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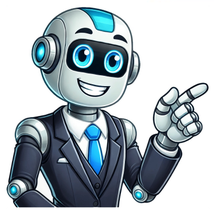

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Afterward, you can watch them in their yearly order.Night Passage - 2006 IMDb score - 7.3 Subscribe to watch new videosAlthough the movie was second in production, chronologically, it's the first in the series. Directed by Robert Harmon, the film follows Jesse Stone, a former detective and the new police chief of Paradise. He became an alcoholic after he found out his wife was cheating on him. His drinking resulted in him getting relieved of his duties. He currently lives with his dog Boomer alone as he is separated from his wife. In his new job, Jesse replaces Lou Carson. On his first assignment, he gets involved in a domestic abuse case, which resulted in him punching Joe Genest, the abusive partner. Later on, his love for women shows when he starts an affair with Abby Taylor, a local attorney. When the former chief is murdered, Stone tries to solve the case to earn his staff's trust and respect. This 89-minute movie first aired on CBS on 15th January 2006.READ ALSO: 20 best drama movies in 2020 IMDb score - 7.2 Subscribe to watch new videosIn this episode, a couple of murders put the town of Paradise on alert. All the victims had one thing in common; two gunshot wounds to the heart with a 22-calibre gun indicating it may be the work of a serial killer. Jesse begins his investigation to arrest the criminals and finds a breakthrough when photos showed a car registered to Andrew Lincoln on the 2nd murder site. He was also reported to owning the same gun model used in the murders.Struggling to find evidence against Andrew, Stone turns to try and solve a different case involving the rape of Candace Pennington, but she refuses to talk about it. Later on, the murderous couple of Andrew and Brianna kill Abby, which hurts Stone a lot. Thus, he devises a plan to catch them. 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When his drinking issues spurned by a divorce become public knowledge, he is forced to leave the department. Stone is then given the opportunity to become the newly appointed police chief of the little Massachusetts town of Paradise. The films adapt the storylines from the novels, demonstrating how Jesse Stone maintains his substance abuse, lives in a tiny community, and investigates homicides there. Updated June 16, 2024: If you're a Jesse Stone fan, you're in luck. This article has been updated by Rachel Johnson with additional information on every Jesse Stone movie so far. How to Watch the Jesse Stone Movies in Chronological Order Night Passage Stone Cold Death in Paradise Sea Change Thin Ice No Remorse Innocents Lost Benefit of the Doubt Lost in Paradise Keep in mind that the sole difference between watching in chronological order and by release date is that the second film in the series to be released, Night Passage, actually takes place in the timeline before the first film in the series to be released, Stone Cold. So, it's up to the viewer how they prefer to watch those two films. Once that decision has been made, the remainder of the watch-through should go without a hitch. Stone Cold is set five years after Jesse Stone got divorced from his wife Jenn (voiced by Sylvia Villagran in this film only), whom he still talks to regularly. In this installment of the series, Stone investigates a brutal shooting, but it doesnt end there, as multiple killings happen with the same techniques. There is also a separate rape and a separate stalking of two of the residents of the small town, one of which is Stones lover, Abby Taylor (Polly Shannon), leaving him to figure everything out before its too late. Stone Cold Is the Start of Everything Stone Cold is based on the 2003 novel of the same name and launched Selleck's tenure as the savvy New England police chief, a character he would go on to portray for a decade. The veteran actor was in fine form as the determined lawman, whose strength and tenacious attitude helped make him extremely root-worthy for audiences as he became swept up in a deadly cat-and-mouse game. The success of the first film helped effectively spawn the thrilling made-for-TV movie franchise. In Night Passage, Jesse Stone relocates to Paradise, Massachusetts with his devoted hound dog, Boomer. Stone and his brand-new employees, Luther Simpson (Kohl Suddoth), Molly Crane (played by Viola Davis), and Anthony D'angelo (Vito Rezza), quickly find themselves investigating the death of a departmental colleague, with the newly-appointed Chief of Police suspecting dangerous mobsters are to blame. Night Passage Features an Early Appearance by Viola Davis As if a personal murder case wasn't enough, Stone begins a mostly sexual connection with a neighborhood attorney called Abby Taylor (Polly Shannon) as he struggles with his divorce and drinking issues. Night Passage is based on the 1997 novel of the same name, and it serves as a prequel to its predecessor, Stone Cold. It features a strong performance by then rising talent Viola Davis, who would go on to reprise her role as Molly for two additional adaptations in the crime dramas. The murder of a teenage girl who was discovered floating in a lake and a domestic abuse serial perpetrator are the subjects of the movie Death in Paradise. On the advice of his ex-wife, Jenn (voiced by Gil Anderson), Jesse Stone begins attending appointments with Dr. Dix (William Devane), a psychiatrist, during the investigation. A stressful narrative is created by the fact that one person from Stone's team's security is also in jeopardy. Death in Paradise Is a By-the-Book Mystery In addition, this movie adds a few fresh faces, such as Sister Mary John (Kerri Smith), who plays an interesting role in the engrossing drama. This film is based on the 2001 novel of the same name and is a more straightforward, by-the-book mystery that is fun for fans to watch unfold, a departure from the intense personal setbacks and heartaches Stone experienced in Night Passage. In the 2007 installment Sea Change, Jesse Stone, lacking much of his squad from previous films, looks into the unsolved murder of a bank teller who was shot during a robbery, in addition to a sexual assault accusation that causes him to clash against the municipal government. The objective is to maintain the town's status as a top coastal getaway, even though a cold-blooded killer and violent offender roams the streets of Paradise and Stone must quickly catch the culprits. Sea Change Features Personal Struggles For Stone Stone must also deal with the revelation that his ex-wife is dating someone new who doesn't appreciate their nightly conversations, which causes him to struggle with his sobriety and fear a potential relapse. This entry in the franchise is based on the 2006 novel of the same name and chronicles both Stone's personal and professional hardships, as he copes with his right-hand-man "Suitcase" being in a coma and his other loyal deputy, Molly Crane (Viola Davis) resigning from the force. Related Over the years, many crime movies have taken inspiration from real events, but with these 10, it was quite the opposite. In the fifth film, Thin Ice, Captain Healy (Stephen McHattie), a friend of Jesse Stone's for a number of years, is nearly murdered in a shooting, and Stone decides to find out who was responsible by going undercover, much to the chagrin of his local government officials. Despite his noble intentions, Stone is told to stop and concentrate on other crimes by the city council, something he naturally disregards on his quest for the truth. Thin Ice Is Based on an Entire Series The heartbreaking example of a long-dead baby who may not be actually deceased as people believed also comes up in the engrossing flick, but Stone is unable to see any hope at the conclusion of the long tunnel of darkness. Unlike the earlier movies, this one is based on the entire book series rather than just one single novel and featured the additional talents of stars like Kathy Baker, Camryn Manheim, and Jessica Hecht, with the latter actress having also had a recurring role on Friends like Selleck did on the groundbreaking sitcom. Jesse Stone is no longer a cop in the next installment, No Remorse, which alters the rules of the game once more. Stone is left at a loss after being put on leave in the previous movie, and it is clear he despises it. He spends much of his time drinking. In order to aid him with the investigation of a string of murders connected to organized crime and mob boss Gino Fish (William Sadler), Captain Healy, who is still recovering from the shooting, hires Stone as an advisor. No Remose Features Stone in a New Role Despite being told to avoid contact, Stone manages to keep Luther and Rose (Kohl Sudduth and Kathy Baker, respectively) busy as well. Whether a cop or not, Jesse Stone is always going to investigate some crimes and cause a stir. No Remorse follows Stone as he goes toe-to-toe with the infamous criminal Gino while learning shocking revelations about the mobster, which will keep audiences on the edge of their seats as the violence intensifies as he gets closer to discovering the truth. Former police chief Jesse Stone is now a private investigator after being practically forced to retire from the department. In the movie Innocents Lost, Stone looks into a young acquaintance's shocking mysterious murder as police officers contend with the cocky new chief of police (Jeff Geddis) who happens to be a city council member's son-in-law and a major thorn in Paradise's side. Innocents Lost Doesn't Rely on the Source Material Even though this movie is still good, it falls a little short of previous entries because of the predicament Stone finds himself in and the lack of source material used (i.e. it's not based on one of the novels and was co-written by Selleck himself). The seventh entry of the series is a bit unique when compared to previous installments because Stone is no longer with the Paradise Police Department and is able to utilize more questionable methods and get his hands dirty as a P.I. in an effort to discover the truth. Related When it comes to film, few have proved as genre-defying or managed to stay so vibrant over the long run. The penultimate movie in the Jesse Stone series, Benefit of the Doubt, puts Stone once again in the Chief of Police's seat after a few movies in which he was a somewhat independent agent. Formally, it is an interim position, so he can assist in the investigation into the deaths of two of the department's own. But Stone thrives on solving problems, and consequently, he's determined this will not be a temporary position. Benefit of the Doubt Puts Stone in the Chief Seat This time, Luther and Rose are less engaged with the events because they choose to look for other jobs instead of working for Stone's replacement in the previous film. Regardless of supporters, Stone is investigating the alleged shady police activities that resulted in the deaths of significant individuals. He sets out on his own to look into the shocking crimes and deaths that rocked Paradise, all the while dealing with a bruised ego and his own frustrations towards the department. Benefit of the Doubt was a hit upon its premiere, attracting 12.93 million viewers and garnering the highest viewership of the night. To the best of our knowledge, Lost in Paradise wraps up the Jesse Stone saga (at least for now). In the final installment, Stone accepts an offer to work as an unpaid advisor on select cases for an ex-girlfriend, Lt. Greenstreet (Leslie Hope), in this film. As a result, he discovers more details about a serial killer's victim, including the possibility that she was not a victim whatsoever. Lost in Paradise Marks the End of the Saga Lost in Paradise is a respectable conclusion to the film series that is more mystery movie-like than earlier iterations, likely as a result of being aired by Hallmark rather than CBS (who showed all the other films). It is a bittersweet adaptation for fans of both Selleck and the franchise, and gave the resilient character the proper send-off he and devoted viewers deserved. My San Antonio commended the work that Selleck did for the TV series, writing that he delivered a "layered and quietly magnetic performance, which once again adds to his status as one of TV's stalwart greats." Tom Selleck is well-known for his TV work on Blue Bloods but also starred in detective novel adaptations as Jesse Stone. Jesse Stone movies follow the character's journey as a disgraced homicide detective facing corruption in a small town. The Jesse Stone movies are best watched in release date order to follow the character's arc and long-term storytelling. Even though the actor has had a long and storied career for the past 50-plus years that has included such shows and movies as Magnum P.I and Three Men and a Baby, actor Tom Selleck is well known these days for his TV work on a weekly CBS family cop drama known as Blue Bloods. Along with cast members Donnie Wahlberg and Bridget Moynahan, this long-running series has captivated primetime fans with its endearing tale of the Reagan family, who are tasked with continuously saving NYC from all sorts of criminal activity. What a lot of modern-day followers of this American actor dont know is that he also starred in some riveting detective novel adaptations that graced the small screen for about ten years, starting from 2005 all the way to 2015. Stepping into the role of Jesse Stone, Selleck would become a disgraced homicide detective in LA who has been transferred into the foggy city of Paradise, Massachusetts, and given the rank of police chief. Carrying a drinking problem in one hand and an unhealthy dependence on receiving nightly phone calls from his ex-wife in the other, the burly lead character would quickly come face to face with the corruption that plagues this small town. From going head-to-head with thrill killers and gangsters, Stone had nine small-screen adventures over 10 years, ranging from