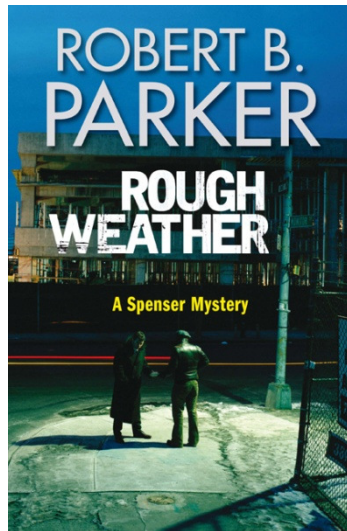


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A wealthy woman has just recruited Spenser to accompany her to her private island to attend her daughter's wedding as a sort of stand-in husband. Spenser consents, but only after she agrees his beloved Susan Silverman will also be invited.

It should be a straightforward job for Spenser: show up for appearances, have some drinks, and spend some quality time with Susan. But when Spenser's old nemesis Rugar – the Gray Man – arrives, Spenser realises that something is amiss. A storm, a kidnapping and murder tear apart what should be a joyous occasion and Rugar is seemingly at the centre of it all.

The only thing is that the sloppy kidnapping is not Rugar's style, as Spenser knows from past encounters. With six dead bodies and questions to answer, Spenser begins a search for answers – and the Gray Man.

Born and raised in Massachusetts, Robert B. Parker is the author of over 50 novels. He began writing his private-eye Spenser novels while teaching at Boston's Northeastern University in 1971. In 1997 he wrote his first Jesse Stone novel, *Night Passage*, and the seventh in the series, *Stranger in Paradise* was released in 2008 by Quercus. Parker was named Grand Master by the Mystery Writers of America in 2002.

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