

OUT OF MIND

A "BLUE" MYSTERY BY MICHAEL BURKE

Information and Pricing

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Description

Detective Johnny "Blue" Heron is lured away from stargazing on his fire escape by a wealthy socialite who wants to track down her husband's lover. It appears to be a straightforward task for a private investigator, but the trail quickly muddies. Blue is chased by hit men and seduced by the suspected lover. A fight in an abandoned pipe factory, a headless body on the railroad tracks, and the curious involvement of homeless kittens makes *Out of Mind* a fascinating read. Michael Burke has produced a fast moving mystery that combines a tightly woven plot with Blue's philosophical musing, sexual shenanigans, and humor.

What People Are Saying . . .

"Thomas Pynchon and Dashiell Hammett walk into a bar: Michael Burke is channeling the results right here in *Out of Mind*. It is a lively trip—wit with intrigue, graft with grins. I laughed out loud at the "ten-story glass office building" which is "named after our ex-Mayor Norton Montgomery—no one had bothered to change its name after he went to jail." And, like his wife Louella, I too wondered what Larry Lafonte was up to. Johnny 'Blue' Heron, his Beamer, and the aging pony-tailed hippy LeRoy are back. Burke writes like a really great conversationalist at a party, and you're invited! Glorious reading!" — Graeme Harper, author of *The Invention of Dying* and *Moon Dance*

"In *Out of Mind*, Michael Burke's third novel in the series, we are charmed once again by the eccentric macho tenderness of protagonist Johnny 'Blue' Heron. Blue would opt every day for a romantic martini with Kathy over a murder. Yet beyond the laconic style of Burke's hero, and obvious literary skill, this book is extremely well plotted, with an unforgettable erotic scene in a cornfield. Bravo Mr. Burke—who, we are not surprised, is also a sculptor, scientist, and poet. We want more of the seductive and mysterious Mr. Heron." —Margaret Sheffield, author of *The Expressive Edge*

MICHAEL BURKE is the author of *Swan Dive* (2009) and *Music of the Spheres* (2011). *Out of Mind*, the further adventures of detective Johnny "Blue" Heron, is the third book in the series.



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