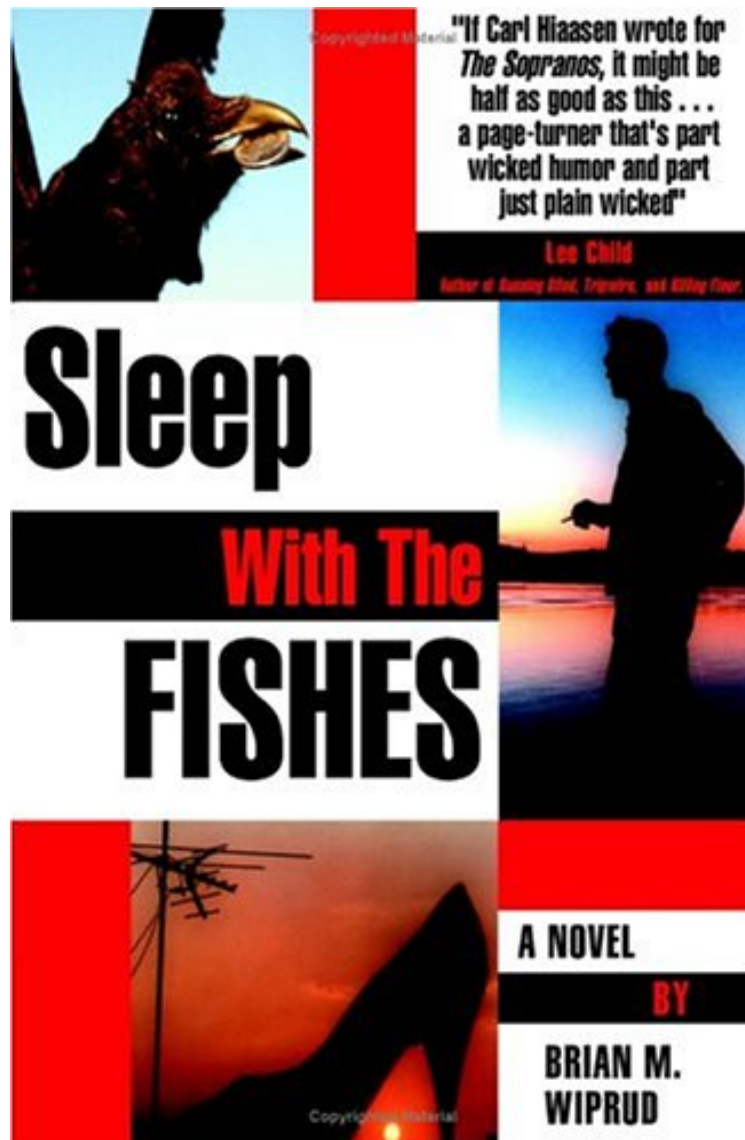


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retired from his gangland days, who wants nothing more than a quiet life in a small town on the river on which he intends to spend his days fishing. He draws on his expertise, provided by his former avocation, in handling a delicate matter for his fishing expert neighbor. A possibly incriminating video tape appears, gets misplaced, and reappears in unexpected places, former associates of the ex-con arrive wishing to renew his acquaintance, and complications arise. This was fun. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Entertaining, quick story By Andrew Books don't often have me audibly laughing, but this did. The story is easy to follow, with nothing too complex. If you're looking for something ridiculous, entertaining, and ridiculously entertaining, get this book. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A different breed of cat By D. Campbell This is only the second book I've read but Wiprud definitely grows on you. Funny story with lots of twists and turns. Quite a bit different from anything you've read before.

Wiseguy Sid Sleep Bifulco doesn't need no stinkin witness protection program. The mobster-turned-snitch, who always put his victims gently to sleep before whacking them, did his prison time and now has a new rural hideaway and a new avocation: trout fishing in a scenic river valley. Except that a bunch of local yokels won't leave him alone. From a sexy trout dealer in crimson hiking boots to a cop married to a pregnant porn star, everybody in this little town has an angle, a grudge or a crush on somebody. And Sid needs to figure out these yahoos fast because with a vicious Mafia killer on his trail, a warden on his doorstep, and a highly incriminating videotape making the rounds, it turns out that the simple life isn't so simple after all....

From Publishers Weekly Starred . Three elements make the latest from Wiprud (Crooked) a laugh-out-loud triumph. First, its protagonist: ex-professional hit man Sid "Sleep" Bifulco, a wise guy relocated to a "dot on the map" fishing community called Hellbender Eddy, Pa., after turning state's evidence against his mob buddies. Although he's never dropped a line in the water all he knows about his second career he learned in the slammer from magazines like Sports Astream and Rod Rifle he doesn't let that stop him from diving into the fishing pool nose first. Second, its supporting cast: Sid assumes that country folk are either ignorant or nave, and despite their quirks Little Bob videotapes his every waking moment; the state trooper's pregnant wife refuses to let her delicate condition get in the way of her X-rated movie career they get to prove him wrong, to delicious effect. Finally, a bucketful of hilarious miscommunications gives the plot which includes the accidental slaughter of a scumbag and a missing video recording of it, a guardian angel with a soft spot for assassination, and a secret from Sid's past that could turn his fishing buddy homicidal a serpentine trajectory that makes this suspenseful black comedy a page-turning, one-sitting read. (Oct.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. If Carl Hiaasen wrote for The Sopranos, it might be half as good as this . . . a page-turner that's part wicked humor and part just plain wicked -- Lee Child, Author of Running Blind, Tripwire, and Killing Floor. SLEEP WITH THE FISHES is a fast-paced, straight-from-the-shoulder blockbuster... Makes The Godfather look like Barney. -- Charles Knief, Author of the John Caine novels SLEEP WITH THE FISHES is sly, stylish, fast, and downright fabulous... A first-rate keeper! -- Sarah Lovett, Author of Dantes Inferno, A Desperate Silence and Acquired Motives About the Author Brian M. Wiprud Age: Wears red tennis shoes Physical Description: Diabolical Occasionally Fiendish Profession: Mystery Author, Outdoor Writer Photographer Accomplishments: *Independent Mystery Bookseller's Association Bestseller* Lefty Award for Most Humorous Novel *Barry Award Nominee for Best Paperback Original Favorite Books: The Squid and I, Chuck Flink Tubing Badgers for Fun and Profit, Bubbles McCoy Favorite Movies: "Bowanga! Bowanga!," "Eegah!" Hobbies: Knife Throwing, Sword Swallowing, Hanging by Fish Hooks Favorite Lines: "What a gorgeous day. What effulgent sunshine. It was a day of this sort the McGillicuddy brothers murdered their mother with an axe." WC Fields. Favorite Scotch: Bourbon