

# Looking For A Second Chance

## Book Review of "A Second Chance"

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**John Paul Carinci** has written a novel about the Mafia taking out insurance policies on the victims of their hit men. Now he is back with a slightly different suspense novel. This one features two brothers from New York who go to Ireland to investigate the kidnapping of a man and his young daughter. The title of his new novel is *A Second Chance* and was published by Writer's Advantage, an imprint of iUniverse.

Joe Luanturco and his brother Frank have had a career change. After a heart attack, Frank is looking to do something different in his life. Joe is looking for an adventure, or at least something different from his dead end job. An uncle of theirs loans them money to start a private investigation firm. The brothers start out slow with a few tailing jobs that end up with finding sad things out for their clients.

Now the brothers have an all-new case. Thomas Sullivan and his daughter Tiffany are over in Ireland. They seemed to have been kidnapped. Thomas' mother hires Joe and Frank to go over to Ireland and find her son and granddaughter.

What the guys encounter when getting to Ireland is a culture that is a lot different than their own. The Irish have small cars and like to drink a lot. Some of them are really friendly and others not so. Joe and Frank find a quick friend in a young man named Shamus who helps them in their quest to find Thomas and Tiffany.

Another person involved in the case is a psychic back in the U.S. She seems to be having visions about where Tiffany and her father are being held. Joe and Frank rely on her visions to help them with clues to the kidnappers. There is also a young woman named Gerty who is special to Shamus and becomes invaluable to both Joe and Frank.

The novel has some humorous moments in amongst the drama. There is not a lot of sex and violence in the book. We read about the guys getting shot at and having a fight with someone involved with the kidnappers. Frank is happily married and Joe has a serious girlfriend, so there isn't any bed hopping to be found here. As a matter of fact, the guys try to call home often to speak to their loved ones.

*A Second Chance* was not too bad for a detective novel. Joe and Frank are definitely out of their element when coming to the Emerald Isle. They aren't the world's best investigators, nor are they great adventurers. But the two brothers really want to succeed and get Thomas and Tiffany back safe and sound.

*A Second Chance* is an easy read and an entertaining mystery. Having to rely on information from a psychic is not investigative traits I would consider an asset, but it works good as a plot device here.

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