



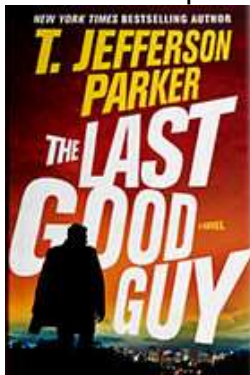
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Hello Friends and Readers,

I'm happy to tell you that my next Roland Ford novel – [THE LAST GOOD GUY](#) – is coming out August 13 from G.P. Putnam's Sons.

Like a classic PI story, [THE LAST GOOD GUY](#) begins when an anxious woman steps into a detective's office unannounced, with a job that needs doing right now.

Penelope Rideout is young and worried: her little sister, 14-year old Daley Rideout, didn't come home from school the day before and some of her things are missing from their modest Oceanside bungalow. According to Penelope, her sister has "a wild streak" and a "guaranteed loser" of a boyfriend. The cops won't even take a report yet, but Penelope says that Roland comes highly recommended. Please can you find her?



This case is right in Roland's wheelhouse. He's good at finding people, even those who don't want to be found. Why? Because he's a former cop, a former Marine, an imposing man of strong body and will. Just as importantly, Roland is a widower of five years and he misses his wife pointedly. Roland knows what it is to lose someone you love. How it can take you down and turn your life around. How you can't replace them.

Of course this simple missing-persons case isn't so simple at all. Daley's fresh trail leads from her upscale private school near San Diego, to a youth club haunted by skinhead thugs, to a compound deep in the Southern California desert, where a whites-only "security force" holds sway. The closer Roland gets to Daley the more formidable and bizarre are the men who seem to be hiding her. But why? What does the wild girl hold for them?

With the help of his "Irregular" friend Burt Short, and his off-and-on again FBI ally Mike Lark, Roland closes in not only on Daley, but on Penelope's shocking secrets. And as he learns Penelope's difficult truth, Roland begins to feel the stir of

love again. It's strong and scary, and Penelope has a wild streak of her own.

So, enjoy [THE LAST GOOD GUY](#). And brace yourself for a crazy fast race and a shocking end to your ride!

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