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Things take a bizarre twist as Moe stumbles across a body in a trendy Manhattan apartment and the Hollow Girl suddenly re-emerges on video screens everywhere. It's a wild ride through the funhouse as Moe tries to piece together a case from the half-truths and lies told to him by a fool's parade of family members, washed-up showbiz types, uncaring cops, a doorman, and a lovesick PI. Even as the ticking clock gets louder, Moe is unsure if it's all a big hoax or if someone's life is really at stake. The question isn't whether or not Moe can find the Hollow Girl, but whether the Hollow Girl was ever there at all.

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Editorial Review

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Starred Review After an ugly bout with cancer and the death of his girlfriend, Moe Prager (Onion Street, 2013) makes herculean efforts to drown himself in booze until a gut-twanging mystery lures him back to reality. Nancy Lustig, an unforgettable woman from his first case, begs Moe to find her missing daughter, Sloane Cantor. Sloane achieved fame years ago as the Hollow Girl when she launched a fabricated online video diary, ending in a faked suicide that caused mass chaos as enraptured viewers clogged 911 lines nationwide. Right after Moe starts poking around, the bodies of two of Sloane's "friends" turn up, casting doubt on theories that Sloane may simply be taking a secret vacation. Then Sloane begins leaving messages for Nancy claiming she's okay just as a new version of Hollow Girl launches online. Sloane is shown bound and battered, but viewers are warned not to intervene in the "performance." Moe's gut tells him she's in danger instead of in character, and he begins one of his trademark determined but outwardly meandering searches. This is Moe's final hunt, and he's going to leave behind a slew of grieving fans, but his story is wrapped up perfectly here, filled with raw social commentary, nostalgia, and guarded hopefulness. Expect those attracted to *The Hollow Girl* by the reality entertainment elements to be hooked by Coleman's airtight writing in this literary heavyweight PI series. --Christine Tran

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"Coleman's solid ninth Moe Prager novel ... this entry will resonate even with newcomers by dint of Prager's eloquently expressed bleak worldview." --*Publishers Weekly*

"Coleman gives Moe an absorbing send-off in this hard-boiled series finale.... Fans of literary mysteries...will devour this book." --*Library Journal*

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"It's nice to report that Moe...is poised to escape his past at the end of this one.... Revelations...wind up this atmospheric, bluesy case." --*Kirkus Reviews*

"*The Hollow Girl*...the final Moe Prager mystery...is a fitting conclusion to this intelligent, literary series by a fine writer who has made his reputation both as a mystery writer and a poet." --The Associated Press

"Coleman's writing is among the best. His dark probings are...profound." --*Ellery Queen Mystery Magazine*

About the Author

Reed Farrel Coleman is a *New York Times* bestselling author that has been called a "hard-boiled poet" by NPR's Maureen Corrigan and the "noir poet laureate" in *The Huffington Post*. He has published more than twenty-five previous novels, including novels in Robert Parker's Jesse Stone series, the critically acclaimed Moe Prager series, and the Gus Murphy series. A three-time winner of the Shamus Award, he has also won the Anthony, Macavity, Barry, and Audie Awards. He lives with his family on Long Island.

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