

Summer Reading

By Suzy Hopkins

Sometimes you connect with an author like you've known her all your life. Sue Grafton was recommended so I picked up *O is for Outlaw* at the Denver Public Library.

Wow! I was hooked.

These mystery/detective novels are beautifully written, the plots are repeatedly complex but not overly so. The heroine, private detective Kinsey Millhone, a former cop, is smart, tough, not above snooping for the case or picking locks. Her detailed descriptions of scenes and people are fascinating and help immensely to set the changing moods. There is unexpected humor throughout. Right to the last page you can't be sure you know what is happening.

After the last page is 'Epilogue' which I find a charming addition because I always want to know what happened next.

I started over at *A is for Alibi* which you should attempt to do, to get the whole picture. Some incidents are mentioned in future books that will be unclear.

The books go all the way to *Y is for Yesterday*. Have fun. I know you will.