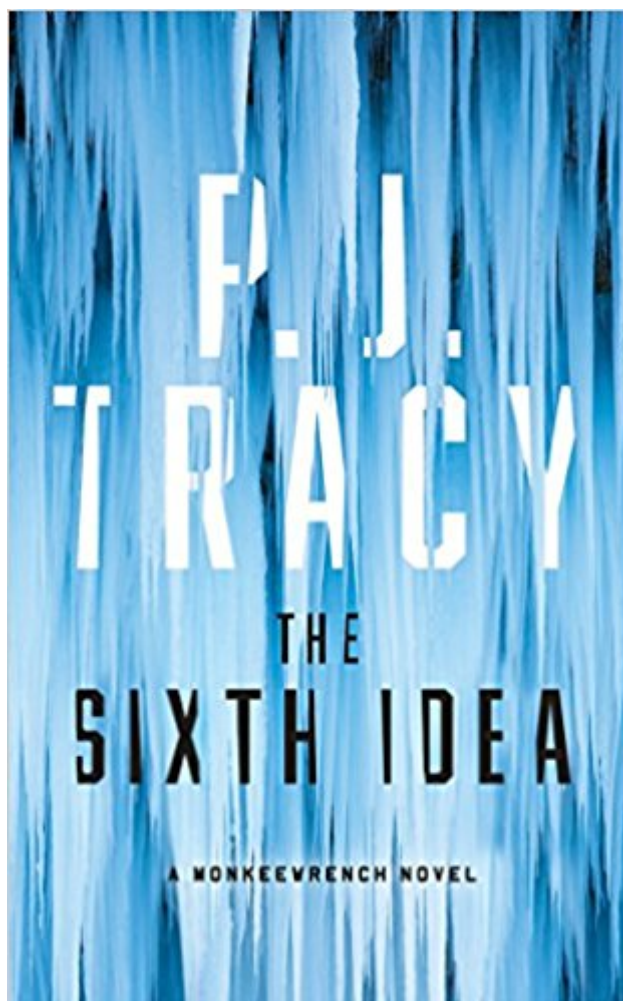


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The Sixth Idea (Monkeewrench Series)



Synopsis

The Monkeewrench crew returns in a twisty, heart-stopping new thriller. The peaceful Christmas season in Minneapolis is shattered when two friends, Chuck Spencer and Wally Luntz, scheduled to meet in person for the first time, are murdered on the same night, two hours and several miles apart, dramatically concluding winter vacation for homicide detectives Leo Magozzi and Gino Rolseth. An hour north of Minneapolis, Lydia Ascher comes home to find two dead men in her basement. When Leo and Gino discover her connection to their current cases, they suspect that she is a target, too. The same day, an elderly, terminally ill man is kidnapped from his home, an Alzheimer's patient goes missing from his care facility, and a baffling link among all the crimes emerges. This series of inexplicable events sends the detectives sixty years into the past to search for answers and straight to Grace MacBride's Monkeewrench, a group of eccentric computer geniuses who devote their time and resources to helping the cops solve the unsolvable. What they find is an unimaginable horror—a dormant Armageddon that might be activated at any moment unless Grace and her partners Annie, Roadrunner, and Harley Davidson, along with Leo and Gino, can find a way to stop it.

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Praise for The Sixth Idea “A solid series that combines lighthearted characters and storytelling with serious mysteries.” —Booklist “Entertaining” —The Monkeewrench gang need all their various skills to track other descendants, protect Lydia, uncover

a clever conspiracy, and help end the carnage in this successful mix of detection and thriller. — Publishers Weekly From the Hardcover edition. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

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The Monkeywrench crew is led by Grace MacBride and her team of computer hackers, Roadrunner, Harley, and Annie. All of them are rather quirky and highly likeable. Their individuality is what makes them so appealing. They are usually called upon by detectives Leo Magozzi and Gino Rolseth to help solve crimes that call for their particular brand of genius. In this instance what looks to be a double homicide turns into a possible Armageddon as the team looks to stop a diabolical plot designed to turn the United States into a third world country. I don't know how the author comes up with the plots but each one is unique and keeps you turning the pages. The team dynamics really add to the story as does the relationship between the detectives and Monkeywrench. A few times they've called in the FBI for help. I also like the Minnesota setting because there is usually snow and cold temperatures involved making their case more difficult to follow. I breezed through this in a couple of hours. Just didn't want to put it down. A solid winner for me.

I have really enjoyed this series. Best if read in order. I am always amazed at the complex storylines. The characters are like old friends and I have enjoyed watching them grow. This was a fast intense story and it was hard to set it down. Some surprises which were great. I hope there will be more, but I am happy with the way this one ended. The whole premise of this story was really out there, but an interesting and frightening idea.

Monkeywrench (Grace, Harley, Annie and Roadrunner) are working on a case that involves several murders, a kidnapping, a damsel in distress, the FBI, and a threat to the world based upon research into the Atomic bomb lost since the 40s. Who is behind these attacks on the descendants of those who worked on developing the bomb. Is it the Russians? or our own government? The team allows their sanctuary to be breached in order to save a life. On a more personal front, the relationship between Grace and Magozzi takes on a new dimension.

The Monkeewrench series has been one of my favorites but I was afraid the stories had ended since it had been a few years since the last one. The mom-daughter duo have outdone themselves this time - excellent story line, characters, danger and intrigue! It is best to read the series in order to learn about the Monkeewrench team back story - very interesting history! Loved the plot this time out and the weather made me glad to live in California :) Keep up the good work and let us have more please!

I'm very pleased with the return of the Monkeewrench crew. They were away too long. As usual the characters were fun and the plot engaging. The story involved Leo and Geno more than the others. The relationship between Leo and Grace evolved, however it could have had more interaction and conversation between the two.

This is a story that involves an interesting but unlikely to be possible plan to keep the world safe. The bad is that it seems to be drawn out too much. If you are computer literate you may have to suspend a bit of belief but if not then all seems possible and frightening. You will be kept in suspense to determine the villain and the plan. Even if you cannot quite accept the premise you will likely be enthralled and keep reading.

I have read all the Monkeewrench novels with great enjoyment. Until now I had thought that the books could not surpass the intensity of the first book. However this one is fantastic. All our old friends are back and at the top of their game. Caution - do not read this book without having read the first book, Monkeewrench. This book could probably stand alone, but there is no reason you should deny yourself the pleasure of the earlier books.

I love the Monkeewrench series, and it was nice to revisit the characters. The plot itself wasn't very unique, but I liked how it traced from person to another. Looking forward to the next book.

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