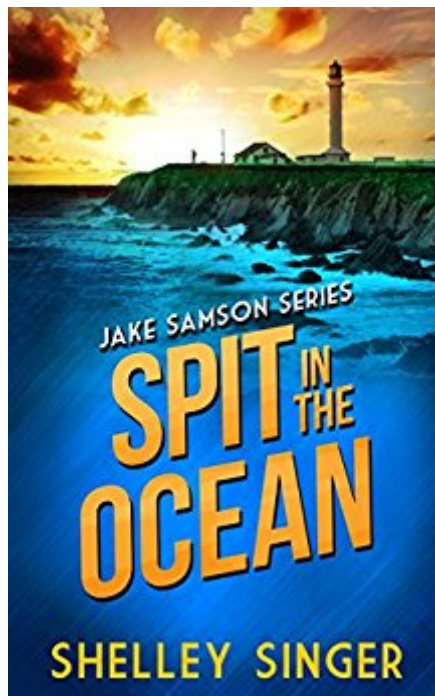


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# Spit In The Ocean: A Laid-Back Bay Area Mystery (The Jake Samson & Rosie Vicente Detective Series Book 4)



## Synopsis

Spit In The Ocean: The Jake Samson Series Book 4 Spit In The Ocean is the **FOURTH** hard-boiled but *wonderfully wry* • Jake Samson Detective Mystery by award-winning author Shelley Singer. *Breathtaking action* is offset by the wise-cracking Jake and Rosie. The tension will keep you reading all night long. Compelling characterization by Singer makes this series a must-read, with authentic details and witty dialogue. *Mystery Time* IT WAS A JOB THE BARROW GANG MIGHT HAVE ENVIED [The vault emptied out, not a shot fired. In fact, it resembled a burglary more than a bank job, but when you rob a sperm bank, that's sometimes all it takes. Here's the set-up: The North Coast Sperm Bank in tiny Wheeler, California has been knocked over, and the perp's tossed its assets in the ocean, leaving a religious-nut note of explanation. Just a prank, says Wheeler law enforcement. But the bank says: Not so fast, that stuff was valuable! Ex-Chicago-cop Jake Samson and his ever-sharp Watson, Rosie Vicente, hired by the bank to find out who made the unauthorized withdrawal, blow into town as a savage storm is approaching. While local law enforcement deals with the storm's mayhem " which includes the discovery of a sperm bank employee who apparently slipped in the mud and fell to her death, Jake and Rosie are up to their knees in colorful locals. Jake Samson is sensitive and funny, a little wise, a little wary and pretty wonderful. *Publishers Weekly* WHO WILL LIKE IT: Fans of Thomas Perry, Harlan Coben, Stephen Dobyns, CJ Box, Timothy Hallinan, Lawrence Sanders, Steve Hamilton and Tony Dunbar; as well as lovers of San Francisco mysteries like Bill Pronzini's "Nameless" Detective series, Marcia Muller's Sharon McCone series, Susan Dunlap's Jill Smith series, and Julie Smith's Rebecca Schwartz series.

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## Customer Reviews

I enjoyed my introduction to this interesting pair. The small-town atmosphere was well written and interesting, especially liked the character of Sheriff Paisley. The "hook" for the plot was unique and well presented. Not the most riveting, suspenseful plot, but many enjoyable touches that will get me reading the others.

Jake's character and voice keep you glued to "Spit in the Ocean" in a rapidly evolving story of a host of suspicious small town people mingled in a ghastly murder. A whodunit where you only find out that the person you least suspect rolls out as the culprit at the very end. A lively but grim story in a weird world like only a Mike Hammer could tell. Colorful scenes with gripping detail and characters that spring to life with images like "he raised his hands in a don't let me stop you gesture". You will enjoy the dizzying scene with the cookie baker giving Jake smoke and mirrors and the rich Hollywood carpetbagger of the town giving Jake his alibis while exercising. Shelley Singer shows her writing skills in how she manages merging crisp dialogue with prose in and out again. A very enjoyable mystery story I could not put down, and worthy of being brought back to life on . I highly recommend it.PS: I had to consult my dictionary that "spit" also meant "a narrow point of land projecting into the sea", but I left high-school a long time ago.John Schwartz Alexandria VA

Spit in the Ocean by Shelley Singer was a good book. The characters were interesting and well developed and the plot had twists and turns that were not unreasonable, but also not easy to figure out who done it.That is, the book was both interesting and well written. It was free of the horrible errors in grammar, punctuation and spelling so common in many kindle books.It was a light, easy read with no hint of sexual content that so many people (not me) find offensive for no good reason.

I gave a 4 star rating to this book. A little slow moving but I liked the story and characters. This is a

good series and doesn't disappoint no matter what book you read. Writer does a great job on adding subplots that keeps you guessing.

An easy read that runs along smoothly, and again the characters are fleshed out nicely. I found hard to put down for long without picking it up again. I'm afraid I wouldn't want to live there though.

A very different subject matter for a book, with four different plots: robbery, murder, kidnapping, and attempted murder! Lots to keep track of, but a fun read. Jake and Rosie, the pseudo PI team, keep the plots cohesive and are always fun to follow through this author's works.

Interesting twists. Don't know who did it until the very end.

Too laid back. Couldn't get interested in either the characters or the story. Didn't finish the book, so it may have gotten better as it progressed, but the protagonist just didn't interest me.

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