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That face, "Vacationing at Mt. Rushmore," Verne Claybrick, his wife, and two teenagers were all struck stone cold by a face, but not by one carved in the side of the mountain. It was the face of a woman who was supposed to be dead—a woman they thought murdered Verne's father—but unmistakably, there she was, not four feet away from them, and very much alive.

The woman was known to them as Hilda Grant. She was the recent widow of Bill Claybrick, Verne's father, who had died suddenly, about nine months earlier. According to Hilda, who claimed to be a registered nurse, Bill had died of a heart attack. Verne was suspicious, knowing that his father had been in great health.

Verne's subsequent visit to the mobile home where his father had died furthered his claims to prove to the authorities near Winter Haven, Florida, that Hilda was, in fact, somehow responsible for the murder. Just three months later, the police informed Verne that his stepmother, Hilda, had also died of an apparent heart attack. It was all too bizarre and coincidental for Verne.

As it all turned out, Claybrick's murder was only the beginning. *Post Mortem* tells the story of Mac's hunt for the truth, which takes him to Florida and the discovery of four other murders—all former U.S. mail carriers. This story takes a fascinating look at the motives behind a serial killer's ten-year reign of terror which spans from New York to San Francisco.



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