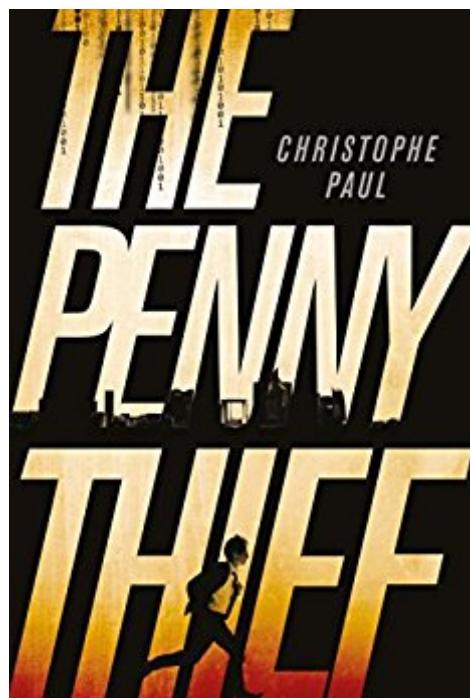


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Synopsis

Henri Pichon is in a coma after a chance accident. His boss's son-in-law, Pierre-Gabriel, takes over for him in the IT department of a major French bank, where he makes a very interesting discovery: for the past twenty years, Henri's been running a program that has been quietly transferring a fortune to hidden accounts, cent by cent. Now Pierre-Gabriel will do anything to find the accounts and claim the money for himself. Tash, Pierre-Gabriel's wife, is devastated upon learning of Henri's accident - she has never forgotten their love affair fifteen years ago, and even though she is married, for her Henri has always been the one who got away. If Henri recovers, he'll find a dangerous game awaiting him - and he'll have to play it well if he wants to keep the money and win back the woman he loves. Revised edition: This edition of *The Penny Thief* includes editorial revisions.

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Customer Reviews

I like thriller but I hadn't read this kind of thriller; nobody is murdered or kidnapped at the beginning. I'm not familiar with financial issues so I was worried that I might not enjoy it before starting to read, but it was much more interesting than I expected. It was nicely varied and never bored me. I was

into it so much that I hated one of the characters from the bottom of my heart while I was reading it. Unfortunately, the ending was not my taste. I don't mean it was a terrible ending as a novel. It was ok, but it was simply not my taste. One thing that annoyed me about this book was that it has some annotations. It distrusted the rhythm of the sentences when I read it. But all in all, it was a very entertaining novel. I liked it.

Classic story premise of greed, but I was expecting more of an explanation for why. Even if it was just for the money you would expect more substance regarding the actions. How/When/Why it began, and to what end. Also, at times it felt like maybe the book was written in French and translated into English, some awkward passages. Finally, was really annoyed by the utter uselessness of the detectives and investigators, seems like a lot of the incidents could have prevented fairly easily.

It is an OK book, nothing more. The twists the plot takes make you wonder "oh really" - not because they were unexpected but because they were getting ridiculous. Characters lack history. I didn't like the fact that narration "jumped" back and forth in time - every chapter was starting as in "current" time, but they was getting back at couple of days before, closing the "gap" with where the previous chapter ended.

This novel is an amusingly fast paced and enjoyable tale of duplicity and greed confronting honest love and generosity with a thoroughly satisfying "good guys" victory at the end. Tash and Henri's happy ever after ending will leave cynics chortling at their victory over those greedy, self-centered souls who attempt to deprive them of their rewards. Fluff well worth racing through.

Very easy reading and hard to put down. Plot had a few twists. As other reviewers have pointed out it is about greed and how it doesn't pay. Description of the characters are good, the action is fast paced and the ending surprising.

Fascinating plot, but too many characters with similar names made following it a bit confusing. Overall it is an original story and good read.

Very good and entertaining book!! You get into the action immediately as the book starts and it's hard to put it down once you've started it. I recommend it to anyone who likes a good thriller. Plus it

happens in Paris and who doesn't dream of Paris!!!

The book's characters are well developed. The sequence of scenes smooth. The book holds your interest. A great read for anyone.

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