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LA Requiem

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LA Requiem is Robert Crais's eighth Elvis Cole novel. Here, Crais combines the LA Private Eye novel with the LA Police Procedural and produces a big league work. Crais also provides plenty of background on Joe Pike, Cole's shadowy sidekick.

When former gang-banger turned tortilla magnate Frank Garcia's daughter goes missing, the LAPD shows little interest. However, the daughter's former boyfriend just happens to be Joe Pike, ex-LAPD, and partner to serial PI Elvis Cole. Frank Garcia calls on Joe Pike for help because the LAPD seems to be dragging its feet. Things get interesting when the daughter turns up dead - interesting enough for the LAPD's Hollywood division to be pulled off the case, and interesting enough for the Robbery-Homicide division to take over, and for the FBI to become involved.

Joe Pike and Elvis Cole are tested to the limit in Crais's latest work. Cole's relationship with Lucy Chenier is also developed and tested as she is caught up in the case. *LA Requiem* is a big novel, and Crais is a big hitter.

Pedant's Corner: Of the thirty-odd proofing errors I spotted in my review copy, the most serious is probably the use of 'Frank Garcia' instead of 'Edward Degee' on page 211.

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