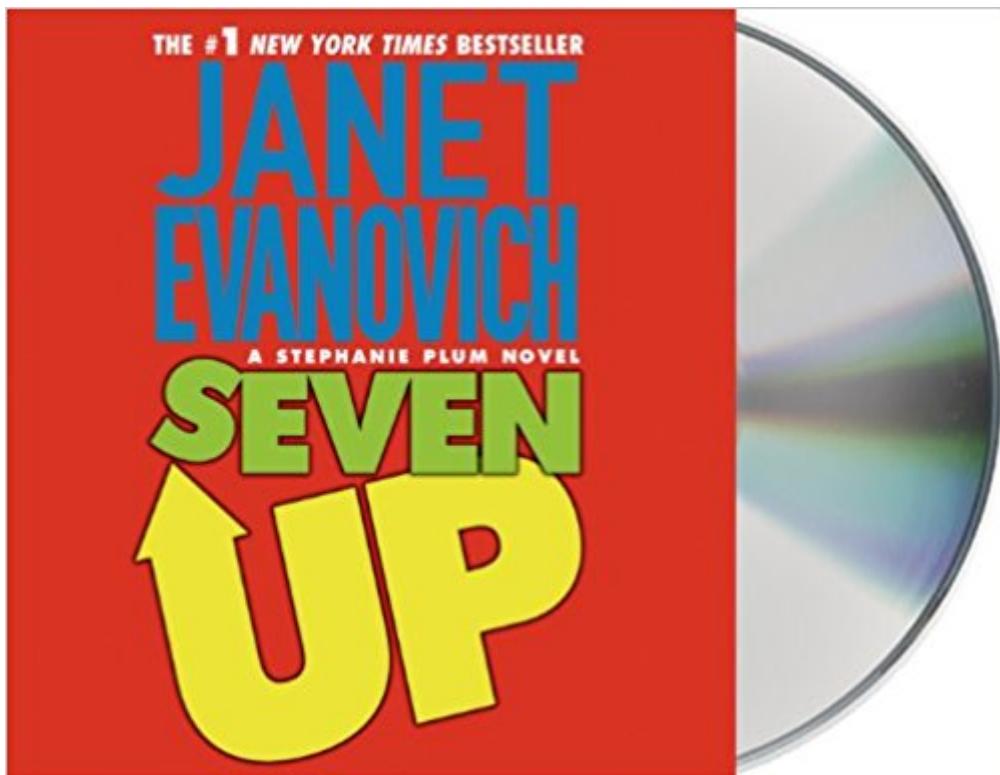


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Synopsis

Semiretired mob guy Eddie DeCooch is caught trafficking contraband cigarettes through Trenton, New Jersey. When DeCooch fails to show for a court appearance, bond enforcement agent Stephanie Plum is assigned the task of finding him and dragging his decrepit ass back to jail. Not such an easy job, it turns out, since DeCooch has learned a lot of tricks over the years and isn't afraid to use his gun. He's already shot Loretta Ricci, an innocent old lady, and left her for worm food in his shed. He wouldn't mind shooting Stephanie next. Likeable losers (and Steph's former high school classmates) Walter "MoonMan" Dunphy and Dougie "The Dealer" Kruper have inadvertently become involved with DeCooch. They've gotten sucked into an operation that is much more than simple cigarette smuggling and holds risks far greater than anyone could have imagined. When Dougie disappears, Steph goes into search mode. When Mooner disappears, she calls in the heavy artillery and asks master bounty hunter Ranger for help. Ranger's price for the job? One night with Stephanie, dusk to dawn. Not information she's want to share with her sometime live-in roommate, vice cop Joe Morelli. A typical dilemma in the world of Plum. And on the homefront, Stephanie's "perfect" sister, Valerie, has decided to move back to Trenton, bringing her two kids from hell with her. Grandma Mazur is asking questions about being a lesbian, and Bob, the bulimic dog, is eating everything in sight--including the furniture. Mud wrestling, motorcycles, fast cars, fast food, and fast men. It's Seven Up. Absolutely Janet Evanovich at her very best.

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Customer Reviews

Bounty hunter Stephanie Plum's got a lot on her mind. How does cigarette smuggler Eddie DeChooch, a fugitive so geriatric that even the hot-to-trot Grandma Mazur won't go out with him a third time, keep giving her the slip? How did a woman who died of a heart attack end up in DeChooch's garden shed with five bullet holes in her chest? Who stole a rump roast from Dougie and Mooner, the two lovable potheads who have decided to be crime fighters in Spandex bodysuits? Can Stephanie's perfect sister Valerie make it as a lesbian single mother without driving her family crazy? And--oh yeah--what should Stephanie do about that damn wedding dress on hold at Tina's Bridal Shoppe, waiting for her to decide whether vice cop Joe Morelli's really the one for her? I did look good in the gown. I looked like Scarlett O' Hara getting ready for a big wedding at Tara. I moved around a little to simulate dancing. "Jump up and down so we can see how it'll look when you do the bunny hop," Grandma said. "It's pretty but I don't want a gown," I said. "I can order one in her size at no obligation," Tina said. "No obligation," Grandma said. "You can't beat that." "As long as there's no obligation," my mother said. I needed chocolate. A lot of chocolate. "Oh gee," I said, "look at the time. I need to go." To complicate matters further, Stephanie's made a reluctant deal with the devil: if she can't bring in DeChooch by herself, her sexy but dangerous cohort Ranger is willing to help--for a price that a girl who's not-exactly-engaged is uncertain whether she should pay. But when Dougie and Mooner disappear, Grandma is kidnapped, and a crazy widow starts taking pot shots, no one who hides her .38 in a cookie jar is going to turn down a little friendly assistance. In *Seven Up*, Janet Evanovich serves up her usual bubbly fare: a totaled car, raucous viewings at Stiva's Funeral Parlor, buffoonish bad guys, and down-and-dirty mud wrestling, all stirred up with some snappy Jersey repartee and a few tart, new twists that will keep her fans impatient. Heaven can't wait for number eight. --Barrie Trinkle --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

It's always a treat to go out on a case with Stephanie Plum, the sassy, adventurous, but not always successful Trenton, N.J., bounty hunter. In her seventh outing (after 2000's *Hot Six*), Stephanie's employer, her bailbondsman cousin, Vinnie, gives her an easy job: pick up vicious senior citizen Eddie DeChooch, who is constantly sighted racing around Trenton in a borrowed white Cadillac, but whom no one can grab. The usual characters inhabit the novel: Steph's former high school buddies, the zonked-out Dougie and Mooner; and Evanovich's best creation, feisty Grandma Mazur. Stephanie's much-resented sister Valerie returns from California with her two daughters, her "perfect" marriage ended, and moves in with her parents, to their dismay. At times the plot meanders: Stephanie and pal Lula spend too much time running from house to house in the inbred

Burg neighborhood, while two semi-retired crooks looking for DeCooch keep breaking into her apartment for little reason. All in all this is another zesty Evanovich read, but one that doesn't quite hit the high marks of her last two. Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Number 7 in this now huge series had me laughing harder than the first six put together. Toward the end the humor eases off and the seriousness of the plot takes center stage. Stephanie is chasing one of Grandma's old dates, and possesses "too much information" on him. Dougie, a friend, disappears. Then Moonie, from the last book, disappears. Finally, Grandma Mazur is kidnapped, all because the bail jumper thinks Stephanie possesses the heart of a dead man that must be returned to the body it was stolen from. Confused? Don't miss this installment of the Stephanie Plum Novels!

Stephanie Plum is the most fascinating bounty hunter. I love her family, her love life, her hamster, Bob the dog and all the problems that arise when she tries to find her "man"! I have never seen such confusion in her life and her , but she usually gets her "man" by herself, with Lula's (a "ho" that Stephanie rescued) "help" or with the help of another bounty hunter that has been her mentor. I cannot put these books down, when I finish one, I order the next one on my Kindle.

After watching the movie- One for the Road- I became interested in the books Janet Evanovich wrote. They are very entertaining, very funny (and it takes a lot to make me laugh out loud) and with a good mystery thrown in. I am on book number Seventeen now. Some of the books are reviewing a little of the previous books, but still they are really good. I am a James Patterson fan, but have found these books to be a real good read. They are a easy, fast read with a touch of humor just in the right spot. You will really enjoy these books. I did!!

I loved this book. The Stephanie Plum character is hilarious. It is hard to make me laugh that hard but this book truly does. Plum is a bounty hunter from the burg who works for her cousin Vinnie. He owns a bail bonds in Trenton New Jersey. Word gets around that a seventy year old retired mobster by the name of Eddie DeCooch can out run her even though he has cataracts, loss of hearing and a bad prostate. It is Plums job to bring him in to set a new court date since he skipped his first one. His charge is trafficking contraband cigarettes. Not such an easy job, it turns out, since DeCooch has learned a lot of tricks over the years and isn't afraid to use his gun. Although, because he is pretty blind from his cataracts the bullets fly in crazy directions. Plum finds a dead woman in

DeCooch's shed when she tries to track him down. She also has two friends from high school that are stoned most of the time and Mooner's brain is pretty fried from the drugs. Plum learns one of her friends Doogie is missing and is somehow connected to DeCooch. All the twists and turns makes this book well worth the reading.

As someone else mentioned in a review, "entertaining, lighthearted, fun". I get a real kick out of this series, especially with all of the darker serious material I read.

Love all the characters and description of them. makes believe you actually know them...Janet Evanovich is a gifted writer ...I love her gift of writing she gives to the world.

I enjoy the lighthearted books written by Evanovich, have read most all of them and would recommend to anyone for light reading, entertaining.

As always it's a hit. Janet Evanovich is one of my favorite authors. I've. Stated before in other Stephanie Plum series that I've read this series many times before and will probably read them again.

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