking for those that don't appear for their court date, Stephanie Plum is now looking for her uncle Fred who has just disappeared from the face of the earth. Plum goes after an FTA, Briggs,

who is a computer guy. When she gets to his apartment she is amazed at what she sees. What transpires with Briggs is fun! Plum gets herself into more jams than you can buy at the local grocery store. I know you will enjoy this book. This is a great mix of murder, who done it, and why! You won't be sorry! Rated, not for those under eighteen for sexual content. Strong language. DP, Castro Valley, Ca.

I can't get enough of this series. I think this one is my favorite so far! More zany characters and plenty of action. I love the way Janet weaves the plot together with all her sub-plots. But what keeps me coming back is her ability to make you laugh during all the mayhem. And let's just face it, it seems like mayhem follows Stephanie everywhere she goes. Ranger plays a bigger role in this one and there is still sexual tension between her and Morelli and that is all I am going to say about that. Read it, I promise you won't be disappointed.

This book on the exploits of Stephanie Plum are more about her desire for sex than about her sleuthing. She catches two FTAs but they are not important to the plot. The ex-boxer Ramirez is after her to rape kill her throughout the book. Her Uncle Fred has disappeared and it is her search for him that becomes the mystery of the story. She alternates lust for Ranger and Joe Morelli from the first page to the last page. The book is quite entertaining.

Janet Evanovich has done it again! Love this author. She has a knack at creating all these crazy characters especially Stephanie Plum. This book is hilarious, I couldn't stop laughing. Stephanie is a bond enforcement agent and is paid ten percent of any FTA's she brings in. But wait! There are no FTA's! What? How is Stephanie going to pay her rent? The only other alternative is to work for her mentor Ranger. Oh boy, forget that Ranger is not only hot, Stephanie is sure he kills only bad guys and all those expensive black cars that are very suspect. Is this not enough? Of course not. Grandma Mazur and Stephanie's Mom ask her to help find Uncle Fred. He went to run some errands one day and disappeared. She finally gets a small FTA his name is Randy Briggs. He was arrested for carrying a concealed. One small issue he is only three feet tall. Remember I did say small. We always have to have a scary dude it is Benito Ramirez. He is out of jail and is now out for revenge and Stephanie is in his sights.

This is a good book for uplifting a mood. That Stephanie Plum...gotta love her. As usual she gets into predicaments that she would rather not get into but she makes the reader laugh all the way

through her journey. If you are looking for a deep, moral-teaching read, then you are in for a disappointment. But, if you are looking for the most unusual characters, a lot of funny situations and humorous dialogue, then you are reading the best book for the job. You'll love Gramma, LuLu, Joe, and especially Ranger. Ahhh, Ranger! The end of this book will keep you quickly looking for book number 6 just to see who it is Stephanie opens her door to. Janet Evanovich created a gold mine with her Stephanie Plum series. There is never a dull moment in any of them and this book, book 5, lives up to the hype. Start with book one and read your way up to book 22. You won't be disappointed.

We love the character of Stephanie Plum although I have a few issues with her character. The first character issue I have with Stephanie is how does she become "friends" with the characters she has hunted, going so far as to let one live with her. The second character flaw I find with Stephanie Plum is that she is afraid of almost all of the criminals, as if she has no training for her job. I love this book series I just sometimes wish Stephanie Plum was written as a stronger woman, one who doesn't constantly need a man to rescue her. I still love the book at the end of the day.

I love all of the Stephanie Plum novels. They are easy to read, highly entertaining, no stress reads. We all need a book to take us away from today's world. Ms Evanovich has a talent of putting together the fun adventures of Stephanie and her side-kick Lula as Stephanie continues her attempt to become a bounty hunter. You can't help but laugh at the characters she gets mixed up with, the situations she finds herself in and her continued strokes of luck she always seem to fall into which allow her to find her FTA. If you are looking for a book full of facts and reality these books are not for you. If you are looking for a fun read, these books are for you. I have read them in order and have not been disappointed in one of them.

Love this lady's books. She is really. A talent. Books are funny and catch you up in them.

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