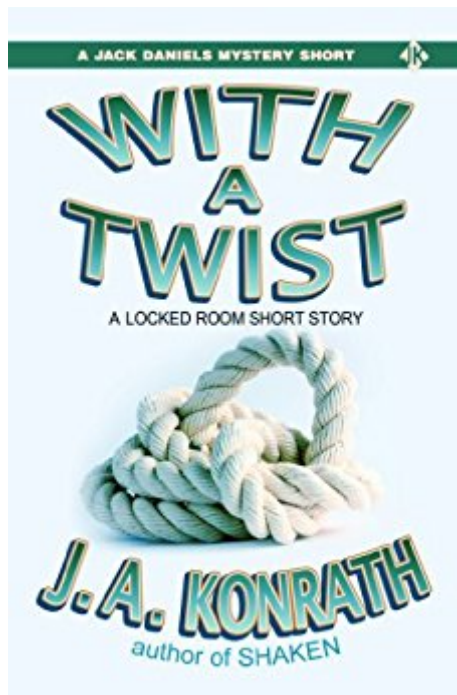


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With A Twist - A Lt. Jack Daniels Locked Room Mystery Short Story (Jacqueline "Jack" Daniels Mysteries)



Synopsis

This award winning 6000 word short story, originally published in Ellery Queen Mystery Magazine, features Konrath's stalwart Homicide cop Jacqueline "Jack" Daniels (Whiskey Sour, Shaken) in a puzzler of a mystery. A body is found in a man's living room, the doors all locked from the inside. The victim had apparently been dropped from a great height. How did he die? Who killed him? Daniels and her partner, Herb Benedict, follow a trail of ingenious clues to solve this classic whodunnit. Are you clever enough to solve it first?

About the Author Joe Konrath is the author of more than twenty novels and hundreds of short stories, written under the names J.A. Konrath (the Lt. Jacqueline "Jack" Daniels series), Jack Kilborn (Afraid, Trapped, Endurance, Draculas), and Joe Kimball (Timecaster.) Joe has a lot of names, apparently. He began self-publishing on Kindle in April, 2009. As of July, 2011, he's sold over 3500,000 ebooks. On his blog, A Newbie's Guide to Publishing, he has chronicled his writing journey.

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Customer Reviews

This is indeed a locked-room murder mystery with a twist. There's the usual gory mess, but it couldn't have happened there. Or could it? If you're a puzzle fan, and especially if you enjoy Golden

Age mysteries, you'll have fun with this. Watch out for the red herrings! :)

I've read several of J.A. Konrath's stories in his series about Lt. Jacqueline "Jack" Daniels of the Chicago Police Department, and they're always entertaining. "With a Twist" is no exception, and combining Jack Daniels' deadpan humor with a "locked room" mystery is a definite winner. Was Edward Wyatt the victim of a homicide, or was it a suicide? Either way, how could a person have possibly fallen no more than a few feet and suffered injuries consistent with a fall of at least fifty feet? There were tons of clues, but most of them were irrelevant. It was Daniels' job to sort out the real clues and determine what had happened. Conveniently, the dead man was trying to help her, if Daniels was smart enough to figure it out. A very cleverly plotted short story, and a nice addition to the locked room sub-genre of detective fiction.

This excellent short story is a perfect diversion for those in need of some cerebral stimulation vs a power nap. Well written, humorous and thought provoking, it will keep you guessing. Give it a shot...you'll be glad you did!

It was serendipitous that I had just finished reading John Dickson Carr's locked room classic 'The Three Coffins' (aka The Hollow Man) when I googled 'locked room mysteries' and this one came up. So I bought it. And in the book a character hides a clue in Carr's 'The Three Coffins'! Great read. Very inventive set up. Appropriately 'impossible'. My only qualm is that you need to read the resolution at least twice to get it. But that's a minor qualm as the more tricky the set-up, it goes without saying the resolve will be just as tricky. It's good to see the locked room is not a completely lost art. Konrath is one of a kind.

I'm always intrigued by locked-room mysteries. (Haven't solve one yet, and WITH A TWIST is no different. :-) Kudos to Jack Kilborn/J. A. Konrath for creating a clever story around a man who became a corpse by falling from a great height. The challenge for investigator Jack Daniels: How could such a fall end behind locked doors in the middle of the man's living room?

Fun read. I have read and enjoyed all of the Jack Daniels books. I especially enjoy reading a series that has a new plot, but developing characters. My biggest problem is in the editing. I hate errors that jump off the page to me and I wish I could take a red pen to my kindle. Nothing major, but a little distracting. That said, this is a fun book with an interesting mystery and characters that are

enjoyable.

At least, it should be described that way. Lt. Daniels and her partner, Herb, arrive on scene and hardly leave the premises until they have actually solved this one. They start with wondering how a man could have fallen to his death, from a great height, given the blood spatter and carpet fibers embedded in his face ... There is more, but describing it would definitely give it away. This is the first one of the Jack Daniels series I've read, and it's an excellent introduction, as I am already reading a novel-length offering from Kilborn. If you love mysteries, laced with some humor, you will certainly enjoy this one. -a.

I am not a huge fan of locked room mysteries or short stories in general, but this one was pretty good. It had enough clues that I was able to figure out bits of pieces of it, so it made it believable to me. There are parts of the two main characters that I did not like all that much. The side kick detective who was more interested in eating than anything else seemed like an old cop stereotype to me. One would think the author could have come up with something more unique. But, it was fun, so I gave it 4 stars. A freebie I got a few days ago.

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