

JOHN SAUL'S: *Perfect Nightmare*

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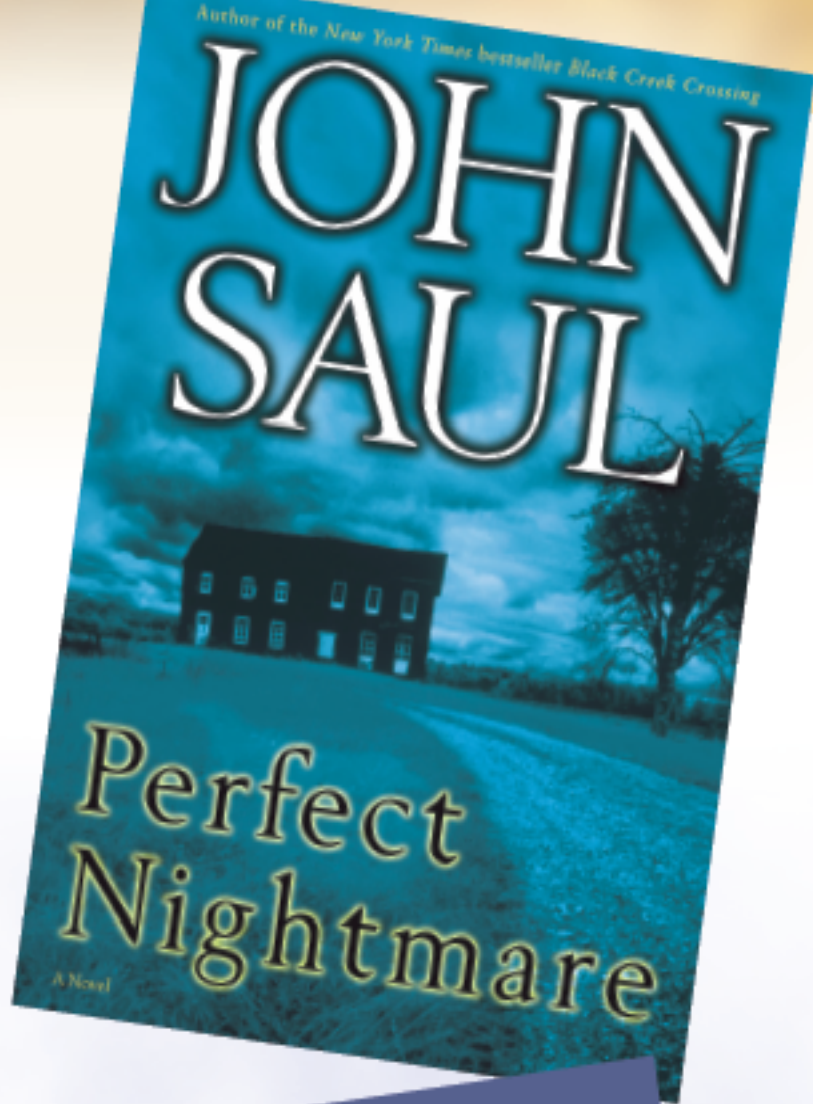
You'll want to make a trip to your nearest bookstore because best-selling author and Marathon coach owner, John Saul, has recently had his 32nd novel, *Perfect Nightmare*, published by Ballantine Books.

"I'm very excited about this book," John said. "I just met a friend of mine on the beach out here in Hawaii and when I told him the storyline of the book, he said, 'you finally wrote that book.' I was puzzled by his response, but he reminded me that I had told him the basic idea more than 10 years ago! Suddenly I remembered that *Perfect Nightmare* has been percolating inside my head for a very long time! And now it's finally out there for you to read!"

The book has received rave reviews as another great John Saul thriller. If you would prefer listening to the book while you travel, Brilliance Audio has released the CD audio version. When you purchase the CD, you also receive an MP3 version of the book. Check out Brilliance on the Internet at www.brillianceaudio.com. You can also download the book at Microsoft Entertainment, the Audio Book Club and at the Larry King Audio Club on-line.

Suffer the Children, John's 1st novel published in 1977, was an immediate million-copy seller. He is also the author of the *New York Times* best-selling serial thriller, *The Blackstone Chronicles*, initially pub-

lished in six installments but now available in one complete volume. John divides his time between Seattle, Washington, Hawaii and his bus. You can join John Saul's fan club or the discussion board forum for *Perfect Nightmare* on-line at www.johnsaul.com.



His other best-selling suspense novels include *Black Creek Crossing*, *Midnight Voices*, *The Manhattan Hunt Club*, *Nightshade*, *The Right Hand of Evil*, *The Presence*, *Black Lightning*, *Guardian*, and *The Homing*.

You will find a description of the story on page 13 of this *Maratime* to whet your appetite. We know you'll enjoy John Saul's latest masterpiece.

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Perfect Nightmare

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If you open your house to strangers, who knows who might come in? And what they might be after? Or whom. Now, ponder the unthinkable, and surrender to your darkest dread, as sinister storyteller extraordinaire John Saul weaves a heart-stopping tale of lurking terror and twisted intent.

Every parent's nightmare becomes a horrifying reality for Kara Marshall when her daughter, Lindsay, vanishes from her

bedroom during the night. The police suspect that the girl is just another moody teenage runaway, angry over leaving her school and friends because her family is moving. But Lindsay's recent eerie claim—that someone invaded her room when the house was opened to prospective buyers—drives Kara to fear the worst: a nameless, faceless stalker has walked the halls of her home in search of more than a place to live.

Patrick Shields recognizes Kara's pain—and carries plenty of his own since he lost his wife and two children in a devastating house fire. But more than

grief draws Patrick and Kara together. He, too, senses the hand of a malevolent stranger in this tragedy. And as more people go missing from houses up for sale, Patrick's suspicion, like Kara's, blooms into horrified certainty.

Someone is trolling this peaceful community—undetected and undeterred—harvesting victims for a purpose no sane mind can fathom. Someone Kara and Patrick, alone and desperate, are determined to unmask. Someone who is even now watching, plotting, keeping a demented diary of unspeakable deeds . . . and waiting until the time is ripe for another fateful visit. •