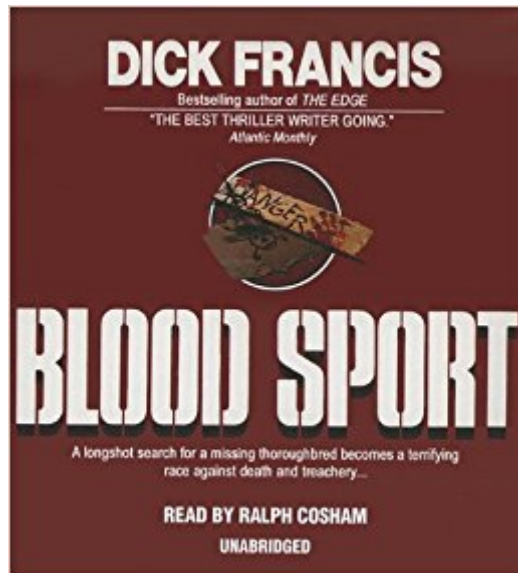




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Synopsis

English agent Gene Hawkins is restlessly facing three weeks of vacation with only his tormented past for company. So when his boss asks him to help millionaire Dave Teller locate a prized missing stallion, he accepts. But he gets more action than he bargained for when he draws the affection of his boss' beautiful teenage daughter, advances from Teller's socialite wife, and the deadly attention of the horse thieves, who would be happy to put Hawkins out to pasture...permanently.

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When English agent Gene Hawkins told his boss he'd forego his vacation to search for millionaire Dave Teller's prized missing stallion, he didn't know his retainer would include the attentions of his boss's beautiful daughter--or Teller's seldom sober wife. Nor did he know that a trail from London to New York to Las Vegas to California would eventually lead to murder.... --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

You just can't go wrong with Dick Francis. Unless you don't care for excellent characterizations,

believable villains and wonderful plots. Oh, and meticulous research. Not your run of the mill whodunit. Unfortunately he wrote so well the stories are over before you know it. Blood Sport is particularly impressive because of how Francis portrays severe clinical depression. He nails it. I was amazed to find the book was written in 1967, when all forms of mental illness were very much taboo. Anyone who is fortunate enough not to live with depression - unlike me - will get a realistic view through Gene Hawkins' eyes.

I'm not going to review these four novels here. Each of them is just another reason why I think Dick Francis was the Grand Master of mystery writers. He's gone now and I feel a great sense of loss about that. It's moderated by the fact that in his later years he was joined by his son Felix Francis who wrote with him and eventually continued on his own to write under the aegis of the Dick Francis brand. I frankly would be hard pressed to tell whether I am listening to the voice of the father or his son as I read Dick Francis books. These particular books are all by Dick Francis himself and this volume is a tremendous bargain for FOUR splendid novels. Thanks to for offering it.

Gene Hawkins sleeps with a Luger under his pillow and lives four flights up so people will be short of breath when they get to him. He has a dangerous profession that he refers to as anti-infiltration: interfering with the planting of spies in certain government offices and research labs. He never minds taking chances, because he's clinically depressed anyway. If he dies on the job, he figures it'll save him the bother of shooting himself one of these days. He's just the man for an impossible assignment, and his boss hands him one: find Chrysalis, a stallion worth £500,000 that just went missing. The owner lost another horse in similar circumstances five years ago, and this time he wants a no-holds-barred search. Insurance investigators and policemen don't get results. Gene's hunt takes him across the ocean to a Kentucky stud farm, a Wyoming dude ranch and an eerie Arizona dessert. Although lonely and miserable, Gene has a wry sense of humor that keeps his depression from being a burden on the people he meets. He attracts friends and stirs up women, especially the ones he doesn't dare sleep with. Blood Sport is another great adventure from one of my favorite writers. I turn to Dick Francis whenever I want a sure thing.

I love Dick Francis as a storyteller but have been having a hard time finding on Kindle or ebooks in the library. This book was great to get even though not in the form I wanted. It was in very good shape, even had the dust jacket. Very readable condition.

Tony Britton is the best narrator for Dick Francis. And this is his best work... going all the way back to the 1980's.

Grabbed my attention from the beginning and kept it until the very end, one of Dick Francis' best!

These are superb early examples of his works--I think even better than the later ones, though that's saying a lot. I would recommend them to anyone who wants a good read.

For a book written the best part of 50 years ago it's still worth a read

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