

Booklist Review: Double Dead A Refreshing Read

Huntersville, NC - *Double Dead*, the debut [murder mystery](#) by Terry Hoover that will be published by Gale/Five Star in January 2007, has been called a refreshing return to the [traditional mystery](#) by the American Library Association's December 15 issue of *Booklist*.

"A woman is dead, seemingly beaten by her big-shot lover, who is now up on a murder charge. PI Steve Harlan is hired by the big shot's defense team and quickly begins to doubt his client's innocence," writes *Booklist* reviewer David Pitt.

"This is the first of a projected series, and it looks like a good one. It's set in Charlotte in the early 1960s, and every detail, from bomb-shelters to Yo-Yos, rings absolutely true. The author, a Charlotte native, brings the locale to life, and it's refreshing to read a traditional private-eye yarn unencumbered by cell phones, laptops and the Internet. A welcome return to the days when legwork meant actually using your legs," Pitt continues.

This review follows on the heels of advance praise from award-winning mystery authors Charles Todd, Judy Clemens and Cathy Pickens.

Five Star Publishing – an imprint of Thomson Gale - publishes about 150 books per year in the mystery, western and romance genres. It focuses on the library market, where more than half of its books are sold on standing order.

Double Dead, a finalist in the Malice Domestic St. Martin's Press contest for Best First Traditional Mystery, is the first book in the Steve Harlan series. Terry Hoover, a native of Charlotte, NC, where *Double Dead* is set, now lives just outside the city, with her husband, a public relations consultant. Hoover can be found online at www.hoovermysteries.com.

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