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Heat Lightning

By John Sandford

Putnam, 26.95, 400 pages

Virgil Flowers, the licentious investigator that is reminiscent of an Americanized and updated James Bond, is on the case once more as a string of murders hits Vietnam Veterans. In the style of execution squad shootings, all of the victims are left with lemons in their mouth to further make their murder taste bitter. Flowers starts poking around the Vietnamese immigrant neighborhoods, and from there things start to get interesting.

Though sometimes a bit cliché, and at other times less than believable, overall *Heat Lightning* is more than adequate as an entertaining thriller. Sandford writes in a quirky and clever style, and though it may seem his main character is a projection of who he might have always wanted to be, his wit makes his work quite approachable and readable.

