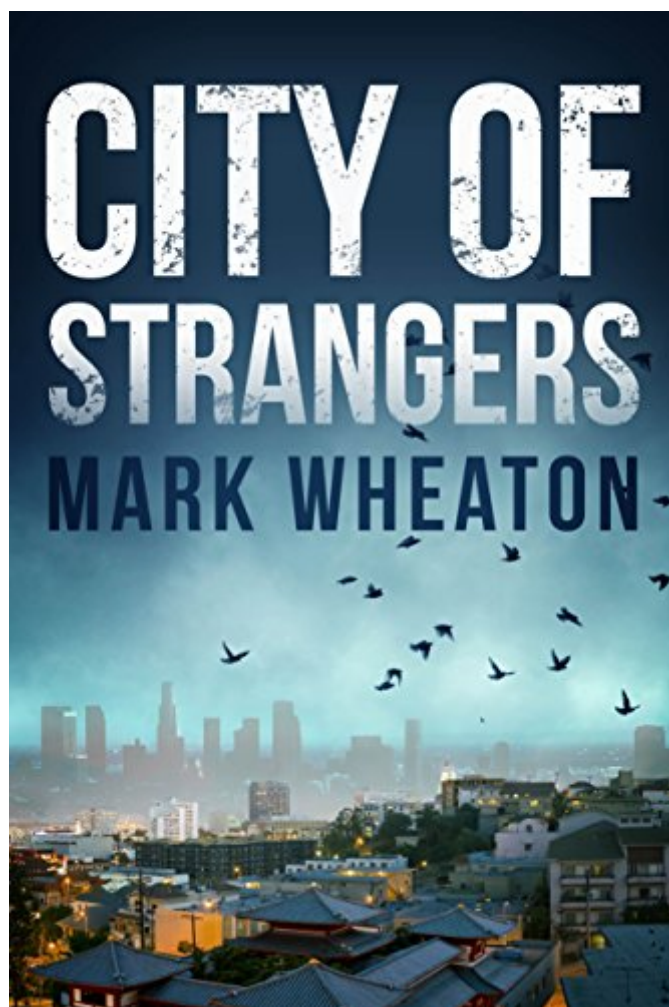


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When a priest is brutally gunned down in front of St. Jerome's Chinese-American Catholic Church, Father Luis Chavez is asked by the archdiocese to lead an inquiry. With the confessed killer already in custody, it looks like an open-and-shut case. That is, until Father Chavez digs deeper. As the killer's confession unravels, Father Chavez teams up with Deputy District Attorney Michael Story to get to the bottom of it. Together, they discover a conspiracy leading back to one of the world's oldest criminal organizations. But just as the team is about to break the case, a mysterious virus sweeps through Los Angeles, sending the city into a spiral of panic and Father Chavez into the heart of a mystery that could rock the City of Angels to its core.

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Angeles Deputy District Attorney Michael Story becomes involved and contacts with the Archdiocese. That leads to the Archbishop, currently in the Vatican, calling Father Chavez to ask him to liaise with the Michael Story. The storyline unfolds from here quite rapidly. The main story splits into three subplots. First was the murder of the priest in which Father Chavez plays a significant role. The second starts as a Chinese Triad scheme to smuggle well-connected Chinese women into the US to give birth. The third is an outbreak of severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) in Los Angeles. The author weaves these subplots very well into an entertaining and consistent story. The action is fast moving and kept my interest throughout the entire story. Often, I read well into the night when I should have been asleep. This is a major criterion for a high rating. The B-stories also were rich and entertaining. We, the readers, will gain more insight not only into Father Chavez, but also into other major characters as Deputy DA Story and Father Chavez's Pastor, Gregory Whillans. The author also provides excellent B-stories even behind the characters that most likely will be only in this book. All of this, the author intertwines with the subplots to enrich the story as a whole. Now, this is the second book, so can you read and enjoy this novel without reading the first novel.

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