

## Maybe This Time Jennifer Crusie

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Dumped by her boyfriend and demoted from WBBB's prime-time spot, radio producer Allie McGuffey has nowhere to go but up. She plans to make her comeback by turning temporary DJ Charlie Tenniel into a household name. And if he's willing to help cure her breakup blues with a rebound fling, that's an added bonus. Charlie just wants to kick back, play good tunes and eat Chinese food. He's not interested in becoming famous. But he is interested in Allie. And after all, what harm is a little chemistry between friends? But suddenly their one-night stand has become a four-week addiction. Night after night on the airwaves, his voice seduces her...and all the other women in town. He's a hit. It looks as if Charlie's solved all Allie's problems...except one. What is she going to do when he leaves? Welcome to Temptation Sophie Dempsey wants to help her sister film a video and then get out of Temptation, Ohio. Mayor Phin Tucker wants to play pool with the police chief and keep things peaceful. But when Sophie and Phin meet, they both get more than they want. Gossip, blackmail, adultery, murder, vehicular abuse of a corpse, and slightly perverse but excellent sex: all hell breaks loose in Temptation as Sophie and Phin fall deeper and deeper in trouble... and in love. *Bet Me* This is New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Jennifer Crusie's novel about long shots, risk management, true love, and great shoes. . . . Minerva Dobbs knows how to work the odds. Calvin Morrissey always plays to win. But when they face off, neither one is prepared. Because when real life meets true love, all bets are off. . . . Minerva Dobbs knows that happily-ever-after is a fairy tale, especially with a man who asked her to dinner to win a bet, even if he is gorgeous and successful Calvin Morrissey. Cal knows commitment is impossible, especially with a woman as cranky as Min Dobbs, even if she does wear great shoes and keep him on his toes. When they say good-bye at the end of

their evening, they cut their losses and agree never to see each other again. But fate has other plans, and it's not long before Min and Cal meet again. Soon they're dealing with a jealous ex-boyfriend, Krispy Kreme doughnuts, a determined psychologist, chaos theory, a freakishly intelligent cat, Chicken Marsala, and more risky propositions than either of them ever dreamed of. Including the biggest gamble of all---true love.

In the fall of 2000, *Gilmore Girls* premiered on the WB and viewers were introduced to the quirky world of Stars Hollow and the Gilmore family who had made it their home, mother-daughter best friends Lorelai and Rory Gilmore. With the show in its seventh season on the fledgling CW, *Coffee at Luke's* is the perfect look at what has made the show such a clever, beloved part of the television landscape for so long. What are the risks of having your mother be your best friend? How is *Gilmore Girls* anti-family, at least in the traditional sense? What's a male viewer to do when he finds both mother and daughter attractive? And how is creator Amy Sherman-Palladino like *Emily Gilmore*? From the show's class consciousness to the way the characters are shaped by the books they read, the music they listen to and the movies they watch, *Coffee at Luke's* looks at the sometimes hilarious, sometimes heartbreaking underpinnings of smart viewer's Tuesday night television staple, and takes them further into Stars Hollow than they've ever been before. From the New York Times bestselling author of *The Weekenders* comes a delightful new novel about new love, old secrets, and the kind of friendship that transcends generations. When ninety-nine-year-old heiress Josephine Bettendorf Warrick summons Brooke Trappnell to Talisa Island, her 20,000 acre remote barrier island home, Brooke is puzzled. Everybody in the South has heard about the eccentric millionaire mistress of Talisa, but Brooke has never met her. Josephine's cryptic note says she wants to discuss an important legal matter with Brooke, who is an attorney, but Brooke knows that Mrs. Warrick has long been a client of a prestigious Atlanta law firm. Over a few meetings, the ailing Josephine spins a tale of old friendships, secrets, betrayal and a long-unsolved murder. She tells Brooke she is hiring her for two reasons: to protect her island and legacy from those who would despoil her land, and secondly, to help her make amends

with the heirs of the long dead women who were her closest friends, the girls of The High Tide Club—so named because of their youthful skinny dipping escapades—Millie, Ruth and Varina. When Josephine dies with her secrets intact, Brooke is charged with contacting Josephine's friends' descendants and bringing them together on Talisa for a reunion of women who've actually never met. The High Tide Club is Mary Kay Andrews at her Queen of the Beach Reads best, a compelling and witty tale of romance thwarted, friendships renewed, justice delivered, and true love found. Praise for *The Weekenders*: "This book has all the makings of a beach read...The perfect blend of drama, humor, intrigue, and just a touch of murder." —Bustle "Andrews has this 'perfect beach read' label down pat—and then some. *The Weekenders* is not just good, it is beyond good... Summer doesn't truly begin without a Mary Kay Andrews book in your beach bag, so here is another winner and Top Pick just for you." —RT Book Reviews (Top Pick) "Andrews' novels...are the epitome of relaxing yet involving summer reads, and her latest is no exception." —Booklist

What The Lady Wants

Don't Look Down

Coffee at Luke's

The High Tide Club

Faking It

Lucy Savage is not having a good week. Her cheating husband, Bradley, lobbed the final insult when he stood her up in divorce court. A dye job gone wrong has left her hair green. And someone is trying to kill her. To top it off, sexy cop Zack Warren is certain that the very same man Lucy is trying to wash right out of her hair is the same Bradley he wants to arrest for embezzlement. When someone shoots at her and then her car blows up, Zack decides she needs twenty-four-hour police protection. Next thing Lucy knows, Zack has moved in to her big Victorian house, making them both

sleepless...and not just from things that go bump in the night!

Previously published in the anthology *Santa, Baby, HOT TOY* is now available as a standalone e-story for the first time! Mayhem ensues under the mistletoe as a determined shopper grabs the very last hot toy action figure off the shelf, only to find herself plunged into the middle of a real-life spy game and in the arms of a sexy secret agent...

Tess Newhart knows her ex-boyfriend Nick Jamieson isn't the right guy for her. He's caviar and champagne she's take-out Chinese pot stickers. He's an uptight Republican lawyer she was raised in a commune. He wants to get ahead in business she just wants... him. But there's no way Tess will play second fiddle to his job. For the better part of three decades romance comics were an American institution. Nearly 6000 titles were published between 1947 and 1977, and for a time one in five comics sold in the U.S. was a romance comic. This first full-length study examines the several types of romance comics, their creators and publishing history. The author explores significant periods in the development of the genre, including the origins of Archie Comics and other teen publications, the romance comic "boom and bust" of the 1950s, and their sudden disappearance when fantasy and superhero comics began to dominate in the late 1970s.

Getting Rid of Bradley  
Tell Me Lies, Crazy For You,  
Welcome to Temptation, Fast  
Women, Faking It, Bet Me,  
Maybe This Time  
An Unauthorized Gilmore Girls  
Gabfest  
Call Me Irresistible  
Science Fiction and Fantasy  
Writers Discuss Their  
Favorite Vampire

What do you get when you combine scintillating secrets and steamy sex with rollicking laughter and magical love? You get a Jennifer Crusie romance! What do you get when you combine the New York Times bestselling novels *Crazy for You* and *Tell Me Lies*? You get two fantastic novels in one volume! No one spins a story quite like New York Times bestselling author Jennifer Crusie. Her legion of fans who have helped make her a household name are a testament to her success. Now for the first time, St. Martin's Griffin is publishing two Jennifer Crusie romances in one book. In *Crazy for You*, Quinn MacKenzie's life spins out of control when she decides to adopt a stray dog. Now she's coping with dognapping, breaking and entering, seduction, sabotage, and two men who are suddenly crazy--for her.... *Tell Me Lies* tells the story of Maddie Faraday, whose life would be perfect--if it weren't for her cheating husband, her distrusting daughter, her gossipy mother, her secretive best friend, her nosy neighbors, and that sexy guy she lost her virginity to twenty years ago.... Pick up this special volume and discover the wonderful world of Jennifer Crusie!

Following her divorce, Nell Dysart takes a job working for a detective agency and finds herself knee deep in embezzlement, bribery, blackmail, arson, adultery, murder, and passion with her boss, Gabe McKenna.

An argument over the abandoned puppy they find on their front doorstep and her yearning to keep the dog are the final straws in Dash's decision to leave her twenty-year marriage to Andrew, who does not seem to realize that, with her mother gone and their daughter at college, Dash needs more than his hypochondria and an endless round of faculty parties. Reprint. 40,000 first printing.

"Too fast to fall ... For Jenny Stone, driving is her escape--from her past, her problems, her quiet life in Jackson Hole. But after Deputy Nate Hendricks stops her--again--for speeding, she could lose more than just her license. She could lose her heart. Nate seems to

think that Jenny should replace her love for fast driving with something even more...heart pumping. And despite her need for speed, Jenny's never been one for defying the law."--Provided by publisher.

*Crazy for You/Tell Me Lies*  
*Narcissus in Chains*  
*Mad Dash*  
*Crazy for You*  
*Welcome to Temptation*  
A bored high-school art teacher dumps her football-coach boyfriend and embarks on a mayhem-filled search for happiness that lands her in trouble with the law and sends her into the arms of the one man in her small Ohio town she should probably avoid. 75,000 first printing. Tour.

Here together for the first time in a stunning eBook bundle, seven novels from beloved New York Times bestselling author Jennifer Crusie: *Tell Me Lies* Maddie Faraday's life would be perfect—if it weren't for: her cheating husband, her suspicious daughter, her gossipy mother, her secretive best friend, her nosy neighbors, and that guy she lost her virginity to twenty years ago... Jennifer Cruise dishes up a funny, sexy, suspenseful novel about small-town secrets, big-time betrayals and the redemptive power of love, laughter and chocolate brownies. *Crazy For You* Quinn McKenzie is dating the world's nicest guy, she has a good job, she's surrounded by family and friends, and she's bored to the point of insanity. But when Quinn decides to change her life by adopting a stray dog, everything begins to spiral out of control. Now she's coping with dognapping, breaking and entering, seduction, sabotage, stalking, more secrets than she really wants to know, and two men who are suddenly crazy . . . for her. *Welcome To Temptation* Sophie Dempsey is content living a quiet life filming wedding videos until an assignment brings her to Temptation, Ohio. Sophie is from the wrong side of the tracks and everything in Temptation is a little too right. And when she has a run-in with the town's unnervingly sexy mayor, Phineas Tucker, making a little movie turns out to be more than a little dangerous. *Fast Women* When down-on-her-luck divorcee Nell Dysart meets determined-to-dominate detective Gabe McKenna they find out that falling in love can be murder... *Faking It* Tilda has a history of forgery she's trying to forget. Davy has a knack for scamming he's trying to resist. But one fateful night, their good intentions go bad. And what they get up to is downright immoral, illegal, and irresistible. *Bet Me* It's such a shock when Minerva Dobbs' extremely logical choice for a boyfriend, David, dumps her three weeks before her perfect sister's wedding. So when Min overhears David make a bet with his old nemesis—the gorgeous and successful Calvin Morrissey—that Cal can't get Min into bed in a month, she decides that fate has just handed her a stacked deck: she can make Cal sweat his sex appeal and get a date to the wedding, if she plays along and doesn't fold... *Maybe This Time* Andie Miller is ready to move on with her life. She wants to marry her fiancé and leave behind everything in her past, especially her ex-husband, North Archer. But North asks one last favor: Since the death of a distant cousin, he's become the guardian of two orphans who have already driven away three nannies. North needs someone to take care of the situation—and he knows Andie can

handle anything. As Andie copes with the ghosts of her past and present, she begins to see that what she wants is the same thing that everyone in the house wants—a second chance—and that maybe this time she'll get it.

Unlikely lovers Min Dobbs and Cal Morrisey agree not to pursue a relationship after one date, but they are thrown together again as they deal with a jealous ex-boyfriend, a determined psychologist, and a bizarrely intelligent cat.

Rescued during a break-in by a hit man sent by the mob to protect her, food writer Agnes Crandall finds her situation further complicated by a missing cache of money that becomes a key factor in a Southern mafia wedding.

Be Mine

Hot Toy

Agnes and the Hitman

Maybe This Time

Love on the Racks

When her ex-husband asks for her help with two orphans recently placed in his custody, a closure-seeking Andie agrees, but finds the task complicated by the orphans' delinquent antics, a haunting, and her own rekindled feelings.

The New York Times bestselling author of *Bet Me*, *Tell Me Lies* and *Welcome to Temptation* delivers her long-awaited novel. Andie Miller is ready to move on in life.

She wants to marry her fiancé and leave behind everything in her past, especially her ex-husband, North Archer. But when Andie tries to gain closure with him, he asks one final favor of her before they go their separate ways forever. A very distant cousin of his has died and left North as the guardian of two orphans who have driven out three nannies already, and things are getting worse. He needs a very special person to take care of the situation and he knows Andie can handle anything. When Andie meets the two children she quickly realizes things are much worse than she feared. The place is a mess, the children, Carter and Alice, aren't your average delinquents, and the creepy old house where they live is being run by the worst housekeeper since Mrs. Danvers. What's worse, Andie's fiancé thinks this is all a plan by North to get Andie back, and he may be right. Andie's dreams have been haunted by North since she arrived at the old house. And that's not the only haunting. What follows is a hilarious adventure in exorcism, including a self-doubting parapsychologist, an annoyed medium, her Tarot-card reading mother, an avenging ex-mother-in-law, and, of course, her jealous fiancé. And just when she thinks things couldn't get more complicated, North shows up on the doorstep making her wonder if maybe this time things could be different between them. If Andie can just get rid of all the

guests and ghosts, she's pretty sure she can save the kids, and herself, from the past. But fate might just have another thing in mind... In her tenth adventure, nothing can save vampire hunter Anita Blake from a twist of fate that draws her ever closer to the brink of humanity.

*Anyone But You* by Jennifer Crusie released on Jan 1, 2006 is available now for purchase.

*Sleeping Arrangements*

*A Story*

*Strange Bedpersons*

*Charlie All Night*

*Wild Ride*

objective: Find a Rich, Handsome and Successful Man Kate Svenson may be a dynamite businesswoman – but after three failed engagements, she's decided she's hopeless at romance. What she needs is a Business Plan to help her find Mr. Right. The Cabins resort is ripe with eligible bachelors, all rich and ambitious – just her type. But they're dropping like flies, and after fishing Kate's latest reject out of the swimming pool Jake Templeton is convinced that Kate is nothing but trouble. Especially for him. A man who's sworn off ambition and a woman hanging from the top of the corporate ladder don't have much in common. But in that unpredictable territory known as the heart, anything can happen....

*Call Me Irresistible* is the book Susan Elizabeth Phillips fans have been craving. The beloved New York Times bestselling author returns with a delightfully sassy, sexy, and downright irresistible tale of true love Texas style. Ted Beaudine, one of Phillips' s most charming characters (the adolescent heartbreaker from her hilarious debut, *Fancy Pants*, and the new college graduate from *Lady Be Good*) is now all grown up and in a heap of romantic trouble all his own—in a perfectly marvelous contemporary romance that fans of Emily Giffin, Kristen Hannah, and Elin Hilderbrand will simply adore.

Long separated from her exhusband, TV journalist Christine Cannon is nevertheless still drawn to Joe, who has since remarried.

Reissue.

Sophie Dempsey wants to help her sister film a video and then get out of Temptation, Ohio. Mayor Phin Tucker wants to play pool with the police chief and keep things peaceful. But when Sophie and Phin meet, they both get more than they want. Gossip, blackmail, adultery, murder, vehicular abuse of a corpse, and slightly perverse but excellent sex: all hell breaks loose in Temptation as Sophie and Phin fall deeper and deeper in trouble... and in love.

*Tell Me Lies*

*Dogs and Goddesses*

*Fast Women*

*A History of American Romance Comics*

*Five Seasons Of Angel*

Susan Sinclair puts her successful and busy life on

hold to return to her hometown of Copper Creek, Michigan, to deal with her unwed, pregnant daughter and her flirtatious mother, only to come face to face with her old lover--and the father of her daughter--Jon Laker. Original.

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Linc Blaise persuades Daisy Flattery to pose as his fiancée in order to win a dream job, but his plan backfires and he must marry her or expose his ruse. Don't drink and text. Even on the cusp of forty, I had to learn that the hard way. After discovering my best friend—who I was supposed to grow old and single with—got engaged, I drowned my loneliness in one too many Old Fashioneds and woke up with thirty-nine responses from every available man in my phone. Including my plumber. Apparently, my liquor-infused text said that while I don't need a man, maybe I'd be down for a constant sidekick for movies, plus-one invites, and dinner on the table after my grueling shifts as a concierge doctor—till death do us part. And two men are interested. Behind Bachelor Door #1 is my old high school crush: the comfortable, dependable boy-next-door. Behind Bachelor Door #2 is the exciting, flashy news reporter about to hit it big. But Dax, the local bartender—who got me into this disaster in the first place—can't believe I've given up on finding true love. But what does a tattooed, broody twentysomething know about carving out a future for yourself, anyway? Now the further I get into this hot mess, the less I know about who I am. And I'm going to have to figure out exactly what I need if I ever want to find a true happily ever after.

An Anita Blake, Vampire Hunter Novel

*Bet Me*

*Sizzle\Too Fast to Fall\Alone With You*

*Maybe this Time*

The Jennifer Crusie Collection

No one's life is the same in Temptation, Ohio, after Sophie and Amy Dempsey arrive to make a documentary about the return of film star Clea Whipple.

Chloe needs a holiday. She's sick of making wedding dresses, her partner Philip has troubles at work, and the whole family wants a break. Her wealthy friend Gerard has offered the loan of his luxury villa in Spain--perfect. Hugh is not a happy man. His immaculate wife Amanda seems more interested in her new kitchen than in him, and he works so hard to pay for it, he barely has time for his children. Maybe he'll have a chance to bond with them on holiday. His old friend Gerard has lent them a luxury villa in Spain--perfect. Both families arrive at the villa and realize the awful truth--Gerard has double-booked. What no one else realizes is that Chloe and Hugh have a history; and as tensions rise within the two families, old passions resurface. It seems that Gerard's 'accidental' double booking may not be an accident after all...

On Wednesday, Quinn McKenzie changes her life. On Thursday, she tries to get somebody to notice. On Thursday night,

somebody does. Quinn McKenzie is dating the world's nicest guy, she has a good job as a high school art teacher, she's surrounded by family and friends who rely on her, and she's bored to the point of insanity. But when Quinn decides to change her life by adopting a stray dog over everyone's objections, everything begins to spiral out of control. Now she's coping with dognapping, breaking and entering, seduction, sabotage, stalking, more secrets than she really wants to know, and two men who are suddenly crazy . . . for her.

You're invited to spend the weekend with three extraordinary sisters... When she was sixteen, Dee Fortune kidnapped her two younger sisters and ran from danger. Now twenty-nine, she's still trying to control her shape-shifting power—no easy task when Danny James shows up one Friday morning with his deadly smile and dangerous questions about the past. Lizzie is determined to save her family from financial ruin by turning straw into gold; now if she could only stop turning forks into bunnies. Then Elric, a sorcerer, appears one Friday—annoyed with the chaos Lizzie is creating in the universe and in his heart. . . . The youngest Miss Fortune, Mare, towers above her sisters but her telekinetic power is dwarfed by their gifts. She spends her days at Value Video!! and her nights contemplating the futility of her existence. But then a gorgeous Value Video!! VP and Mare's long lost love turn up. . .and they all turn up the heat on a weekend that no Fortune will soon forget!

It ' s Raining Men

Welcome to Temptation/Bet Me

The Unfortunate Miss Fortunes

Manhunting

Trust Me on This

Abby has just arrived in Summerville, Ohio, with her placid Newfoundland, Bowser. She's reluctantly inherited her grandmother's coffee shop, but it's not long before she's brewing up trouble in the form of magical baked goods and steaming up her life with an exasperating college professor. And then there's Daisy, a web code writer, and her hyperactive Jack Russell, Bailey. Her tightly-wound world spins out of control when she discovers the chaos within and meets a mysterious dog trainer whose teaching style is definitely hands-on. Finally there's Shar, professor of ancient history at Summerville College, who wakes up one morning to find her neurotic dachshund, Wolfie, snarling at an implacable god sitting at her kitchen table, the first thing in her life she hasn't been able to footnote. What on earth is going on in this unearthly little town? It's up to Abby, Daisy, and Shar to find out before an ancient goddess takes over Southern Ohio, and

they all end up in the apocalyptic doghouse...

From New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Jennifer Crusie comes *Faking It*, a deliciously sassy novel of intrigue, seduction, blackmail, art forgery, split personalities, and really great sex. Meet the Goodnights, a respectable family who run a respectable art gallery—and have for generations. There's Gwen, the matriarch, who likes to escape reality; Eve, the oldest daughter, who has a slight identity problem (she has two); Nadine, the granddaughter, who's ready to follow in the family footsteps as soon as she can find a set that isn't leading off a cliff. And last, Matilda, the youngest daughter, who has inherited the secret locked down in the basement of the Goodnight Gallery, a secret she's willing to do almost anything to keep, even break into a house in the dead of night to steal back her past. Meet the Dempseys, or at least meet Davy, a reformed con man who's just been ripped off for a cool three million by his financial manager, who then gallantly turned it over to Clea Lewis, the most beautiful sociopath Davy ever slept with. Davy wants the money back, but more than that, he'll do anything to keep Clea from winning, including break into her house in the dead of night to steal back his future. One collision in a closet later, Tilda and Davy reluctantly join forces to combat Clea, suspicious art collectors, a disgruntled heir, and an exasperated hit man, all the while coping with a mutant dachshund, a jukebox stuck in the sixties, questionable sex, and the growing realization that they can't turn their backs on the people they were meant to be . . . or the people they were born to love. After finding a pair of black lace panties under the front seat of her husband's car and cavorting herself in the back seat of another vehicle with her old high-school flame, Maddie Faraday realizes that the truth is elusive in a small town.

New York Times bestselling author Jennifer Crusie teams up with USA Today bestselling author Bob Mayer to write a sizzling, high-octane romantic adventure about a straight-talking woman and a straight-shooting man... Lucy Armstrong is a director of television commercials who's just been recruited to finish a four-day action movie shoot. But she arrives on the set to discover that the directing staff has quit, the make-up artist is suicidal, the stars are egomaniacs, the stunt director is her ex-husband, and the lead actor has just acquired as an advisor a Green Beret who has the aggravating habit of always being right. Green Beret Captain JT Wilder had thought that hiring on as a military consultant for a movie star was a good deal: easy money and easier starlets. Instead he has to babysit a bumbling comedian, dodge low-flying helicopters, and resist his attraction to a director who bears a distracting resemblance to Wonder Woman. Then the CIA calls and he realizes that somebody is taking "shooting a movie" much too literally. Full of suspense and humor, non-

stop action and fast-paced dialogue, *Don't Look Down* is the perfect blend of male and female, adventure and romance, Mayer and Crusie.

The Woman Most Likely To...

Anyone But You

A Novel

The Cinderella Deal

The constellation of characters and themes created in *Angel*, the popular *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* spin-off, are explored in this collection of essays. A vampire author, a sex expert, a TV critic, a science fiction novelist, and *Buffy* writer Nancy Holder provide essays examining the different issues relating to the series, including *Angelus* as the prototypical high school bully, *Angel* as victim, Wesley's many transformations, how Spike fits into *Angel*, the takeover of *Wolfram & Hart*, and Lindsey's moral center.

As she attempts to restore the decaying Dreamland amusement park, Mary Alice Brannigan must contend with the five most powerful demons in the world that it houses, as well as a shady new beau, a crooked politician, a supernatural raven, an inexperienced sorceress and more. By the best-selling authors of *Agnes* and *the Hitman*. Reprint. 500,000 first printing.

Starting over means a second chance . . .

Abigail Jansen is done with hockey . . . and hockey players. After leaving her two-timing NHL-star husband, Abby decides to start over in her hometown of Glenwood Falls, Colorado. There she doesn't have to deal with people gossiping behind her back or hear the word "hockey"---until her daughter tries out for the junior hockey team. Now Abby has to face her fears . . . and coach Jackson Westmore. He's tall, dark, handsome---and happens to hate her. All through high school, talented hockey player Jackson Westmore had a crush on Abby, but he would never make a move on his best friend's girl. He gave her the cold shoulder out of self-preservation and worked out his frustrations on the ice. So when Abby returns, newly divorced and still sexy as hell, Jackson knows he's in trouble. Now even the best defensive skills might not keep him from losing his heart. \*\*\* The Colorado Ice series *Maybe This Kiss Maybe This Time Maybe This Love Maybe This Summer Maybe This Christmas* While working on a story about a con man, reporter Dennie Banks runs afoul of undercover government agent Alec Prentice, who is investigating the same swindler, and who thinks that Dennie is working with the crook.