

"Follow CV Riley into the darkest, dankest corners of 1980s San Francisco and to the darkest, weirdest corners of human behavior. Riley fearlessly pokes around in places where the sun doesn't usually shine and where the creatures, both of the human and insect variety, are as startling as they are creepy. *Lethal Fetish* is a skin-tingling read."

— Mark Stevens, author of *The Allison Coil Mystery Series* including *The Melancholy Howl*

"Riley the exterminator's latest caper is a trip through the dark alleys and dead-end streets of post-psychedelic San Francisco. The former cop tells his tale of murder and depravity with sly humor and very human reactions to the worst and best of humanity. All pests beware—Riley is on the case!"

— Manuel Ramos, author of *The Golden Havana Night*

**What is "normal" in San Francisco?
In 1982, sexual experimentation was common.
But naked corpses wearing flea collars?**

Riley the exterminator is thrust into the kinky corners of a city where the boundary between normalcy and deviancy is blurred—where sex is handcuffed to violence.

This ex-cop's journey begins at a deviant's death scene, which leads to a rich kid who finds depraved delight in his six-legged playmates. Following a twisted track through sex shops and vile videos, Riley is soon over his head in terms of the human mind. He joins forces with a brilliant, beautiful psychologist to track a chain of blackmail and extortion into the depths of the human psyche, where degradation is an aphrodisiac.

As Riley questions social norms, he has no doubt that he must work closely with people he finds repulsive—but oddly principled—to infiltrate a secret cell devoted to a bizarre fetish involving insects, which has been driven underground by a holier-than-thou district attorney. The group's charismatic leader is taking them toward grisly murder to consummate their deviant desires.

**A gruesome climax is coming, unless Riley and his
trusted gang of misfits from Goat Hill Extermination
can achieve homicidus interruptus.**

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