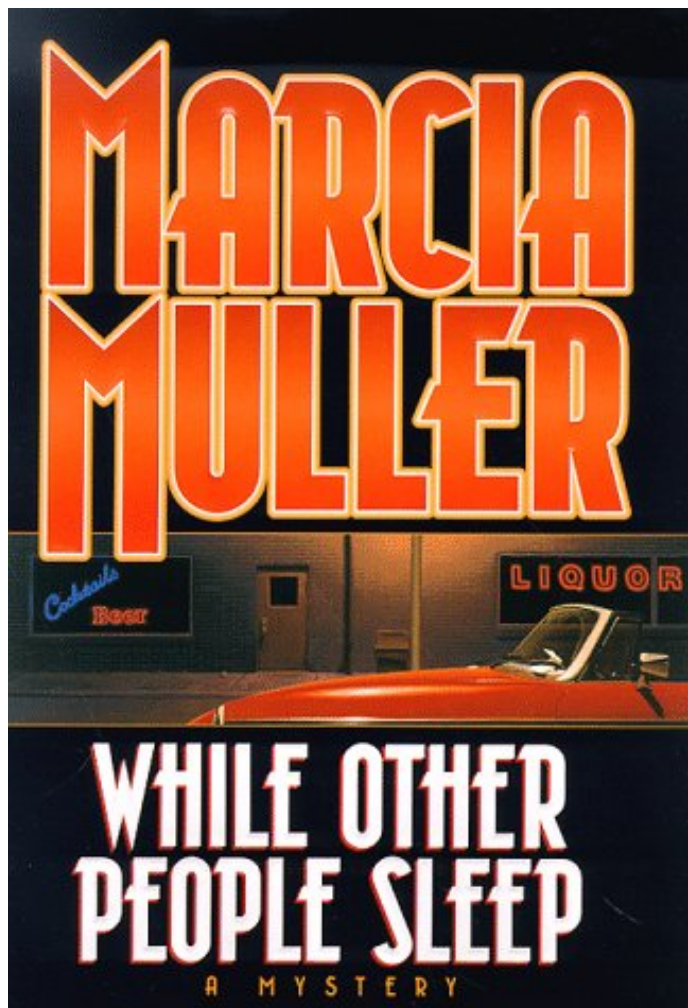


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**Marcia Muller**

**While Other People Sleep (Sharon McCone #18)**



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## Description

With her agency going great guns, Sharon McCone is known as one of the best detectives in the business ... until her untarnished reputation is threatened by an impostor. A mysterious woman is handing out McCone's business cards, advising clients, and picking up men for intimate encounters. The woman's physical resemblance to McCone is uncanny. Her knowledge of McCone's life is chilling. More than professionally damaging, the situation is deeply disturbing even to the experienced McCone. Who is this strange woman and what does she want? To make matters worse, McCone's office manager, Ted Smalley, has been acting so oddly that his live-in lover asks McCone to investigate. With her own lover, Hy Ripinsky, away on business and an impersonator invading her life, McCone reluctantly agrees. Spying on Ted soon has her pondering the extent of a person's right to privacy. Then the issue is brought home when McCone's double breaks into her house, interferes with her family, and leads McCone on a terrifying game of cat and mouse through the bizarre nightside of San Francisco. Just as McCone begins to uncover Ted's desperate problem the impostor escalates her dirty tricks. With her professional detachment fast giving way to blinding rage, McCone must go one on one against an enemy with a sinister motive, an insidious plan ... and the kind of violent craziness that even a seasoned investigator may not foresee - or stop in time.

## Insightful reviews

Joe O'c: Excellent; Continuing character: Sharon McCone; PI attempts to determine what is causing her gay assistant to start acting strangely, while dealing with her own problem, a dangerous stalker who is impersonating her.

Kristen: In the 18th installment of Marcia Muller's Sharon McCone PI series, *While Other People Sleep*, Sharon dealt with someone who was out to get her. When Sharon's acquaintance at a party told her about there was an imposter, she couldn't believe her eyes. While Hy was away on business, Sharon had to take care of this problem. First, this impersonator invaded her home, ruined her career, and threatening her family members, while she dug deeper into the investigation of "her." And when she was arrested for a crime she didn't commit, Sharon discovered the identity of this person and fought for her life for justice and revenge.

Vanessa: This continues to be an excellent series, and I found this one to be the best yet!! Her side characters are rich, and as per usual, the story quickly picks up the pace as it rolls along, one event sequencing smoothly into the next. At first, I found the plot unrealistic, as Sharon is a top-notch investigator, and what would be the problem in solving this one in a timely manner, and how could an identity thief/stalker get the best of her? But, Marcia Muller clearly unfolds the scenario, showing the reasons in great detail, exploring the issues of stalking and the powerlessness it can give even a smart, strong individual. She does not fold, however, although her frustration mounts as the clever stalker learns to almost read her mind. There is also a side story centered around Ted, one of her employees. Ted is acting strangely and chooses not to confide his problem to anyone. Although I had the problem figured out about half way in, I still found it interesting.

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A great story, and well worth the read, especially if you like this series.

Julie: a good suspenseful secret approximately id robbery and what lengths we are going to visit get ours back.

Eliana: Love Sharon McCone and her colleagues. This writer by no means disappoints.

Suzanne: i began examining this sequence (1st e-book titled: Edwin of the Iron Shoes) a couple of 12 months ahead of I moved to the Bay Area, the place the motion of the books is generally set. Sharon McCone, inner most eye, begins out as an irritable, hard-boiled lone wolf, yet over the process the sequence (20+ volumes and counting) she turns into a growing number of hooked up to the lives of these round her. Ten years ago, I observed this transformation now not as growth, yet as a lack of independence on McCone's part, and that i hand over studying in excessive dudgeon. i lately picked it up again, beginning with this volume, released in 1998. considering that there are such a lot of books within the series, Muller has occasional outbreaks of expositionitis, yet for the main half she manages to show, no longer inform the constructing personality relationships. i am comfortable that the 10-year hiatus in my examining implies that there are nearly as many volumes to capture up with.

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