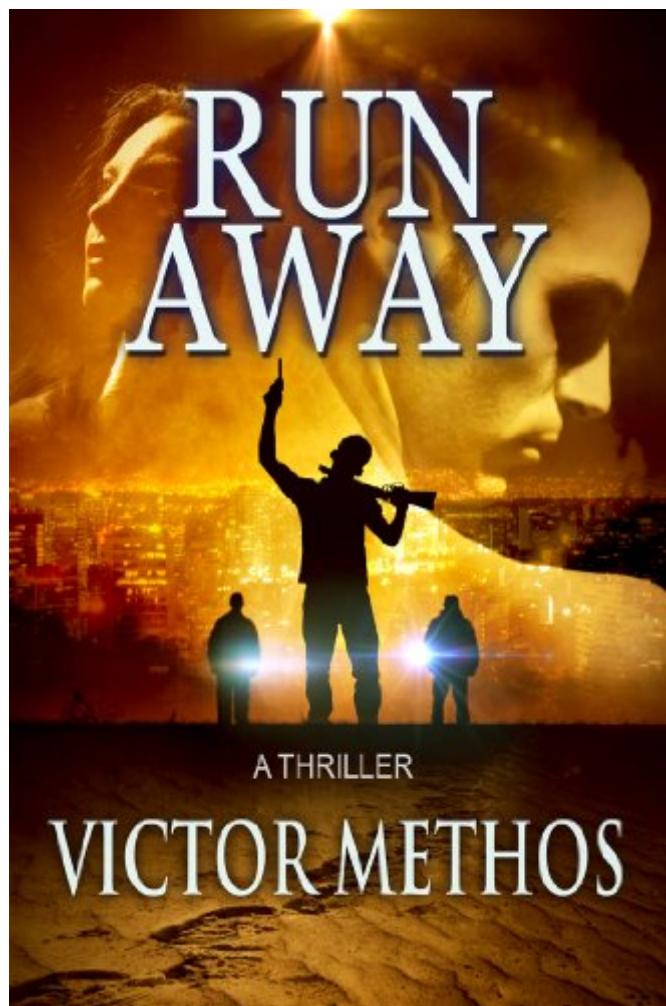


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# Run Away - A Thriller (Jon Stanton Mysteries Book 8)



## **Synopsis**

A KIDNAPPING WITH TIME RUNNING OUT...For Honolulu P.D. homicide detective Jon Stanton, the body of a young boy discovered in the bushes of an upscale neighborhood is more than just another homicide. This one is personal. The boy was eleven years old and a witness to the kidnapping of a wealthy housewife and her daughter. Stanton believes them to still be alive, but held by a host of desperate, unstable men. Men willing to kill children to achieve their ends. Stanton and his new partner, the seductive and alluring niece of his boss, search from the seedy bars in Honolulu's Chinatown, to the homes of those that buy and sell flesh like cattle, and Stanton's wits will once again be tested to their limits. Ultimately, Stanton will have to make the choice between justice and the law as he tracks down a perpetrator whose identity will shock him.

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR** Victor Methos is a former prosecutor specializing in violent crime and is currently a criminal defense attorney in the Midwest. His more than forty books have sold millions of copies worldwide.

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## **Customer Reviews**

This was a book that kept my interest and had many twists and turns. I like the characters...especially Jon Stanton. The author is excellent at getting the reader to feel the drama of

the chases...I enjoy all Victor Methos books..due to his exceptional writing style .

RUN AWAY, by Victor Methos, is another well written book. The author, who is an attorney, has a good grasp of the law and as reflected in this book he has a decent understanding of the low life world of illicit drugs; and the effect upon the user. As a retired federal agent, I can say that Methos must have done a lot of research prior to writing this manuscript. The story takes place in Honolulu and involves a cheating wife and the actions of a loyal husband who comes to the conclusion that he wants his wife dead. I might note that the husband works in the law firm where his father- in- law is a partner. He employs a low life druggie who recruits his own buddies to facilitate the murder. But, as often happens, things don't work out as the "thugs" end up not only taking the wife with the objective of killing her, but the 13 year old daughter. Their plan soon changes and they are of the opinion that not only can they score the murder money but if they sell the pair into slavery for the foreign sex trade that they will increase their bounty. Enter Dr. Jon Stanton, a top notch HPD homicide detective and his female partner, Laka. After interviewing the husband and viewing the crime scene, he gets a feeling that the husband is the one who put the murder plan in motion. This is later confirmed and the story has numerous twists and turns. Toward the end the husband, fearing arrest, flees Hawaii, and ends up in Alaska, thinking he has fooled everyone. At this point the wife has been killed and the daughter is rescued. However, the father-in -law has tracked down his former son-in-law and is responsible for turning him into shark bait! Methos is a master story teller and this book is no exception! The characters seem real and the story is interesting. Five solid stars...

The style and substance of the latest Jon Stanton thriller feels different. Maybe it's that Victor Methos focuses more on Stanton's relationship with his new partner, a female detective, or perhaps it's because Methos gives us a different type of antagonist (not a serial killer in this one)...whatever it is, this book felt different from those that came before. This is a good thing. Whereas the earlier books felt like they were inspired by Thomas Harris, this one feels more like a journey into George Pelecanos territory. Methos is a master of setting and I love that he has given us a couple of stories now that are set in Honolulu. For those of us who have never been there, the city jumps off the page. Well done, Methos! Please keep 'em coming!

This is, I believe, the 8th in Methos' Jon Stanton series. It was not perfect, it did not blow me away, but it was good enough to make me go back to read Stanton #1, WHITE ANGEL MURDER. WHITE

ANGEL was significantly better than RUN AWAY which I did not expect. While reading descriptions of grotesque, evil things done to people, I try to remember that Methos was/is a prosecuting attorney. His books are loosely based on his personal trial experiences. If you are a doubter of "pure evil", this series may dispel your doubts.

Mr. Methos builds characters to whom one can connect. They don't even need to be primary characters to make you able to get a strong sense of who they are. He does very well at keeping a focus on the story line and does not get caught up with unimportant details but is still able to keep the story rich with them. I will definitely continue to read his books because I have yet to be let down.

Read one of his Jon Stanton books and immediately ordered all the rest. This author, surpasses the likes of Patterson and others who need co-writers to be successful! Highly recommend ALL Mr Methos has written. Warning: Once you start one of his books you won't want to stop until the last page has been turned!!!!

I've read several of Victor Methos' Jon Stanton novels, and I've enjoyed them all, and this was no exception. Stanton is no Jack Reacher, but as a Honolulu PD Detective with a sixth sense about the criminal mind, he is without equal. He's a conflicted Detective with a strong religious belief and an insight into the criminal mind, certainly not the normal mix for your normal detective crime hero. This novel is replete with nefarious characters, violence beyond the norm, psychopathic characters, and warm descriptions of surf, sand and sunsets. I read it in one day, just as I have with a couple of Jon Stanton novels; they just flow. Read it now, you'll enjoy it as much as I did!

Richard Miller is a man married to a wife who flaunts her promiscuous behavior with open scorn for her husband. Can't divorce her without losing wealthy dad-in-laws money so hiring a killer seems like a good idea. Killers are regrettably stupid and greedy and have plans of their own. Any sympathy one might have had for Richard Miller at the outset soon dissipates. He's such a weak sister and coward that finding something to like is tough. Who will be victorious...the hirer or the hired? Well drawn characters, good dialogue. I think Methos is a fine writer. My problem is that while well-written, I had difficulty finding anyone to care about. And that matters to me.

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