

**Sample Reviews of “Conspirators of Revenge”—posted at [www.barnesandnoble.com](http://www.barnesandnoble.com) [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) or personal letters to the author.**

**2-3-06**

**“Murder, romance, betrayal, forensics. This newly released novel entitled “Conspirators of revenge” artfully weaves those themes though 466 pages of pure page-turning pleasure, not to mention more twists and turns than a 100 foot garden hose.” Emily Jones, A Review—Starkville Daily News, Starkville, Ms.**

**1-6-06**

**“Revenge, while not one of the seven deadly sins, is as old as time and transcends all walks of life. The author has aptly described, through the characters in his novel the self-consuming and destructive nature of this sin in his writing. “Conspirators of Revenge” is an exceptional work of art. The sin of revenge is especially deadly for those individuals in the criminal justice system, if authority is abused as pointed out in this novel.” Laddie Huffman, Sheriff, Clay County, Ms.**

**1-20-06**

**“Pat Benton of Hammond, Louisiana sent us a copy of “Conspirators of Revenge”. All I can say is WOW! What a book. What a story. Why aren’t you at the top of the best sellers list--in my opinion, your book tops several of the authors who write in this genre. As a thriller, this book is a “must read” and “page turner”. Mary O’Flaherty, consultant for California University, Northridge.**

**11-23-05**

**“Samuel Johnson said “Revenge is an act of passion” and this intriguing debut novel of multiple homicides and power paints a disturbing portrait of human frailties. The unforgettable characters are subtle and**

complicated weaving a web of insidious treachery on numerous levels. Beautiful studied prose interlaced with real locations and events, appropriate biblical quotes and poetry make for compelling reading. This new Southern writer has shown the social make-up of life in the South in an engaging way. He should have a bright literary future." Mary S. Wilson Florence, Italy

11-05-05

**Conspirators of Revenge** was a very enjoyable novel for many reasons. There is nothing better to me than a good murder mystery and this book is one of the best! From beginning to end I was anxious and kept in suspense until the last chapter. Also the material was never boring for the many characters kept your interest & concentration. It was clearly understood that this author gave **Conspirators of Revenge** lots of thought and imagination. I highly recommend this to all who love a great mystery & excitement! Louise Hebron, R.N., Indianola, Iowa

The engrossing plot has more twists and turns than a foot path up the side of a mountain. His character portrayals are especially insightful, encouraging the reader to "dig" even deeper into each individual psyche with hope there will be personal revelation as a result.

"**Conspirators of Revenge**" is a memorable reading experience.

My thought on finishing Mr. Portera's engaging novel was when I would have the pleasure of reading his next one." Patricia Benton, Hammond, Louisiana

11-4-05

9. What a great read! This book draws you in from the first chapter and then it is a roller coaster ride to the end. Is Frankie a reformed soul or a clever psychopath? This is one of those books where you want to get to the end, but you don't want to be finished. Can't wait for the next one! Liz Williams, Memphis, Tn.

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10-12-05

1. " This murder mystery/psychological thriller is a roller coaster ride which will tantalize all your senses and leave you dizzy with highly charged emotions. You will love Frankie Laursen or you will hate him, but remember there is a fine line between love and hate. And the Justice System is not always "just". There is brilliance, violence and lessons to be learned regarding the human heart. Oh, what a tangled web the Conspirators of Revenge weaves. And add to that the nostalgia of going back to the 70's in my home town of Memphis, Tennessee.....A MUST READ for anyone who loves a good murder mystery/psychological thriller combination!" This new southern author does for this genre what Grisham has done for courtroom drama. Virginia Hattaway, lifelong resident of Memphis and avid reader.