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### **“The Hunter” by John Lescroart. 2012, Penguin Group. 386 pages, \$26.95.**

Wyatt Hunt, a private investigator, has probed many matters for other people, but one day he becomes embroiled in a personal pursuit when he gets an anonymous text. His biggest worry up till now is hiring another investigator. Then he reads the text, “How did your mother die?” He takes on this previously unsolved murder case with a passion for finding the truth. Hunt was adopted and never knew any of his past. The trail uncovers information that his biological father was tried but not convicted of his birth mother's death. Social Services proves to be a dead end except for the allegation of suspected child neglect. He can't locate his father or his mother's friend to obtain more information. The action accelerates rapidly and Lescroart is a master at keeping you up late reading. Lescroart has previously written 22 novels including “Damage,” “Treasure Hunt,” and “A Certain Justice.”

### **“The Innocent” by Taylor Stevens. Crown Publishers, 2011. 331 pages, \$24.00.**

Stevens first book, “The Informationist” became an instant bestseller after seven years of intense effort which is quite remarkable if you know the biographical information of the writer. This second release has received starred reviews from many library journals and hits pretty close to the author's life as a child living communally in several different countries as part of a world cult. Steven's main character Vanessa Munroe has been compared to Stieg Larsson's literary character Lisbeth Salander in terms of being a strong take charge female heroine. Hannah, a five-year-old, is kidnapped from school by a cult called The Chosen and smuggled to Mexico. Lost to her family, no one knows where Hannah is or how to find her – until the survivors (escapees) of the cult start looking for her. These survivors call on street smart and savvy Vanessa Munroe to infiltrate the cult and free Hannah who is now 13 years old. Suspense builds as Stevens moves the action along in this well written thriller. After breaking free of the real life cult in her twenties, Taylor now tries to live a normal life in Texas.

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