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3.1 Introduction

Today, the crime is a major global problem. The daily newspapers and broadcasts bring us along with our breakfast the news of murders, robberies, kidnapping, etc. Majority of people are victims of crime. Crime is a form of social injury, and it always has a harmful impact on society. The English word ‘crime’ is derived from Latin word; krimos’ which means to accuse. The term crime is concerned with the social order, and it deserves disapprobation and condemnation of society. Crime is an umbrella term which has many shades and aspects.

There are varieties of crime, such as violent personal crime, occasional crime, public order crime, occupational crime, conventional crime, organized crime, professional crime, white collar crime, sexual crime, cyber crime, etc. Some types of crime are distinguished here which are paramount to study of the topic of the research.

3.2 If Tomorrow Comes and Crime

Sidney Sheldon’s If Tomorrow Comes (1985) is crime fiction novel. In the beginning Tracy, the main characters, is an innocent, who is in love with Charles. Charles is the son of an affluent family who does not approve her. She is sent to jail for a crime which she doesn’t commit. In the prison, she faces a dangerous situation. Tracy is raped by her cellmates, and her attempt to fight back leads them to assault her, resulting in a miscarriage. She takes revenge against all those who harmed her, including her and her mother. The title of the novel is taken
from a melodramatic quote in the novel. Where Tracy vows to take her revenge, if tomorrow comes; “She was going make them pay.... Tomorrow, her thoughts. If tomorrow comes.”

Tracy is a protagonist in the novel. She is an ex-convict. Her former bank will not accept her back due to her bad status. When she tries to apply for other banks, they reject her. She decides to become a saleswoman in upper-class stores, but she is often fired. She goes to a well known New York City Jewelry store owner who helps her in making some fast money in a jewel heist. Tracy introduces her to a Gunter Hartog, a world class fence. She becomes the world’s cleverest criminal.

Tracy learns some brilliant con schemes which are filled with humor and ingenuity all over the Europe. They are stealing jewelry from an actress on the orient express. Their plan is stealing a valuable painting from a museum then reselling a gem to a jeweler for much higher than its price. The Interpol searches in Europe, the gang of con-women. Only Daniel cooper, the investigator, seems able of matching Tracy’s brilliance. Although he never manages to catch her red-handed, and their evidence is never enough to arrest her. After earning a lot of money Tracy, and her lover decide to live a pleasurable life. Tracy and Jeff, plan to marry and live together in Brazil as law abiding citizens.

The prologue opens with the characters like Tracy’s mother, Dorris Whitney. The mother calls Tracy from New Orleans and then shoot herself. The beginning of the novel is very interesting, and it catches the attention of the readers:
She undressed slowly, dreamily, and when she was naked. She selected a bright red negligee to wear so that the blood would not show. ... removed the gun... cold. (3)

A bright red negligee, blood, gun, shiny black, cold all these word indicate that something dangerous must have happened. Exactly what happens we can not guess, but it increases our curiosity to know what has happened? The mysterious atmosphere is very suitable for crime fiction.

Tracy comes to know that her mother has committed suicide. So, she moves for New Orleans airport and there she waits for her suitcase. She is surrounded and pushed, by the impatient travelers where she feels suffocated. In February, the whole city celebrates the beginning of Lent. She comes out of cab and stands at the curb. She swipes up in the screaming, dancing crowd. The people in the crowd are the black witch’s Sabbath. They celebrate their million of furies over. She is grabbed by a fat man in devil’s mask, and she is kissed. A deer masked person squeezes her breasts and the giant panda grabs her from behind and lifts her up. There is no escape for Tracy. It indicates that now her dark time has begun.

The morgue is cold and indifferent and terrifying. She is led down a long white corridor into a large, sterile, empty room which is filled with the dead. Otto Schmidt tells that Joe Romano is responsible for her suicide. He has bought the company of Tracy’s mother. He fires everybody and recruits his people to run the things. He sells all the assets and orders lot of equipments and not do pay for them. Suppliers are not worried about the delay in payment because they know that their deals are with Dorris. But now they start pressing her for money. The company is
of no use, but they force her to pay in bankruptcy too. They take in possession everything- the business, this house, car, etc.

Tracy has bought a gun under the false name; Joan Smith. Her prime intention to purchase a gun is only to threaten Romano. While entering his house, she is aware of the heavy weight of the gun in her purse. She wants to threaten and wants him to confess the crime. He tears her house and pinches her breast nipples. He squeezes her body and hurts her. She falls down to the floor. He exploits her, his body heavy on hers; his hands move upon her thighs. Suddenly she tries to get a gun, so she grabs it, and a sudden, loud explosion is made. He says:

On Jesusi Romano cried. His grip suddenly relaxed... “You shot me ... you bitch.... Tracy was transfixed, unable to more...Her eyes were bloodshot and wild looking...I’ve just killed a man. His blood seeping into the white rug... ambulance. (30)

The incident creates excitement, rush, and anxiety. It’s very much shocking incident. Unknowingly she shoots him and feels terrible. Her eyes become bloodshot. Joe’s blood spread all over the floor. The whole scene looks like a movie act. Sheldon gives a cinematic presentation of the scene to generate shatter and horror in the minds of readers. Overall this action is responsible for Tracy’s downfall. She elopes from the place but unfortunately she forgets her gun there where police might find her fingerprint. Unknowingly she is caught in their trap. Now, Romano has accused of Tracy as she of attempts for the murder and steals of a painting, worth half a million dollar.
Henry Lawrence gives her fifteen years imprisonment. Because of one mistake she is in prison the atmosphere in prison is very dangerous. Her body is tense and cramped. She lies back on her bunk and narrates her experiences:

She was awakened by a hand clamped across her mouth and two hands grabbing at her breasts. She tries to sit up and scream, and she felt her night gown and underpants being ripped away. Hands slid between her thighs, forcing her legs apart. Tracy fought savagely, struggling to rise.... A hard fist smashed into Tracy's face and another into her stomach...slammed her head against the bars. She felt the blood spurt from her nose....she sank into the pain, deeper and deeper, until finally she felt nothing. (60-61)

It is the example of an extreme crookedness in man. Her companion sexually assaults her until she lies on the cold cement floor of her cell naked. Her one eye is swollen. She is unable to move. Three women attack her. The whole description is very terrible. They slammed her head against the bar, and it is exploits dangerously. They not only exploit her physically but sexually too.

As a punishment, they send her into the womb. She is alone in the dark. A noisome hole in the floor served as a toilet for her, and she lays darkness. She sleeps forty-eight hours in agony of pain. The pain gives way to soreness. She is looses her baby. There is no light in the cell, so there is no difference between night and day. She has no idea of her solitary confinement.
Tracy returns in her cell. This is the beginning of her new life. She feels a rush of wind as Lola and Paulita come at her. She takes a piece of metal and conceals it in her hand and swing with all her might, hitting one of the women in the face. She screams in of pain; she kicks out at some other figure and sees a fall to the floor. In this way, she fights against the injustice done to her.

Ernestine Littlechap’s is a maid who serves a lunch at the mayor’s house. One of her guests is an old lady. This maid has worked for her house and has done some robbery. When police investigate the previous robbery, so, she tells everything. So Ernestine is in jail. The prison staff calls the prisoner in TV room but suddenly they disappear. If she opposes anybody, she is rapped. 90% of the women who enter the prison are forced for homosexual activity; it may be willingly or unwillingly. The guards are bad especially the male guards are worse. Overall the atmosphere is very dangerous in the jail. The prison is filled with experts in every conceivable type of crime. They exchange the method of grifting, shoplifting, and rolling drunks.

In prison, the explosion between Ernestine Littlechap and Big Bertha used to take place in the yard. As the prisoners are playing the game of soft balls big Bertha slams Tracy, pulling her down and then she on top of Tracy. She tries to seduce her but Tracy fights wildly to get free. Ernestine has come to help Tracy. Such fights are common there. Ernestine plots to help Tracy’s escape. Anyhow, Tracy just wants to run away from this place. She searches too many ways but in vain. Finally, she decides to run away:
The Guards search every truck going through the gate. ‘But a tracks carrying a basket of laundry- they’re not going to dump out the laundry to check it. “They don’t have to the basket is taken to the utility room, where a guard watches if it being filled.”... someone distract that guard for five minutes...get into the bottom of the hamper and get cored up with laundry. (102)

It’s a fantastic idea that Tracy decides to get escape from prison with the help of Ernestine. They take help of the laundry truck for this purpose. Tracy’s cellmates Lola takes measurement of Tracy’s dress and Paulita arranges shoes for her. Ernestine arranges a credit card that is, driving license for her.

Tracy decides to take revenge on Joe Romano. On Monday, at noon, she goes to first to merchant’s bank of New Orleans. It is a crowded time with customers. She takes eight checkbooks from Lester, pretending as if she is a secretary of Joe Romano. She takes the deposit slips in the back packet. She separates these deposit slips from the checks and puts twenty slips in a metal container. Within a few minutes, all of them separate themselves and go to various tables. The deposit slips are blank, but each contains a magnetized code at its bottom which the computer could credit on various accounts. No matter who deposits the money but because of the magnetic code the computer automatically credits deposits at Romano’s account. She has experience of working in the bank. Within two days, all the magnetized deposit slips will be used. She gets enough time for her planning. She goes the New Orleans Holiday Travel Agency and makes a reservation for Rio de Janeiro on Friday, one-way ticket. Tracy gives Romano office address then buys
some bags for luggage and puts his J. R. initial in gold on bag and gives the same address.

Tracy calls Anthony Orsatti and informs him false things. She tells him that Joe is hiding his checking account. Romano goes on a trip. Joe doesn’t know anything. Anthony checks the bank account and the balance is three hundred ten thousand nine hundred five dollars, and thirty-five sent. Romano feels the blood draining from his face. Then suddenly some luggage comes and a cable for him. It indicates clearly that he is trying to elope and steal a lot of money in the absence of Orsatti. His reservation for princess suite for two months at Rio Othon palace clearly indicate that he has made a planning. Tracy uses her brain and demolishes the first criminal, Romano. The series of death has started.

The second victim is Mr. Pope. His air-conditioning unit has a problem, because all the coolers are not working. Ernestine sends Ralph for that case because Mr. Pope has Complaint about the air-conditioning problem. So instead of real workers, Ralph and his colleague come and carry their canvas bags:

At attic they open their canvas bags and remove a small folding camp chair, a drill with a steel bit, a tray of sandwiches, two cans of bear, a pair of 12 by 40 Zeiss binocular for viewing distant objects in a dim light, and two live hamsters that had been injected with three quarters of a milligram of acetyl promazie. (137)

They make all the arrangement on attic and repair air conditioning unit. Ralph takes the flashing light and reconnects all the wires he has loosened, a couple hours earlier. They tell Andre that there is condenser
problem, and they repaired all things. After that, they call the Eskimo Air conditioning company and inform that problem is solved from Perry Pope's house.

They play a poker game at Perry Pope's house on every Friday. They are Anthony Orsatti, Joe Romano, Judge Henry Lawrence, an older man, a state senator, and of course their host. Since eight weeks, Pope is winning the game. Orsatti's mood is awful. When they are playing; a piece of plaster falls down. So they look up at the ceiling and something hits Orsatti him on the forehead. There is a scurrying noise overhead. Bits of plaster begin to trickle. They reach the door to the attic. They see a white hamster, frantically racing around the room. Anthony Orsatti stairs:

> In the middle of the attic was a camps chair with a packet of sandwiches on top of it and two open cans of beer. On the floor next to the chair was a pair of binoculars.... Orsatti put his eye to the peephole. Directly beneath him the card table was already visible... his face suddenly lost its color. He stood up and looked around wildly, to find all the men staring at him. (142)

All members suspect that Mr. Pope is a treacherous person. His all plans are to arrangement to win the game. Orsatti never forgives the cheaters. Mr. Pope tries to convince them that he is not a cheater. The setting is such an excellent plan, but one can suspect him. Perry Pope keeps gnawing desperately at the raw flesh of his right thumb. Tracy finishes her second criminal very beautifully.

Henry Laurence is in Europe attending an international a judiciary symposium. She calls and tells the secretary that she is Elizabeth Rowane
Dastin, Chairwoman of the southern division of the American Trial Lawyer’s Association. They are having annual awards and choose Judge Henry Lawrence to be the man of the year. Laurence secretary knows that he enjoys media coverage. The cables are addressed to judge Henry Lawrence, Russia Hotel, Moscow. The first cable reads. And its every 4th word is underlined

Next judiciary council meeting can now the arranged. Confirm convenient date as space must be requested. Boris.

Second cable,

Advice problem travels plans. Your sister’s plane arrived late but landed safely. Lost passport and money she will be placed in first class swiss hotel will settle account later. Boris.

The third cable,

Your sister will try American Embassy to obtain temporary passport. No information available yet on new visa. Swiss make Russian seen saints will ship sister of your soonest. Boris. (148-49)

The press and public are barred from the trial. He presets that he is in the Soviet Union on a spying mission. The prosecution declares American Spy Judge Henry Lawrence has been convicted of espionage and sentence to Siberia for fourteen years of hard labor. The underlined words indicate that he is a spy, and they send the money on his Swiss account in exchange of Soviet Union’s information. Skillfully, Tracy demolished the Laurence. All so-called powerful people are automatically killed, and only Orsatti remains alone. He becomes helpless, so she sends a funeral
wreath of white carnations on a stand, with a wide ribbon to read, and to rest in peace from Derris Whitney’s daughter. She could do all these things with her talent only.

One by one she finishes the people that have wronged her. Now, she no longer remains as a victim. She is enjoying the thrill of the scam and goes off on an amazing life of crime. In her bank, they were worked in the past. But now they are not given the job to her and the amount $1,375.65, too. She decides get the money back anyhow. She opens a false account in the bank as Rita Gonzales and does an illegible signature. Tracy has been at the meeting when the original authorization code has been decided on. The code they have finally settled on is used for four seasons of the year and the current day’s date also. She goes to a computer store and does the work. First she types full 10, then winter 10 and finally, spring 10 in the absolute code suited. She transfers her money from general reserve fund to Rita Gonzales. The money can be transferred by Chips. It is a clearing house interbank payment system. Tracy is now a master in it. Then she transfers her money to the main branch of the first Hanover Bank of New York City.

In New York, she starts her career as a real criminal. She accepts the responsibility to steal the valuable ornament. She is frozen with fear. She is wearing black coverall; her keens are shaking. It is completely dark. She wears gloves. Her heart is beating so loudly that she can not hear any other sounds.

The alarm is to the left of the front door. There are five buttons. The red lights will be on, which means the alarm is activated. The code to turn it off is three-two-four-one are
when the red light goes off, you’ll know the alarm is deactivated... use this flashlight.... You’ll find the safe behind a portrait of Lois Bellamy ... this combination. (171)

Mr. Morgan gives direction to her and as per his instruction she does it. She stands stock, still, trembling, ready to flee at the slightest sound. The house is filled with a deserted silence in safe at the back, resting on a small shelf, is a chamois jewelry bag. She takes it and instant the burglar alarm goes off. The sound is too loud. She scoops the chamois bag and starts running towards the stairs. She hears another sound, the sound of an approaching siren. She is terrified, her heart racing, her mouth dries a block and a white patrol car are pulling in front of the house. The lieutenant reaches for the bell for the third time. The front door is opened. She wears a filmy nightgown, and her face is covered with mud packs her hair is tucked into a curler cap. She pretends herself as a houseguest and says the alarm is false. Police believe her, and she runs away.

Suddenly at train, one older man arrives and has shown his identification card, Federal Bureau of Investigation United States department of justice. They are Dennis terror and Thomas Bowers. Her mouth is suddenly dry. They check the bag and take the jewelry. She has been caught red handed. She feels that the police have traced her, and she is referred FBI. She is paralyzed by fear. At next station, they get down the train and tell Tracy to wait unit the police car comes. She then knows that they have deceived her, so immediately; she follows them at airport. At airport, she calls the police and says that she had lost her jewelry, and now they are giving me back as there is no other way for them. She demands 50,000 dollars from Conrad Morgan because she has stolen the jewelry twice.
Jeff marries Ed Zeller’s sister, but he deceives her. Her brother also is not good, so Jeff decides to take revenge over brother. He sells abacus and tells them it is SUCABA which is useful for making fraud, so they buy it. Daniel Cooper investigated that Tracy has given a false name and the address too. She signs a rental agreement. Her fingerprints match with one police plaza’s record. But they have no strong evidence to prove her crime.

Tracy reserves a suite on the signal Deck of the Queen Elizabeth. On the ship, she meets Boris Melnikov and Pletr Negulesco. Both are world’s great chess players. They are too much egoistic. With the help of Jeff, she decides to play chess with them and win. Both are ready to play with her at a time. She is holding two hundred thousand dollars in the bet. She is playing with the two greatest chess players in the world, and she knows nothing about the game except what Jeff has spent four hours to teach her. The game is started at 10 p.m. to 4.00 a.m. yet, it is declared as a draw. So many people use money for that game. The world about the match has already gone out over the wireless. So Jeff thinks that Tracy and he could be linked together a set up. So he decides to collect the money and escape. But when he is on board, Tracy is already there and thinks Jeff has tried to deceive her.

Tracy is found with blond seasoned hair, wearing far too much makeup and a tight fitting Italian knit dress under a sable coat. She goes ‘Parker and Parkers’ Jewelry shop and demands a big emerald. Mr. Halston takes her into a private room and shows her the emerald. She purchases the emeralds and pays for one lakh it by cheque. The stone does not need cleaning yet he takes it until check has cleared. He checks it whether she is that much money or not. Next day she comes and
demands the same stone and in exchange she gives him four lakh dollars.
Mr. Halston sees a daydream, so he gives an add for that, but there is
vain. She needs it on her birthday. Finally, he gets it.

Contessa Marissa informs him that she has an emerald that has
been in her family for many years. But due to some situation, she is
selling to it. She says:

My husband is going into this new business, and he needs
three hundred fifty thousand dollars. I have a hundred
thousand of my money to give him, but I need two hundred
fifty thousand more. I will hope to get if for this emerald.

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Halston gives her $25000 because he has got $1.50,000 profits which are
better than nothing. He calls Mrs. P.S. Benecke to make out her $4,000,
00 cheques to cash. He will arrange it with peter so that the $2,50,000
cheques would not appear on the Parker brothers. When he calls Mrs. P.
J. Benecke she checks out the suit in the morning. He calls Contessa
Marissa but she also disappears from there. His fingers are trembling so
hard that he is barely able to dial the number of the bank so that he wishes
to stop the payment on a cheque, but it’s too late. He has sold an emerald
for $1,00,000 and has bought back the same for $2,50,000 really. It is
amazing. Tracy has used different skills for the crime.

Tracy travels by Orient Express where she meets Alberto Formati
and his wife. Silvana Luadi is a classic beauty, with a sensational figure
and compelling, natural talent. She is very rich and has got a lot of
jewelry with her; Tracy decides to steal all her jewelry.
At 3.30 in the morning, Tracy quietly left her compartment. The timing was critical.... Clad in Pajamas and robe, and carrying a sponge bat, Tracy moved down the corridor, every sense alert, the familiar excitement making her pulse leap... she was prepared to say that she was looking for the ladies room, but she encountered no one. Tracy reached cabin E 70 without incident.... The door was locked Tracy opened the sponge bag and took out a metallic object and a small bottle with a syringe, and went to work.... Ten minutes later she was back in her cabin...thirty minutes after that she was asleep. (262)

Very systematically, Tracy steals the jewelry. She is very much terrified yet she shows her courage and at dawn she does it. She uses ether through the keyhole. She opens the door and looks the room and quietly comes back to her compartment while her victims are still lying unconscious. The Inspector Luigi Ricci takes the charge of investigating the whole things. They examine the engine, the dining room, a bar, the toilets, the compartments, the passengers, crew and every piece of luggage, but they can not find anything. When the Orient Express arrives at the Santa Lucia station in Venice, she is the first passenger to disembark. She takes her luggage and goes the airport with Silvana Laudis jewelry. She puts the jewelry in Silvanas’ luggage and exchanges it at the station.

The rush of crimes has recently sprung up all over Europe. Half a dozen countries have been hit by an epidemic of ingenious swindles and burglaries. There is a similarity that the victims are of unsavory reputation, and there is no violence at all and the perpetrator is always a female. They feel that they are facing an international gang of women.
Some are bland, some brunet. They have been reported the citizens - as being English, French, Spanish, Italian, American or Texan. Daniel Cooper’s plane lands in Paris to investigate all those things and inspector Trignunt helps him in his work. All the victims have an unsavory reputation.

Cooper studies the case and says that logically the thief must hide the jewels in the bottom of one of her other suitcases. He probably has got a duplicate suitcase. Accordingly, so when the entire luggage is piled on the platform at the Venice station. All he has to do is to exchange suitcases and disappear. It happens and Mr. Alberto exchanges his suitcase at the platform.

Daniel Cooper has declared that one woman has been responsible for all these earlier crimes. He collects an immigration report on every female American tourist who is likely to be in the same cities at the times the crime is committed. She uses false passports sometimes, but mostly she uses her real identity. The first burglary in the series has been committed in Stockholm. The Interpol branch in Sweden lists the American tourists in Stockholm that week. The names of women are fed to the computer. Total fifty-five names on the list are found, then the number is reduced to fifteen and the name at the top of the list is Tracy Whitney.

Tracy goes to Paris. Every year on the first Saturday in June, the Count de Matigny sponsors a charity ball for the benefit of the children’s hospital in Paris. He uses 10% money for children, and 90% goes into his pocket. The robbery at this place is very dangerous. It can be described as:
Jeff’s tone was serious “Don’t try this. First of all, you’d never get through the grounds alive. A killer guard dog is let loose at night.”... Every window and door is wired. The alarms connect directly to the police station. Even if you did manage to get inside the house, the whole place is crisscrossed with invisible infrared beams... the beam doesn’t sound the alarm when you step into it. It sounds the alarm when you step out of it. It senses the heat change. There’s no way you can get through it without setting of off. (282)

The word indicates alarm system, infrared beams, police station, heat change, senses, sounds are all horrible. It’s very clear that all things are very dangerous here. Police can catch the criminal, such a system he uses for it. Instead of this, Tracy decides to accept the challenge. Jean-Louis is her companion for this robbery:

Man came out of the van holding onto a female Doberman. The dog was in season... an excited.... Tracy stepped from the roof of the van onto the top of the wall. She unrolled a scaling ladder and hooked it to the edge of the wall. They both moved down it onto the grass below... everything was dark and bleak... fearful watch for the Doberman.... Tracy had causally tested the ivy the evening before. Now as she put her weight on a vine, it held... no sign of dogs Jean Louis... climbed up beside her. (284-85)

The night is chilly and cloudy. The high wall around the chateau looks grim. She uses her intellect. She knows the Doberman has a powerful
heavy body and deadly teeth, so she takes a female Doberman and throws her towards him. This is dogs' season so they get involved into one another. In this way, she overcomes the first problem then she steps from the roof of the van onto the top of the wall. So they both of them move down it onto the grass below. She tests the ivy before the evening so that with the help of ivy they can reach up. With the help of glass cutter, they remove the glass. Their way is blocked by spider web of alarm wires. Jean-Louis reaches into his pack and pulls out a foot-long wire with an alligator lamp on each end. Moving slowly, he reaches the beginning of the alarm wire strips it and connects the alligator clamp to the end of the alarm. He pulls out a pair of slippers and cut the wire. They use a second scaling ladder to climb down through the skylight.

They reach the attic and wear red lens goggles. The house is crisscrossed with invisible beams. She needs to devise a way to keep the alarm silent till the safe is opened. Tracy opens the curtain, so four infrared light transverse the alcove from the floor to the ceiling, crisscrossing one another. It's impossible to reach the safe without breaking one of the beams. Together they take a step towards the beams and go to the center of the beams. Tracy stops and sends Jean-Louis further. Her body is heated keep due to her efforts to the sensors from swindling alarm. If she moves, the alarm will sound. She stands motionless, taking slow, deep breaths. Her right leg begins to ache, goes into spasm. She feels screaming due to the pain. And suddenly the safe opens. Jean collects all the things. Inch by inch, they move back through the beams towards the curtain where the beams begin. Then the noise is deafening, shattering. They run towards the door, with the help of a ladder they race across the roof and climb down the ivy and reach to cross
the ground towards the wall where the second ladder is waiting. Within a second, they reached the roof of the van and sped away.

Mr. Zuckerman meets Tracy at a bar and tells a false story that Prince Philip is sent out in 1588. One of the ships loaded with gold bullion drew into the see because of the storm. He gets a fortune discovery map, so he needs one lakh to get the gold. Tracy is prepared to give him one lakh rupee and then they became fifty-fifty partners. Jeff warns her about all that Armand Grangier comes to know that she is Tracy Whitney, who robs people. It is disclosed that Armands man in Paris makes the duplicate passport. He goes to visit her. The room is a mostly unused and small. He opens the door.

A row of wet hundred-dollar bills held up by clothespins on a wire was strung across the closet, hanging out to dry.... He uncovered a small printing press with a still wet hundred dollar bill in it.... Sheets of blank paper the size of American currency and a paper cutter several one-hundred dollar bills that had been unevenly cut were scattered on the floor. (302)

It's clear that Tracy is printing duplicate notes. The blank paper, cutter and the handing out the note to dry. It indicates that she has a printing machine and with the help of it she is going to pay them off with counterfeit money. Grangier gets angry to find all these things. The dies are perfect. The paper feds authentic, and the lines are crisp and clean. The colors remain sharp and fixed even with the bill wet, and the picture of Benjamin Franklin is perfect. It's hard to tell the difference between the real and the foul notes which he holds in his hand. He cross-examines notes in the bank but they too not recognize it. Tracy tells him a wrong
story that he was an engraver with the U.S. mint for twenty-five years. When he retires, the people in the office create a technical problem about his pension, and he never gets it. So he smuggles out some hundred-dollar plates that are supposed to have been destroyed and used his contents to gets the paper on which the Treasury Department prints the money.

Grangier feels very exciting and decides to buy dies for five hundred thousand dollars. He will buy the large press for himself and replace what he borrows from the casinos bank account with money he will print. Tracy assures that it will print $5,000 a day. So he makes a plan that the press on twenty-four hour shifts will bring it to $15,000 and more than $100,000 a week. Tracy takes the money disguised and checks out.

She has cheated him out for $500,000, and he is going to pay her back with a vengeance. He takes help to find her and put her in jail. Police, Cooper checks it. He find it an ordinary printing press; used only, to print letterheads. Tracy Whitney has never been a victim of the fallen for the sunken treasure story. She uses her scheme. Tracy Whitney is a woman crime wave:

Tracy is interested to visit Majorca. There are two hundred known caves in Majorca, but the most exciting is the Cuevas del Drach, the ‘Caves of the Dragon’ near Porto Cristo, an hour’s journey from Palma. The ancient caves go deep into the ground; enormous vaulted caverns carried with stalagmites and stalactites, tomb silent except for the occasional rush... tremendous depths. (312)
The setting of the scene clearly indicates that something deep is involved into it. Tracy selects such a place to visit Gunther Hartog that nobody can find them there.

Goya’s painting; called Puerto is in the Prado Museum in Madrid. Gunter’s wealthy client is eager to acquire a certain painting and pay half a million dollars. Daniel cooper and detective Pereira follow her he wants to arrest her red handed. Tracy reaches the Prado Museum. It is certain that she is not there as a visitor. She has some plans and now it’s beginning of the plans. She observes each and everything minutely. It is open since 10.00 a.m. in the morning, till 6.00 in the evening. During this time, the alarms are off but guards are stationed at each entrance and every room:

She studied the roof of the Prado and considered a night foray. There are several drawbacks. The first one was the high visibility. Tracy had watched as the spotlight came on at night, flooding the roof, making it visible for miles around...there were still the infrared beams inside the building and the night watch man. (329)

There is a strict security at the museum. The Prado seems to be impregnable. The study of setting is right for doing crime. A night foray, high visibility, infrared beams are presenting the crime setting.

She takes the help of Cesar Porretta, an elderly, gray-haired man with a slight hunchback for her further thing. The royal party is scheduled to appear at the Prado at 11.00 am. There are the screams of sirens as police motorcycles come into view. They are awaiting the arrival of His Highness. Copper’s instinct tells him that Tracy is going to steal a
painting. At museum, Tracy is heels stamp into the scattered paints, smearing them into the floor. The accident has attracted the attention of the tourists. There is smearing the paints from the crush tubes into grotesque images on the hardwood floor. Prince may appear at any time, and meanwhile, an accident happens. The guard from the next room is coming to help. Cesar Porretta is alone in the salon with the Puerto. The director comes and handles the situation. A guard pushes his way through the crowd to the room where Cesis Porretta is working. Cooper insists the director to check the painting because his things it might be substitute painting which is put there. The director says that there are senses fixed behind each painting. If anyone tries to lift a painting from the wall, the alarm will instantly sound. Cooper feels it’s a mere an accident.

Monseieur Rendell is making a tour of world museums, and he visits the Prado’s museums as part of it. Henry Rendell examines each painting carefully. Finally, he stays at Gaya’s painting and says it is Lucas painting. Lucas’s ego made him sign his paintings but due to his poor sell, he wins to forge Gaya’s name over his own, increasing the price enormously. He tells him to reassure himself to take the paining back to their restoration room and tests the signature. He tells Manchaca has paid $3.5 million for the Goya Puerto.

Machada feels difficult to breathe. Delgado takes the first cotton ball and touches it to the G in Gaya’s signature. Then he uses a stronger solvent. He takes diethyl peptone on a fresh cotton ball and touches the first letter of the signature. Again takes another cotton ball to do the likewise. The room is filled with a sharp pungent odor from the chemicals. Gaya’s signature disappears and looks as Lucas. For the sake of social prestige, they keep it secret. They don’t want a fake painting
among his beautiful treasures. Henri Rendell goes to the Bank of Spain and sends a cheque for $50,000, and they hand over to it the Eugenio Lucas. Porretta said modestly:

It was ridiculously simple. Took fewer than two minutes. The trick was in the paints I used. First I covered Gaya’s signature with a layer of super-refined white fresh polish, to protect it. Then over that I painted Luca’s name with a quick drying acrylic based paint. On top of that I painted in Gaya’s name with an oil-based paint with a light picture vanish. When the top signature was removed. Lucas name appeared if they had gone further... Gaya’s original signature was hidden underneath. (343)

In this way, they get the painting but before she sends a messenger, Jeff collects it. She could do well due to various disguises and different actions.

Jeff’s mother dies when he is young. His father immediately marries a young woman. When Jeff’s father is away on a business trip, Jeff’s young, nubile stepmother crawls into bed with him. She tries to sleep with him. So Jeff sneaks out of his father’s house and runs away to his father’s brother who owns a traveling carnival. It is through his uncle and the canny folk that Jeff learns the tricks and the trade of a professional co-man. He can do this only after reading books and observing the people around carefully. Jeff absorbs knowledge of thieving savant and develops an aptitude for stealing shift and lying to people in order to steal their shift. Carnival's knife thrower attempts to kill him. So Jeff decides to leave Carnival life and strike out his life.
Jeff marries a beautiful millionaire named Louise. At first Jeff tries to live a good honest life like Tracy, but his brother in laws push and push Jeff until he is like them. Jeff gets hell pissed revenge. Gunter gives new responsibility to Jeff to hijack the diamonds during the flight; Tracy is his companion. He says:

We need someone small enough to hide inside one of the containers. When the plane is in the air, all that person has to do is step out of the crete, open the De Beers container, remove the package with a duplicate, which will have been prepared, and get back in the other crate. (347)

It’s very dangerous to hide inside the containers of the plane. In a container already, person feels suffocated and in Cargo plane it’s an extreme case. The pallets are sealed before they are loaded onto the place. They arrange for the container with her in it to be placed next to the pallet with the diamonds. When the place is in flight, she cuts the ropes and opens the pallet with the diamonds and exchange a box identical to the thieves, and she gets back in a container and closes it.

When the plane lands in Amsterdam, at that time the guards will pick up the substitute box of diamonds and deliver to the diamond for culture. Then they will discover the substitution. Meanwhile, Tracy goes to Brazil by plane.

Vauban’s brother works for a shipping agent, so he loads the soft container along with and the container is placed at his warehouse. She ignores the throbbing in her head. She puts on black overalls with deep pockets; rubber sole shoes and a Basque beret. The truck which carries Tracy’s container makes a sudden explosive sound as the wheel jerks in
driver’s hand, and the truck begins to vibrate. Finally, they reach the airport, and Vauban sends it onto the bridge leading to the plane.

Due to fever, she gets unconscious but later she cuts her container with a knife and comes out the pallet. The canvas opens wider. She cuts another rope and finds enough room to go outside of the container into the belly of a cargo plane. Her whole body begins to shake due to coldness:

The roaring of the jet engines was mixed with the roaring in her head. The diamonds. I must find the diamonds... looking for red paint... third container... she shook so hard that she dropped the knife... she began to flash at the heavy rope. It finally gave way. (376)

In this way, she cuts the container and with the help of flashlight reaches for the box and takes the duplicate ones of her pocket. She gets confused between two boxes. Finally, she sets down one of the two and moves away from the container. As per instruction she has to gather everything, don’t leave anything, and must not around there which will make them suspicious. She begins to wind the uncut rope around the container. She feels a jolt beneath her feet as the plane touches the ground, and suddenly her head smashes against the floor and she faints.

It was the noise of the engines that brought her back to consciousness. The plane had stopped. She propped herself up on an elbow and slowly forced herself to her knees. ... the new rope was in place. She clasped the jewel box to her chest and began to weave her way back to her pallet. She lifted the canvas and fumbled around to find the two ends of
the cut rope and held them together... wrap the tape around them. (385)

In this way, she becomes successful in her act. The exact box is in the warehouse, and Jeff takes the original diamond box from her and sends it to Gunther.

Her red scarf find is found there. Cooper's suspicion becomes clear. Cooper, the inspector Van Duren, try their best to catch Tracy red handed. They visit Nederland's diamond cutting factory. The following day, they visit and discuss Rijksmuseum about painting. Chief Commissioner permits to place there the listening devices in their hotel room. Exactly what they are doing is a great problem. But they keep their eye on Tracy and Jeff. Then they discuss Amro bank which is shipping five million dollars in gold bullion to the Dutch West Indies.

Jeff visits a printing shop and gives the order for printing the cards. There he finds 'Amsterdam security services, Cornelius Wilson, a chief Investigator.' Tracy purchases a bowl of goldfish, two lovebirds, a canary, and a pigeon. Jeff discusses with Mr. Wilson about the security company with their bank uses. They are revising the security system at 3.00 in the afternoon. An armored truck pulls up outside the Amro Bank, so Jeff snaps a picture of the truck and in return, the detective photograph Jeff. Jeff buys a service truck of blue color. Then it is sent to an auto paint shop. Then empower the truck with metal braces within a day and pay three-fold amounts. Six empty wooden boxes, and some stamped machinery are delivered to the garage. Tracy rents a barge for a week, to take a tour of the canals. Jeff buys two uniforms for a costume party. The size for the second uniform indicates that a third person is about six three,
and the weight is around 220 pounds. Cooper and Van Duren take all the photographs related to Armo Bank’s robbery.

It makes clear that they want to do a bank robbery. So, they make a plan to catch them but unfortunately they fail in their planning. They just divert their attention from the actual theft. They are never after gold, and the whole set up is a decoy.

Daniel Cooper is also a criminal on his 12th birthday he comes home from school early because he has an earache. At home, he looks his mothers’ sexual intercourse with a neighbor, Zimmer. So he kills her mother and gives witness against Zimmer for her death. He is a whimsical person. It is Daniel’s testimony in court that convicts Zimmer.

On Paulus Potter strait in costar, Tracy and Jeff are approaching Nederland’s Diamond cutting factory. Jeff wears a beard and mustache, and alters the shape of his checks and nose with foam sponges. Tracy wears a black wig maternity dress and pads up heavy makeup and dark sunglasses.

In the diamond cutting factory, due to some reason, the lights go out so suddenly an alarm sounds and the steel shutters slam before the windows and doors, sealing all the exits. The guide says it is an easy electrical failure. It is a safety precaution actually. Again the alarm starts. Probably an electrical short may happen. Again the same thing happens, the lights keep flashing off and on. Jeff come as an electrician and says that there is a short in the wire under the floor. The guide can not allow going there because the smoke is pouring out faster now. People begin to panic, so the guide calls the Caption Hendrik and informs him to shut off
all the alarms for five minutes. Jeff is working in black of the pedestal. The guide tells about diamond:

Tracy was standing in front of the counter. “Do you buy diamonds?”... My husband is a prospector. He just returned from south Africa, and he wants me to sell these.... She opened the briefcase she carried, but the was holding it upside down, and a torrent of flashing diamonds cascaded down and danced all over the floor.... They scrambled for the diamonds on their hands and keens Lucullan diamond had disappeared. (405)

Jeff and Tracy are ingenious. They use such a trick and rob the diamond. Nobody understands their planning. When Tracy spreads the duplicate diamonds on the floor, the polite crowd becomes violent and the people in mob scramble for the diamonds on their hands and keens. They knock one another in each other way. When the guards try to stop them they are hurled aside, in a sea of scrambling. The greedy human beings fill their pockets and purses with the diamonds. In-between Jeff steals the Diamond and runs away. Tracy removes her disguise in a stall in a public washroom in Oosterpark and makes her way from the factory. She makes sure that observing them. She unwraps the package which she had inside. It is a small cage holding a slate-gray pigeon. She takes a small chamois sack from her purse and places the diamond in it. She removes the pigeon from its cage and ties the sack to the bird’s leg. In this way again she becomes successful in her life. Again in the plane she meets Maximilian Pierpont. She misses the golden opportunity to rob Pierpont twice. The end is very exciting.
Tracy goes by flight to Brazil. She notices that her seatmate is Maximilian Pierpont, the wealthy and ruthless who businessman knows to force smaller companies out of business. He shows an interest in her. Sheldon leaves the reader to wonder if she will steal from Pierpont is an open-ended conclusion. The description leaps off the pages and suddenly finds the reader propelled into the world of Tracy Whitney, a world of near escapes, perfect timing, intrigue, passion and last but not least, the hope for tomorrow. It is a brilliant creation and a work of fiction. There is humor as Tracy and Jeff merrily bounce from caper to caper, outsmarting the authorities and narrowly escaping their capture. Tracy’s and Jeff’s Mickey Mouse schemes work such a way it appears the world is populated with idiots. Critic Shruti Das states in her article ‘Feminism as Pop Fantasy: A Reading through Sidney Sheldon’s If Tomorrow Comes’ that:

The heroine Tracy Whitney is projected as a woman who fights foe existence in a society that denies her justice and a normal life. Sheldon, like his tribe of popular-fiction writers, attempt to champion the cause of feminism and endows Tracy Whitney with superhuman character. Tracy’s metamorphosis from a vulnerable, young woman suffering in a invincible hood is indeed fantastic. (220)

Sheldon introduces Tracy Whitney as a traditional feminine character who is solely concerned with being a daughter, a girl-friend and ultimately a wife. Her simple complacency is shattered one night when a telephone call informs her that her mother is dead. She plans and trains herself for the revenge she has pledged to take on the male-world outside. Revenge does not bring about a psychological growth in Tracy. She
wants a come-back in search of peace and happiness. Sheldon makes Tracy extraordinary, a fantastic character. *If Tomorrow Comes* is a superb example of White collar and Cyber crime novel.

### 3.3 Morning, Noon and Night and Crime

*Morning, Noon and Night* is (1995) one of well-known crime novel. The story involves a wealthy man and his three children by marriage and one illegitimate child. There are some very well plot, twists and surprises in the book. There are total three parts of the novel. One is a novel as got three parts in total; one is Morning, and Noon and the last one is Night. The plot is a good old man who is a rich father who is cruel to his children, and the children try to get hold of their father's wealth. There are several twists and turns, and ups and downs in the novel.

Harry Stanford, one of the wealthiest men in the world who mysteriously drowns while crushing on his yacht off the rugged coast of Corsica. It is a set of chain of events that reverberates around the globe. At family gathering, following the funeral in Boston, a young woman appears and claims as a daughter of Harry Stanford. Then the real story starts. The novel twists and turns it's and makes it way through smoke and mirrors until the Sidney Sheldon's surprise ending. This novel is enjoyable fills with intrigue and subterfuge. It's another spellbinding crime novel from Sheldon.

The Stanford family is one of the most respected family in America but, behind the façade of fame and glamour is a hidden a web of blackmail drugs and murders. The beginning of the novel is very confusing. Dmitri asks:
“Do you know were being followed, Mr. Stanford?” “Yes” he had been aware of them for the past twenty-four hours... but it was difficult to remain inconspicuous in a place as small as the fortified village of St-Paul-de-Vence... Harry Stanford had first noticed because they were too casual... wherever he turned, one of them was in the background. (3)

Someone follows Mr. Stanford. He is a so intelligent person that he easily understands that some are following him for 24 hours. The place St. Paul-de-Vence is very small. Anyone can understand easily what happens to his surroundings. They are in causal dress and always after Stanford. Who is this person and why they follow Mr. Stanford like a criminal is a great question.

Suddenly at 4 a.m., they leave the room, and fifteen minutes later Harry, Sophia, Dmitri and Prince are move down the stone staircase to the basement garage where the brown Renault is parked. They open the garage door and lookout onto the street. There is only Stanford’s, and the white cornice is there. Then Harry and Sophia are going to get in the back of the Renault and lie down on the floor. After five minutes, they are driving fast the gates of the village on the road to Nice. A man, sitting on a bench watch, the brown Renault going through the gate. One thing is clear that there is some big mystery behind these things. Why a multibillionaire person hides himself from the society and runs away like a criminal. Five minutes later, two members of the surveillance team are on their way to the airport, and third one keeps watch on the sleeping villa. When Harry’s Renault passes through La Coalle sur-Loup, they sit properly at the car. The atmosphere is excellent for the criminals to do crimes. In short, the setting is appropriate for crimes.
Harry Stanford’s plane thunders down the runway into the gray
dawn sky. The spy reaches the airport. Harry’s plane is headed to JFK.
With an intention, he misguides them. He becomes successful in his plan.
There are jackals following the trains of a lion, hoping to bring him down
according to Harry. Harry gives a strict warning to the captain Vacarro
not to use the satellite phones and Rudia. He wants to be safe. When they
are waiting for Harry at JFK, he reaches Pertofino. It is a kind of hide and
seeks game.

The pretty long ribbon of coast and its sparkling waters contain the
storied parts of Pertofino, Venazza and beyond them Elba, Sardinia and
Corsica. In Sardinia, he calls to Banca Italia in Rome. He speaks almost
half an hour. He calls Boston to Mr. Fitzgerald’s office and informs him
that he wants Mr. Fitzgerald in Boston at Rose Hill, at nine o clock
Monday morning with a copy of his will and a notary. Nobody knows
what his planning is. Marry informs the captain, Vacarro, to go Corsica. It
is a rough voyage; it’s a libeccso, they search to wind. They have heavy
seas before them yet they move for Corsica because the meeting in
Corsica is going to solve all his problems.

The captain shows the electronic map on the wall and says the
libeccro is centered in the strait of Bonifacio. So it is better to takes
shelter in the harbor but; Harry Stanford is not ready for it. He is totally
unaware about what happens next. The events that happen that night are a
matter of speculation. Dmitri massages him so that he should relax. Harry
takes a sleeping pill and goes into the bathroom with Dmitri. Then he
stands out veranda, holding some papers in his hand. His papers are
spread all over the veranda due to strong wind. Harry Stanford has tried
to collect the documents, but because of the pitching yacht, he looses his
balance and falls overboard. Dmitri Kaminsky sees him fall into the water. Through the intercom, he calls the captain and tries to save Harry Stanford. The captain stops the ship and through his heroic efforts they search him. In this way, Harry Stanford dies. Now they need a death certificate and an exit visa for the body to be carried away. Harry is a kind of bitch who takes pleasure in destroying people. He is both the snake charmer and the cobra. He is sadistic and vindictive. He sounds like a monster.

Harry Stanford marries Emily Temple. They have three children and have a governess for them, Rosemary Nelson. Harry has an affair with Rosemary, and she becomes pregnant. They have a terrible scene. Rosemary wants to marry him. He tells the same thing to a dozen of women. Emily overhears the communication of this couple. And in the middle of that night she commits suicide.

Tyler and his brother are playing a football in the back of the house. Woody throws the ball towards the house. Tyler chases it and picks it up. He hears his father’s voice there. He comes to know that his mother and father are not quarrelling, but it is the voice of their governess Rosemary. “You’re married I want you to leave me alone.” And he suddenly felt sick to his stomach. He loved his mother and he loved Rosemary. His father was a terrifying stranger (66). It is a horrible thing. If the small children hear such thing, they affect their minds.

Due to father’s behavior Tyler becomes absurd. He becomes judge in criminal court at California. He hears cases involving robbery, burglary, rape, shootings, drugs and murders. He becomes ruthless in his decisions and is known as hanging judge. He feels a crime is a crime so
the criminal must be punished. He becomes as cruel as his father who has treated him badly.

Somebody sends a blackmail letter to Kendall:

Dear Mrs. Renaud,

I regret to inform you that the Wild Animal Protection association is short of funds again. We will need $1,000,000 immediately to cover our expenses. The money should be wired to account number 804072-A at the Credit Swiss bank in Zurich. (92)

What she has done a crime is a big question. The blackmail letter indicates that she has done a crime. They demand $1,000,000 from her. They give Swiss account number so that nobody should search his name. Doing blackmail is an easy way to collect money.

After the accident, Woody becomes habituated to take Heroin. Dr. Tichner sends Woody to the Harbor Group Clinic in Jupiter. He never tells the doctor who supplies a drug to him. Murphy warns Benedotti to stop the drug business. Murphy feels Benedotti supplies heroine to Woody. Woody is the best player of polo game. He plays very well.

He suddenly felt exhausted. I pushed myself too hard, he thought. I wasn’t really ready to go back to the game yet.... I’ll make a fool of myself. He began to panic and his heart started to pound. What I need is a little picks-me-up. No! I won’t do that. I can’t. I promised .... I’ll do it just this me and never again ... this is the last time. (109)
Now this time he takes the drug for the sake of the game. But taking a drug is a big crime. When he is not taking drug, he feels exhausted, too hard, etc. These are the symptoms of drug addicted person. Woody becomes drug-addicted. Whenever he is in the field, he feels fresh. In the ‘Morning section,’ Sheldon narrates the story up to Harry Stanford’s will. Then Miss Julia Stanford appears suddenly in the plot. And in the ‘Noon section’ there is the investigation of Julia Stanford.

Tyler asks Julia’s identity proof which can prove that she is the daughter of Harry Stanford. Tyler feels that Julia’s being may be a fraud. They decide to do her a DNA test of her. They appoint Perry Winger, a DNA expert. DNA is a molecule of heredity. It is extracted from traces of blood, semen, saliva, hair roots and even bones. Traces of it can last in crops for more than fifty years. There are two types of DNA tests. A PCR test and RFLP test. They do a PCR test which takes nine days to get the results.

The exhume action order is necessary to take out the dead body from the ground. Here, if the news related to Harry Stanford is leaked media creates a huge problem. Finally, the Cannier Marine decides to take the coffin from the ground. When unsealed they find the coffin empty. It is a shock to them.

Tyler and Woody suspect that Julia arranges all these things as she is a fraud. They feel she is clever and resourceful. Now they decide to hire a private investigator to expose her. They appoint Frank Timmons as a private investigator for her. He goes to the Boston public library and reads all the microfiche about the twenty-six-year-old scandal involving Harry Stanford, the governess, and Mrs. Stanford’s suicide. He meets
Mrs. Drughorty, the superintendent at St. Joseph’s Hospital in Milwaukee. She cannot remind the details because this has happened twenty-five years before. Then she checks the patients’ records on file and finds her address ‘The Elite Typing service, Omaha, Nebraska.’ The Elite typing service is run by Mr. Otto Brodricks, a man in his sixties. There is a movie out called Rosemary’s Baby, so he remembers her because she also comes with a baby. He suggests her to go to Florida.

Timmons gives the information about Julia. After Florida, they go to San Francisco and live ten years there. He provides the paper of Julia’s driving license which she has got at the age of seventeen. In the state of California, drivers are required to have given their fingerprints as identity. He gives a card of real Julia Stanford’s fingerprints. They convince her for the test then Timmons take out a small fingerprint kite and checks her fingerprints already recorded on the card. Fortunately, fingerprints match with one another which prove that she is their sister, Julia Stanford. They take her to their home. After her arrival, Tyler goes to her room and says, we did it, Margo. We did it. Really it’s very confusing for the readers.

When Tyler is twelve years old, he comes to know that he is homosexual. One day Harry catches him fondling and kissing a boy from his school. Tyler has borne the full brunt of his father. From that day onwards he teases him and always says that he knows her dirty little secret. He blackmails him due to this reason, and he works for him anytime.

One day Tyler is on the bench, in the middle of a trial. Harry calls him to come back to Boston and checks out his whole staff because they are robbing him. Tyler comes to know that Kaminsky is a hit man for
polgoprudnenskaya. There are eight criminal groups in Moscow. They all fight among themselves, but the most powerful groups are the Chechen and the polgoprudnesnskaya. He works for the second group. They give him a contract on one of the leaders of the Chechens. He goes to him to make a better deal so that they will get more knowledge about it and put contract on Kaminsky. First they chop off criminals fingers then they let your bleed for a while and then they shout. Such a bad tradition they have got. He wants the state police for a new murder. Kaminsky runs away from Moscow.

Tyler decides to tell about Kaminsky, but due to his father's behavior he appoints Kaminsky to keep an eye on Harry so that he will come to know what goes on. Instead of the judge, he gives freedom for the criminal. He makes a deal with Kaminsky that he never informs Russian police, but he works for him.

Hal Baker is a man with good intentions and bad luck. When he is fifteen, his older brother helps him to rob a grocery store. He goes along with him. Hal is caught, and his brother escapes. Two years later when Hal Baker gets out of reform school he decides to obey the law. One month later, he goes with a friend to a jewelry store. His friend wants a ring for his girlfriend. Hal's friend pulls out a gun and yells, “This is a holdpept.” In the ensuing excitement, a clerk is shot to death. Again the police catch Hal for an armed robbery. His friend escapes from police custody. Baker is in prison, Helen Gowan, a social worker, studies his case. She rescues him from prison and gets married to him. Because of prison records, he can not get a job to support his family. He works for his brother, carrying out various acts of arson, robbery and assault.
Unfortunately, again he is caught by the commission of a burglary. He is arrested and kept in jail. Tyler Stanford is a judge in his case.

The district attorneys are making bets on how long Stanford will give Baker the punishment. But it is shocking that he gives him probation for five years and has expected to do a six hundred hours public service. Tyler thinks that Kaminsky is there, and Baker is useful for him in his planning.

As per Harry’s will Taylor, Woody and Kendall is the sole heirs. He believes firmly that those billions belong to them. So there is no way to stop him.

When Dmitri’s second telephone call came, Tyler said, “I want you to kill him. Tonight” there is a long silence. “But if I’m caught-” “Don’t get caught. You’ll be at sea. A lot of things can happen there.” “All right when it’s over…?” “The money and a plane tickets to Australia will be waiting for you.” And then later, the last wonderful phone call. I did it was easy. (200)

Tyler makes a plan to kill his father. He orders Dmitri to kill his father. He does that in his sea journey as per Tyler’s instruction. During the sea journey, Dmitri performs his duty. In addition to this, Tyler buys Australians air ticket and now nobody can catch him. This plan remains as a secret forever. Dmitri goes over to the massage table and spreads some oil on Stanford’s back. His strong fingers work skillfully in the massage and Harry Stanford feels relaxed. The massage lasts an hour, and Harry feels almost asleep:
I’m going to run a warm bath for you, Dmitri said. He went into the bathroom, stumbling with the motion of the ship. He turned on the warm seawater tap in the black onyx tub and returned to the bathroom. Stanford was still lying on the table, his eyes closed....He helped Stanford off the table and steered him towards the bathroom...“No!” he cried. He started to get up. Dmitri put his huge hands on top of Harry Stanford head and pushed him under the water. Stanford struggled violently, trying to come up for air... the seawater got into his victim’s lungs and finally all movement stopped.

(201)

It’s horrible that Dmitri is Harry’s bodyguard and even then he kills him. He does his massage and in the bathroom he presses his head under the water until he dies. It is a skillful murder.

Then Dmitri goes over the desk, fighting the rolling motion of the ship. He picks up some papers and open the glass door which to the veranda. He scatters some of the papers in veranda and throws some overboard. Then he returns to the bathroom and pulls Harry’s body out of the tub. He puts a pajama on the dead body, robe and slippers, and carries the body out onto the veranda. Then throws the body overboard and after five seconds; he picks up the intercom and informs the captain about Harry. When Tyler listens to this, he imagines the situation of his father’s death. How his father’s lungs must be filled with sea water and how he was gasping for breath.

Tyler’s thinks that Woody and Kendall never deserves such thing; He has only one share of stock which his mother has made on his name.
He remembers his father saying that "What the hell do you think’ going
to do with that one share? Take over the company?” He wants to get
control over his extra share, so he thinks the possibility of another heir
Julia. So he gets 50%; he has already one percent already. So he can take
over Stanford Enterprises. So he decides to use Margo Pasner as Julia.

Two months earlier, the court is called into session. The case is
Illinois V Margo Pasner. The charges made in the case are assault and
attempt of murder. It will be proved that the defendant has a long criminal
history. She has been convicted of shop-lifting and is known everywhere
as a prostitute. She works for a notorious pimp, named Rafael. In January,
they get into an altercation and the defendant willfully shot him cold-
bloodedly and his companion too. The victim is seriously injured, and
the gun possession is illegal. He sentences the criminal to five years at
Dwight correctional center. She has the same davit gray eyes as Stanford
has.

Tyler goes to visit Margo at the women’s prison and releases her
into the custody. He gives the work to her to impersonate someone and
gives 25,000 dollars for it. Tyler takes Margo at his home and spends five
full days briefing her on the Stanford family. Tyler makes a plan, and
Margo performs herself as per the plan. Everyone is convinced that she is
real Julia Stanford and Hal Baker is a Frank Timmons.

Woody takes a drug and beats his wife badly. Now second letter
comes to Kendall, with the message that they are demanding one million
U.S. dollars in Swiss bank account. Who does it is a great question. As in
the other letters, all E’s are broken. It happens a few months earlier that
Kendal has gone to her friend’s birthday party in Ridgefidd. She enjoys a
lot by taking a glass of champagne. After the party, she drives her car fast to go to New York.

She was traveling at almost fifty miles per hour as she rounded a sharp curve and spotted a car parked on the right side of the road. Kendall automatically swerved to the left. At that moment, a woman carrying a handful of freshly picked flowers started to cross the narrow road. Kendall tried frantically to avoid her, but it was too late. (221)

Due to darkness, she hits a woman with her left front fender. She gives the car to for its repair but her whole body trembles violently with fear. She looks at the woman watchfully but finds her dead. If she stays there, police will accuse her as a reckless drunk driving. And her body will show alcohol in it. Then they will send her in prison. So she puts the car in a garage of Sam, her mechanic. She tells him that a deer has struck the car.

Kendall goes home and tells Marc about the terrible accident. Next day, the morning papers flash the news in big headlines. Red says a deer has done a lot of damages, but Kendall says that the deer must be small. In the office, Nadine inquires about her mood, so she tells Nadine about deer accident. Suddenly a letter comes which demands $50,000 to Swiss account. Kendall and Marc go to Gibbous to check the name of the person who has an account in Swiss bank. But it’s of no use. Kendall goes to the garage, but she finds Sam and Red are not there. So she goes to the office and sees a typewriter kept on a stand. Sam comes there abruptly. Next day when Kendall parks the car in the garage she finds the typewriter is missing. And find there is a personal computer. At the
office, Nadine shows her a luxurious mint coat which her husband has given her as a birthday present. Suddenly she suspects Sam and Nadine as blackmailers.

When Margo Posner knows about her share in the will, she decides to stay there. But Tyler convinces her to go and promises to give her 110 lakh dollars. Then he phones the Chief Judge, Keith Percy and says:

The poor woman has deluded herself into believing she’s my sister. She followed me to Boston and tried to murder me.” She’s on her way back to Chicago now, Keith. She stole the key to my house...the woman is a dangerous lunatic....She’s threatened to kill my whole family. If you’ll fax me the commitment papers, I’ll sign them. I’ll arrange for her psychiatric examinations myself. (213)

He gets rid of Margo. He uses her for the sake of property, and when she creates problems in his way, very systematically he sends her to a mental hospital.

As per Tyler’s order Hal Baker goes to Kansas City. He buys a hunting knife, about six inches long with a sharp pointed end and aerated edges:

Hal Baker studied the apartment building at 1425 Metcalf Avenue for five minutes, examining exits and entrances. He left... began to get dark. He wanted to make sure that if Julia Stanford had a job, she would be home from work. He had notated that the apartment building had no doorman. There was an elevator but he took the stairs.... He reached the third
floor. Apartment 3B was down the hall on the left. The knife was taped to the inside pocket of his jacket. He rang the doorbell. (268)

In the manner of criminals, he does a minute observation of Julia’s flat. Hal makes a careful plan to murder Julia and escape from the place quickly. He keeps the knife inside the pocket of his jacket and rings the doorbell. The plan that he makes is very systematic and effective.

When Julia’s friend opens the door, he pretends that he is with A.C. Nielsen Company. She shows no interest in it. But he tries to tempt her that he would pay a hundred dollar a week to her. Automatically she starts taking interest in it. Hal tells her that she is to records the names of the programs when she watches the T.V. It will be one year’s contract, and she will get 5000 dollars for it. In this way, he succeeds in getting entrance into the house. Then Hal demands a glass of water and takes the knife to strike. Suddenly he realizes that she is not Julia but Julia’s friend Sami. Immediately Mr. Baker runs away from the apartment.

Due to Gordon Wellman, the night manager at the Copley Square Hotel saves the life of Julia. He comes on duty at 6’0 clocks and checks the hotel register. When he comes across the name of Julia Stanford, he is surprised. After Harry Stanford’s death, the newspapers are full of stories about Stanford’s affair with the children’s governess and so-called illegitimate daughter Julia. For the sake of publicity of hotel, he calls the press. When Julia arrives back at the hotel after her sightseeing tour, the lobby is filled with reporters. Julia, after this, takes her key out and opens the door so that they also should come with her in the room. Hal Baker is
hidden behind the door to stab her. Due to the reporters he puts the knife back into his pocket and mingle with the group.

Tyler informs Simon Fitzgerald that Julia is not true Julia. Simon warns her to go out of the place. She has no proof that she is Julia, but she shows him a small gold heart-shaped locket which is around her neck. When he opens it, he notices that on one side of it is a picture of Harry Stanford and the other side, a picture of Rosemary Nelson. The inscription reads as R. N. with Love, H. S. The date is 1969. So it’s clear that she is the daughter of Harry Stanford.

Shocking thing is that Peggy provides drug to Woody because after marriage she gets treatment of a waitress. Her brother has no status. So with the help of her brother she provides Woody heroin. After accident, Woody feels lot of pain, so he takes heroine habitually to get relief from the pains. She likes to see him restless. He begs for heroine, and she provides with satanic satisfaction. Peggy doesn’t know if it is his baby or somebody’s. She has made an abortion. Whenever he is in pain, she gives him heroin without fail. Her brother is a supplier of drugs. Woody’s friend sends Woody into a detox center. When he comes out, she is ready with heroin to offer him. Kendall decides settlement charges, and Peggy accepts it.

Margo Posner is in a mental hospital. She often throws her lunch tray against the wall, and suddenly she realizes that there are doctors around her. She proves that she is Julia, and she has several witnesses for it. The whole family is familiar with her fingerprints report. She feels that this is sufficient for her to get rescue from the mental hospital. The doctor appoints Frank Timmons as the private investigator. But this person is
quite different from the previous person in reference. Frank Timmons rejects to recognize her because he is not acquainted her. He is a complete stranger. As a result of this, she is proved in her argument wrong.

Again a blackmail letter comes to Kendall. Being late to credit the money, the blackmailer demands five million dollars from Kendall. Kendall informs Marc about this. She decides to go to George Meriwether, the vice president in charge of the New York Union Bank. Several years, George Meriwether tries to get open Harry Stanford’s account in the bank, but never succeed. He is happy to see Kendall, but she is in need of five million dollar as a loan. But due to the strict laws of the bank he can not sanction her loan. It is possible to sanction the loan to Kendall but if she becomes the shareholder in Harry Stanford’s estate. Nadine’s husband’s company transforms the man to Paris. So, Kendall thinks that Nadine might be blackmailing her but she doesn’t have any proof for it.

Kendall is in tension, and she walks restlessly in her apartment. She thinks the blackmailer will not stop until he takes everything from her. They will torcher her till she dies. She believes it would better to go to the police and confess the crime. She thinks that she will be sent to prison, and her career will come to an end suddenly she gets up and walks into Marc’s bedroom:

She remembered that he kept his typewriter on a shelf in the closet. She took it down and put it on the desk. She rolled a sheet of paper into the platen and began to type. To whom it may concern. My name is Kendall. She stopped. The letter E was broken. (321)
It’s great a shock to her that her husband is a blackmailer. Unknowingly, she uses his typewriter and coincidently she finds the criminal. It is her husband that is the criminal who has got ample love from her. He blackmails her because he is jealous to her. As a model, she is always flashed in the newspaper headlines all over the world. But her husband remains unknown and ordinary in the eyes of the world.

Marc accepts that he is a blackmailer. He does it so because he likes to enjoy watching her squirm when she reads those letters. He tells her that still she won’t be safe. It is clear then again he blackmails her. Kendall decides to confess her crime and surrender to police. But she does not do complain against her husband. Whatever the blackmailing may be, it is against the law.

Steve gives three messages for Frank Timmons. Behind this vicious plan, there must be someone from Stanford’s family. Kendall has got her problems and so her name should be eliminated from such charges. Her husband is an ordinary blackmailer. He is not capable of setting up such complicated things. Judge Stanford in Chicago Bar Association has a good opinion about Taylor so no one can suspect him in this regard. Taylor is the first person who insists on a DNA test. Now, only one person remains that is Woody. He is found always involved in drugs. It is an expensive habit. Peggy isn’t smart enough to be behind such scheme. In this way, Steve tries to investigate these things.

The Chief Inspector, McPherson, sends for Steve to come from Sidney. He informs that Dmitri Kaminsky is dead. The Russian gang chops off his fingers, till the bleed and then they shoot him. Mr. Timmons informs the police that a woman has tried to claims that she is in Boston,
and she is identified as Julia Stanford. But Timmons have never seen her before in his life. In fact, she is Margo Posner, who is at the Reed Mental Health Facility, in Chicago. When Steve goes to visit her, she is in a padded cell and attacks everyone who goes near her. She has tried to kill a matron and two doctors. She keeps on changing her identity. She’s under close observation. Now it’s clear that her two strong witnesses are useless.

Chief Inspector McPherson receives a call of Steve Sloane. He asks:

I forgot to ask you a question. When you found Dmitri Kandinsky’s body, were there any papers on him?....Thank you...Lieutenant Kennedy holding on line two…”The NYPD gave me some interesting information on Hoop Malkovich....Malkovich is probably a drug pusher...Police believes that the operation is tied into the French mafia with a connection through Marseilles. (346-47)

Steve Slone gets a strong proof against Woody. His brother-in-law is involved in drug marketing. He enquires about the Harbor Group Clinic in Jupiter. Steve comes to know that Woody is taking treatment related to drug habit. Slone informs Tyler about Woody’s habit of taking drugs. Steve says Woody is a murderer. Harry is not fallen off from the yacht. Peggy’s brother might have arranged it. Peggy’s brother has connection with the Marseilles mafia. The gang has paid a crew member to kill Harry. Steve also informs that Julia is at his house.

Tyler feels a relief as he is free from all the so called crime. It is an incredible stroke of luck. Dr. Gifford informs Tyler that Margo Pasner is
an insane woman and so they have locked her in a violent ward. Tyler goes to the library where Harry Stanford’s gun collection is kept.

... he took out some ammunition.... Inside were two matching Ruger revolvers, Harry Stanford’s favorites. Tyler removed one, carefully loaded it, and then placed the extra ammunition and the box containing the other revolver in his bureau drawer. One shot will do it... They had taught him to shoot well at the military school his father had sent him to.

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It's very horrible. Tyler takes his father’s revolver and loads it. He wants to kill Julia because she is an obstacle in his way to get 50% share. His father sends him to military school where he gets education of shooting. Now this becomes easy to kill Julia.

He picks-up a telephone directory and searches Steve Sloane’s home address. He takes 40 black Mercedes so that people should have least a suspicion. He parks the car away from the block and walks back to the house. He rings the doorbell, and Julia opens the door:

You have a right to nothing! Tyler shaped. “Where was you all those years when we where you all those years when we were being humiliated and punished by our father?...He put us through hell....Well, we did, and we deserve the money. Not you.”...You damned near spoiled everything, do You know that?”.... He took out the revolver. ‘You’re going to disappear”... Let’s not waste time. You and I are going on a little trip. (355)
It is clear that Tyler is behind all these scheming. He feels that Harry exploits them badly, so Harry family member deserve to claim the money not Julia. So he plans to kill her. Julia is totally innocent, but Tyler is diplomatic and vicious.

Suddenly Steve Sloane, Simon Fitzgerald, Lieutenant Kennedy and two policemen in uniform step into the living room. Steve is holding a tape recorder while Tyler commits the crime. Tyler is stunned for an instant but pretend that he just wants to frighten Julia and wants to go away from there. Steve purposefully says that Woody is responsible for his father’s death. Woody is not so able and talented to plan such thing. But Kendall is very successful. Dmitri Kaminski is killed in Australia, but the Australian police find Tyler’s telephone number in his pocket. He uses him to murder his father. He brings Margo Pasner and insists her to pretend as Julia. Taylor insists for the DNA test, but he is a man who arranges to remove his father’s body from the grave. He has made a Timmons a foul call. He hires Julia for her personal work and then sends her to a psychiatric ward.

Tyler accepts that his number is in Dmitri’s pocket because and thinks his father would be in danger, so he informs Dmitri to be careful. Those who have killed Harry must have killed Dmitri too. He appoints Timmons as he wants to search the truth. Taylor does not have an idea that someone impersonates him. He believes firmly that Margo Posner is his real sister. She suddenly becomes crazy and goes for shopping. Margo threatens to kill Taylor and urges Margo to go to Chicago. He comes to Steve’s apartment to frighten her. In this way, he protects himself. No one can prove him as a murderer.
William Parker provides the information that there are six billion dollars in assets, but Stanford Enterprises is in debt of fifteen billion dollars. He adds the information and says that he has invested a lot of money as he has already guessed the rate of interest would rise full. He makes million of dollars by betting on this issue. The banks are willing to do business with him because of his reputation. He makes a series of disastrous investments. He is pyramiding his debts, operating illegally. He gives his personal guarantee to the company’s passim plan and illegally uses that money to buy some stock. When banks begin to ask him what he is doing. He sets up decoy companies and provides false records of solvency and fakes sales of its properties. He commits frauds after frauds. So the Inspector Paulo traces Harry Stanford to St-Paul-De-venue and sends three detectives there to follow him. That’s why Harry elopes. Parker says everything will be sold to pay a part of the debt. So nothing remains.

Hal Baker and Margo pusher are Tyler’s people. Taylor gives some relaxation to Hal from prison. He uses Hal Baker as frank Titmouse and Margo Pasner as her sister. The district attorney in Chicago issues a search warrant for his safe-deposit box. They get a document giving him Julia’s share of her father’s estate. The document is singed five days before, and so-called Julia arrives in Boston. So Lieutenant Kennedy arrests him for conspiracy and for committing murder and arranging for extradition papers. His whole world collapses around him. Police comes to arrest Tyler. It will take me orly a few minutes to pack, Tyler said ...In his room, Tyler walked over to the bureau containing the revolver and loaded it. The sound of the shot seemed to reverberate forever (372). In
this way, Tyler kills himself and finishes all the problems. Publishers Weekly states that:

An X ray of Sheldon’s head would no doubt reveal a lattice of spinning plot wheels. His new novel, the tale of mega billionaire Harry Stanford, is stacked with rich characters, each arriving with his or her own minisaga history. (Book review, Web)

The ending is a shock to the readers. All the character’s in Sheldon’s book “secrets” unraveling and exposed in the end. Every chapter ends with a cliffhanger. Readers are interested in what the next chapter will bring. Prolific storyteller Sheldon is at again in his melodrama. Sheldon’s novel Morning, Noon and Night is the best example of Corporate crime novel.

3.4 Nothing Lasts Forever and Crime

Nothing Lasts Forever is a novel tells about the strife of three women doctors to survive in a male-dominated world. Kate Hunter is a black determined woman. Betty Lou Taft was born in a great family of great achievement. Paige Taylor, who is the bright third resident doctor, and all these three are resident doctors live together in an apartment at Embarcadero Country Hospital in San Francisco.

Kate Hunter faces her several sets of issues as she a black doctor trying to pair a way for herself and her brother. She has been raped by her stepfather at her early teenage, and she makes a vow that she will never permit any man to touch her again. But when she works at the hospital, she takes a jeopardy to accept the challenge of a deadly bet. She develops
relations with Ken Mallory. Even though, she knows that he bets with his friend to take her to bed in order to trick him back. This game becomes very dangerous because she has to stick her life in it.

Betty Lou Taft, nicknamed Honey wants to become a nurse but her family can’t accept it. So, sends her to a medical school. Being ordinary, she hardly survives there. In order not to disappoint her family, she offers a body to the graduates in medical school. But to start with, the senior doctors put up high hope on her, but soon they realize her poor capability.

Paige’s father is a part of a medical cadre of WHO so he travels third world countries. For these reasons, Paige decides to be a doctor. The doctors around her believe that men are superior to women in the field of medicine. They always try to find her faults. The three woman doctors fight for their positions as doctors in old boys network, and lastly they pull into a terrible accident. Kate is murdered. Honey almost gets the entire hospital closed due to her misdiagnosing and, Paige is accused of a murder. People think that these accidents are as proof of women’s inability to become doctors.

Best selling author and Oscar winner Sidney Sheldon’s Nothing Lasts Forever is an explosive story of three doctors who struggle with complicated love affairs and wish to make careers in the male-dominated medical professions at a great hospital. The trial is taking place in the venerable old San Francisco Hall of justice on Bryant Street. Sidney Sheldon uses a flashback technique and shows Dr. Taylor is in the custody of police:

The building, which housed the superior Court and Country Jail, was a forbidding looking edifice, seven stories high,
made of square gray stone. Visitors arriving at the courthouse were funneled through electronic security checkpoints. Upstairs the third floor, was the superior Court
In Courtroom 121, where murder trials were held, the judge’s bench stood against the real wall, with an American flag behind it … jury box, and in the centre were two tables separated by an aisle, one for the prosecuting attorney, the other for Defense attorney. (2)

The setting is courtroom. All the things like American flag, judge’s bench etc. are appeared realistic and vivid. We feel that as if we are in the courtroom. In prologue, Sheldon starts the court session where Dr. Taylor shown a criminal. She is accused of murdering her patient. The courtroom is packed with reporters and the spectators to witness the murder trial. The case has occupied the newspaper headlines, and the murder case has created a tidal wave of anger. Alan Penn cross-examines the Dr. Peterson. He says to Dr. Baker:

There was a pause and in the middle of the pause… a crack thunder outside, like the voice of God. A moment later the storm broke. Nailing rain drops to the roof of the courthouse.

‘Dr. Baker said, “You killed him”…. ‘That’s enough! Do you people live in case? …, ‘Are you sure that’s what Dr Baker said to Dr Taylor? You killed him. (14)

The atmosphere inside and outside is tense. The case reflects as crack of thunder outside the case reflects as like the voice of God. Storm is breaking. Suddenly there are raindrops to the roof of the courthouse.
Paige says she has never watched an operation, but imagines that there is an enormous tension; especially it's something as serious as a heart operation. There is a great deal of tensions and half a dozen, and more persons are available at operation room. So there must be a lot of noise and excitement going on. People call out instructions and so on, and music is played during an operation. Everybody is busy to save the patient. Attorney asks:

‘There was plenty of noise, yes.’ ‘And yet, in all that confusion and noise, and over the music, you could here Dr Baker says that Dr Taylor has killed the patient. With all excitement, you could have been wrong, couldn’t you?’ Dr Peter sighed. ‘Because I was standing right next to Dr Baker when he said it.’ There was no graceful way out. (15)

The atmosphere is in the operation theater so much tense. Dr. Peterson stands right next to Dr. Barker so he could hear, ‘You killed him.’ Really there is photographic presentation of the whole scene. In the middle of the room on the examining table there is that blood-covered patient. It is a motorbike accident. The patient is hit by a bus as he was not wearing helmet. He is totally unconscious. Paige suddenly wake-up and orders for oxygen, blood, etc. The patient’s situation is very critical. His name is Jimmy Ford.

Kate leaves the hospital and that time a Black Limousine is waiting for her at the club. The Shadow and Rhino are standing beside Kate. Rhino is ominous looking man, but it is the shadow that frightens Kate more. There is something deadly about his stillness. Because of Mike’s call, she goes with them. His friend has a little accident. He informs that
Mike mixes up, so they tried to help Mike. Actually Kate does not want to do anything illegal. Here, His friend is lying in bed unconscious. The gang leader provides her all necessary hospital equipment to her.

Honey enters the apartment and closes the door behind. She switches the light on. Suddenly a big black man comes out of the bathroom dropping blood on the white carpet. He is pointing a gun at her. He warns if she calls or makes noise he will shoot her. She is totally unaware of the black figure.

The black man with the gun pointed at Honey screamed, 'I told you to shut up!' 'I . . . I’m sorry.' Honey said. She was trembling. ‘Wh . . . what do you want?’ He was pressing his hand against his side, trying to stop the flow of blood. ‘I want my sister.’ Honey looked at him, puzzled. He was obviously insane. ‘Your sister?’ ‘Kate. Oh, my God! You're Mike!’ ‘Yeah.’ The gun dropped, and the slipped to the floor. Honey rushed to him. Blood was pouring out from what looked like a gunshot wound. (212)

Actually he is Mike, that is, Katee’s brother. He presses his hand against his side and tries to stop the flow of blood. Somebody had shot him, and so it was, risky to go to the hospital. Therefore, he goes to Katee’s apartment. He is not ready to go to the hospital in an ambulance. The situation is very terrible.

It was honey who arrived at the apartment first ...stumbled across Kate’s mutilated body; lying in a pool of the floor of the bathroom...She had hemorrhaged from her womb...Kate’s dead (263).
Honey arrives at the apartment and gets shocked because Kate’s body is lying in a pool of blood on the floor of the bathroom. When she checks her, she feels no pulse. Kate tries to kill her baby. The entire scene looks very terrible. She calls Paige to inform about Kate. She is no more. It's too bad. The whole setting is very horrible.

When Paige arrives at the apartment, there are two policemen, a detective and a medical examiner. They lean over Kate’s necked body and look and watch the body. Paige enters the bloody bathroom. The detective thinks that Kate has tried to get rid of the kid and has messed in up. But Paige realizes there is something wrong. The entire atmosphere is very serious. Her lover had killed her at night so up to the morning the blood has spread out of the bathroom. It is a bloody night.

The photograph of Ken Mallory and his fiancée appears on the front page of the San Francisco Chronicle on Tuesday. It shows the smiling Ken Mallory with his arm around Lauren Harrison. She weds Mallory. Katee has been died just two days before, and immediately Ken announces his engagement to another woman. It is quite shocking thing. Now his motive is very clear. He wants to marry someone else, so he bruises her out his way. Now they have a shred of evidence. Paige is too much involved in Katee’s case:

She was alone in the dark apartment... Paige heard his footsteps coming towards her...his hands tight around her throat.’ You bitch! You’re trying to destroy me...I killed Kate...Paige sat up in bed trembling (273).

Even in dream Paige feels that Ken tries to kill her because she tries to search the reason behind Kate’s murder. In the dream, she feels scary. It’s
impossible for her to breathe. Suddenly she wakes up. She is alone in her room, so she sits on the bed trembling. Paige goes to meet Dr. Dolan. He is totally irritated because he checks the body three times. He finds no trace of chloral hydrate in any of her organs. He just finds a trace of trichloroethylene. It’s an analgesic drug which can’t put anyone to sleep.

Sidney Sheldon in his book describes how a faithful friend, Paige, becomes a great detective to solve Katee’s case of murder. It shows how a human’s mind works furiously in danger times. He shows the human beings change in the course of time.

This hospital event shows how a struggle vowers between life and death of the patient and how the tense-packed fireworks of a murder trial fluctuates. Gus Venable is attorney in Dr. Paige Taylor’s case. He calls Gray Williams as the state’s first witness. Gary says that the relationship between the doctor Paige and John Cronin is not good. He always calls her ‘bitch,’ ‘here comes that bitch again,’ ‘why don’t they get me a real doctor?’ Gus Venable asks him whether he has seen to Cronin giving a million dollars to Dr. Taylor. But he says he has never seen such things.

The second witness is Dr. Arthur Kane. He says Dr. Taylor is responsible for John Cronin’s death. Gus Venable gives the official hospital death form signed by Dr. Taylor. He gives it to Dr. Kane and tells to read it aloud. Kane began to read:

‘‘John Cronin cause of Death: Respiratory arrest occurred as a complication of myocardial infarction occurring as a complication of pulmonary embolus.’’....The report says that the patient died of a heart attack.’ ‘And paper is signed by Dr. Taylor... the true cause.... Dr. Taylor administered a
fatal dose of insulin and then and then falsified the report?

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As per Dr. Kane’s witnesses Dr. Taylor gives an extra dose of insulin to Cronin. He does not die of heart attack but due to overdose of insulin. Dr. Taylor falsified the report as per her plan. Dr. Arthur reports that Dr. Taylor has taken the life of another human being. The next witness is John Cronin’s wife, Hazel Cronin. During the court trial, Gus asks the widow about their family life and relationship. Hazel says that her husband Cronin never informed her about Dr. Taylor.

His next witness is a nurse. The nurse says: ‘I heard John Cronin say, I know I’ll die on the operating table. You’re going to kill me. I hope they get you for murder.’(8-9). It means that he has an idea that the doctor had an intention to kills him. He speaks off, on but the nurse takes it seriously and uses it evidence.

An attorney, Roderick Pelham informs Dr. Paige about Cronin’s million dollars offer, but she rejects to accept them. As he is her patient and it looks unethical to her to get the amount, but later on she accepts it. Alan Penn is cross-examining Mr. Pelham. He asks: Mr. Pelham was Dr. Taylor expecting your visit? Why no, I...John Cronin left you one million dollars...when you told her about the money, how did she react?”...she seemed surprised (9). Dr. Paige doesn’t know anything about Cronin’s will. When Dr.Paige meets Pelham, she surprised because she never expects Mr. Pelham to see her and Cronin’s million dollars to occur.

The trial is now in its fourth week. The spectators and press have found the prosecuting attorney and defense attorney fascinating to watch.
Gus Venable is dressed in white, and Alan Penn in black and of both of them have moved around the Courtroom.

The next witness is Alma Rogers. She works at the Corniche Travel Agency. Alma tells him that, Dr. Paige came to her Travel agency two to three years ago. She is interested in a trip to London, Paris, and Venice. Dr. Taylor does not book for the trip but asks to see some brochures. She remembers the three doctors because they did not appear to attend a yacht.

The police find these brochures in Dr. Taylor’s apartment. Broachers were for expensive hotels, airlines and a private yacht. The brochures make it clear that Paige was to pay 27,300 dollars a week for the yacht. But she had not thought over the victim to murder and get money. The brochures make it clear that Dr. Paige is a cold blooded murderer.

The next witness is Dr. Benjamin Wallace. He informs the court that Dr. Taylor has a patient who needs a blood transfusion. The patient’s family refuses to grant permission for a blood transfusion. So without the court order Paige gives the patient blood transfusion. Then she obtains a court order and changes the date on it. She performs an illegal act and falsifies the hospital records just to maintain it. When Wallace puts before the court all these things, Dr. Paige is stunned.

Dr. Mathew Peterson is the next witness. He is a cardiac surgeon at Embarcadero Country Hospital for eight years. He says, Dr. Taylor operated on a patient named...'he pretended to consult a slip of paper...Lance Kelly?'...We were trying to bring him back...unable to revive the patient.'Dr. Barker said, You killed him (14). Paige does the operation of Lance Kelly. She tries a lot to save the patients but is unable
to revive him. She doesn’t have any actual fault in the operation, but her colleague decides her faulty.

Dense Berry is the next witness. She is a nurse at Embarcadero Country hospital for five years. She hears Dr. Barker says that he wouldn’t let Dr. Taylor operate on his dogs. Suddenly then there is a collective murmur and laugh in the courtroom. The prosecutor’s case against Paige seems overwhelming. Paige Taylor is on the witness stand. Alan Penn, the attorney, asks her, ‘John Cronin was a patient of yours, Dr Taylor?’”Yes, he was.’…”Dr. Taylor, did you deliberately administer a fatal dose of insulin to end John Cronin’s life?’ I did’(17). She accepts that she gives the overdose of insulin to John Cronin and kills him. He has melanoma that has metastasized throughout the lymph glands. So there is no hope for his recovery and pains too were unbearable.

He begs her in the middle of the night, when he had in terrible pains. The medicines which were giving to him were no longer working. He did not want to suffer anymore, and his death was only a few days away. He insists her to end his life. There was no point to letting him go on suffering. So she injected insulin into his IV. He had no any additional pains. He simply drifted off to sleep. She was not aware that he had made provision for one million dollars in his will. She was friendly with him. When she comes to know about big amount, she is stunned. He has provided money to her because he had respect and trust for her.

Venable states and says that Dr. Taylor gets 38,000 dollar a year. The amount includes deduction of taxes and lining expenses. So it’s not possible to her to manage luxury vacation trip as she can’t afford that much amount. She can’t plan to charter even a yacht. He makes it clear
that she can’t plan a luxury trip without getting the money from someone else. She does everything as per the planning.

Paige joins the hospital and gets a shock. Dr. Radnor says gently:

‘Pull the plug?’ Dr. Radnor said gently, ‘The hospital ethics committee made the decision this morning ... she’s brain-dead. Paige turned to look at the patient again. She was alive. In a few hours she will be dead... That’s murder. Paige thought. (40)

The patient is thirty-seven years old, and she has a brain problem. There is no chance of her survival, so the hospital ethics committee decides to remove the plug. It’s a normal case to the hospital. But to her it was a murder because it was a new thing to her.

At hospital, the nurse fills the syringe and moves towards the little girl and says that it won’t hurt, the baby. It reminds Kate a bad incident from her past.

Her stepfather had raped her. ‘The words’ are a dark echo in Kate’s mind. ‘This won’t hurt, baby... It was the voice of her stepfather... his visits became a terrifying nightly ritual.’ You’re lucky you got a man like me to teach you how to fuck (51).

At the age of thirteen, her stepfather frequently raped her. She tries to tell her mother, but she slaps her. She says about father that he was injured in an accident at a steel mill, and he stayed homeland most of the time. He kept drinking. Mother goes for work outside. Her father threatens her that if she tells anyone about the rape, he will kill her. She bears all these things
for the sake of her brother. But when she becomes pregnant, she leaves the home and does abortion. From the childhood, she bears sexual exploitation. Being a black woman, she is rejected by every college even though she is clever.

Paige is seventeen; the WHO team goes to a jungle village in South Africa to fight a typhoid epidemic. There was a sudden attack on the village. The WHO team could list the people speaking and also the sounds of gunfire outside. Paige is terrified as they are likely to kill people in WHO team. Her father sent to her uncle’s house and later on the father is killed in a native uproar. Her whole world is shattered in an instant.

Honey is not sharp in study. She uses immoral ways to become successful. She seduces Mr. Merton, Mr. Jonson (math’s teacher) Dr. Jim Pearson (anatomy teacher), etc. Honey, the plain southern belle whose diligent application of techniques learned from the Kama Sutra has assured her a professional niche.

One boy patient suffering abdominal pains is brought in the hospital. His father Mr. Newton wants to take the boy away from that hospital, but the boy’s condition is very critical. The father does not sign the papers but even then Paige decides to do the operation without permission. The hospital needs a court order so; she takes back date and things that no one will understand the change in date. She saves boy’s life but by illegal way.

Dr. Mallory bets 5,000 dollars with his friends and says that Kate will be a bed with him within thirty days. Grundy informs Kate about the horrible bet. Her face becomes grim. Honey, Kate and Paige discuss
Dr. Mallory and decide to play the game with him. They allow him to play his game. They want to teach him 5,000 dollars lesions. Kate thinks about her stepfather and feels it will be a way of getting revenge on her step father. But those three women does have no idea that their own were to be the death warrant.

Honey visits her new patient Mrs. Owens, a thin woman who appears to be in her late thirties. She has a broken nose and two black eyes, and her face is puffy and brushed. Her two teeth are missing; two ribs are broken, and a pelvis is fractured. Mr. Owens says that, she has fallen and has made an accident, but the reality is that her husband has beaten her. The patient’s husband drinks and beats her but she does not complain against him in the police station. Honey promises her to give a job at hospital, but next day patient lady runs away from the hospital.

Arthur Kane always seduces Paige. With evil intention in her mind, she asks Paige to assist him during the operation. One day he plucks out the good kidney with forceps instead of the wrong one. Now the patient is going to live on dialysis for the rest of his life. When Paige tries to expose Mr. Kane, he warns her that someone should teach you to keep your mouth shut. Mike always phones Kate and demands money.

The whole hospital has a problem with drug theft. Drug addicts almost invariably locate a way to circumvent it. This is the problem that Embarcadero Country Hospital has. Most of the anesthetist’s surgeons and nurses have pretty free access to the drug store. More than 10% of the doctors in the United States become addicted to drugs. The effortless accessibility of the drugs made them a temptation. Ben Wallace is not sure whom he could trust to help him to find the culprit.
Harry Bowman comes to the hospital in the red Ferrari. His father has left all his money for him. After checking, Mr. Bowman’s shows that he arrives from a small university in the Midwest and works in medical school. He is an anesthesiologist, and his father is a barber. Paige informs Dr. Wallace about it. She suspects that he doesn’t use drugs but sells them. He is living like a millionaire on a resident’s salary. Wallace sent Bruce Anderson, head of security, to keep watch on Dr. Harry. Harry always gives Cuban Cigars and gifts to the security officer so no one should check him.

He phones Dr. Harry and informs about his pain and trouble. The Dr. gives some treatment for it. He promises he will drop the medicine it at his home when necessary. He visits the patient and gives him a bottle of fantanyl. He says his friends that will pay anything if he gives it to this stuff. In this way, it begins and within two months he starts making which he has ever dreamed. Unfortunately, the head of the hospital gets the trace of what is going on. Thinking it will be a public scandal; Bowman to leave quickly so that it should not appear on his record. So Dr. Bowman comes to San Francisco, thinking that there will be a larger market for the drug selling.

Bowman comes out of the dispensary where the guard, Anderson checks him. He does not allow the guard to check him. Dr. Wallace warms Bowman and due to fear of police he takes out a bottle of fantanyl. He gives reason that he uses it for the sake of operation. Two hours later, the San Francisco office of the Drug Enforcement Agency has taken steps to check the names of the people whom Bowman has sold drugs.
Tom Chang is Paige’s companion. His married life has entirely collapsed because he spends his whole life at hospital taking care of strangers instead of being with his family. Paige and Kate are worried about Tom Chang. Suddenly a Janitor, a worker in the hospital, has found Tom Chang’s body in a basement equipment room. He has died of an overdose of sleeping pills. Paige feels sorry because all the time calls her for help, but she never gives any response. In fact, Tom Chang can not live without his wife and child. If he had given enough time to his family, the family member would not have deserted him. He does suicide, and it is a most savior crimes.

Kate opens the door and finds Rhino and the Shadow standing there. Suddenly, she is terrified. The two men push her into the apartment and say:

Rhino spoke ‘You doin’ the operation on Mr Dinetto? Kate’s throat was dry.’ Yes’ Kate hesitated.’ In brain surgery there’s always a risk of-‘If Mr. Dinette dies, you and your fucking family are gonna to be wiped out. (200)

In this way, they blackmail as well as threaten her. During operation Lou, Dinetto dies, yet she takes a deep breath and gives a repeated press on his chest. Suddenly a faint blip appears on the monitor and then it grows stronger until it steadily, stabilizes in rhythm. Instead of too much burdens on Kate’s mind she survives him. But she is frightened. Katee says:

Kate looked over at Paige…the bullet is still inside him. I’m going to help you, Mike.’ Kate learned down and kissed him
on the cheek...diled the emergency room at the hospital...’I need an ambulance right away. (214)

Paige tries to stop the blood, but bullet is deep inside, so they need to operate him, but he is not ready for operation. Finally, Kate calls the ambulance and tells Paige to do the operation to remove the bullet. Paige asks Kate ‘How do you want me to report this?’ Kate says that it should not be recorded as a case of an accident but a gunshot wound. It has taken a lot of strengths to turn him over to the police.

John Cronin can not bear the pain. He feels his body is always eaten inside. He wants to die, but the procedure of giving the wishful death is very lengthy. She has to report to Dr. Benjamin Wallace first and then he will pass it on to the administration committee. Then they call the panel of doctors to assess Cronin’s condition and make a decision. As per Cronin’s desire she gives him insulin into the IV attached to Cronin’s arm. Paige goes home and stays away the rest of the night. In the morning, at 6’o clock John Cronin dies of cardiac arrest.

Mallory’s whole golden future depends on the next few minutes. Kate’s pregnancy is shocked to him. Though both of them are working day and night, they are not able to make enough money. The main reason is he is interested in Harrison’s daughter who is very rich. He tries to convince Kate, but she wants a baby anyhow. Mallory asks:

Kate, I am going to ask you this for the last time. Will you have an abortion?’ He was willing her to say yes...’I can’t Ken. I told you how I felt about the abortion I had as a girl...Mallory realized he could not take a chance...He was going to have to kill her (249).
Mallory tells her to do an abortion, but she is not ready for it finally he decides to kill her and finish all problems.

Frances Gordon, a patient, tells Honey that very soon she will fall in love with an artist and actually it happens. She goes towards her about the things into further future, but her voice is filled with sadness and she avoids saying anything about her. Sean Reilly is scheduled to have his operation the following morning. At 8.25 A.M., truck containing a week’s supply of bags of the blood comes at the emergency entrance to Embarcadero Country Hospital. The driver gives the bags to the blood bank, and Dr. Eric foster takes the bag. At 8.45 a.m. Dr. Radnor starts the operation of Sea Reilly. At 9.05 a.m. Dr. Radnor reaches the cystic duct. As he starts to excise to gall bladder his hand slips and the scalpel nicked an artery, so blood begins to pour out. Then suddenly his blood pressure drops down to 95. So he needs more blood. At 9.00 a.m., he calls the blood bank and demands four units of Type 0 in OR two.

Dr. Eric Foster is engaged in speaking with Andrea. And exactly at this time fax machine has stopped clicking. He places the phone receiver and goes to the corner where new blood is kept for checking, blood bags places in the top slept of the metal cart used for such emergencies. At 9.10a.m., the order comes at the blood bank. After this at 9.12 a.m. he waits for the elevator to take the blood to the second floor. At 9.13 a.m., Dr. Radnor starts his operation. Then at 9.15 a.m., he starts pumping blood into the patient’s body.

Eric Foster finishes his coffee and walks to the fax machine. He pulls out the fax. It reads:

He stares at it for a moment and walks over to his desk and picks up the invoice. He sighs for receiving the bags of blood that has just arrived. He looks at the numbers given on the blood bags. He takes the phone so nurse who demands more blood. Eric Foster instantly asks the nurse not to use blood for the patient, but it was too late. The staff has started already using it already. The problem was that the blood was affected HIV. Due to Dr. Fry’s carelessness, the patient Sean Reilly becomes victim.

Mallory visits Kate and admits that all his behavior before was a shock to him but now he wants his baby to be born. He wants to be alone, so he asks Kate send out Paige and Honey from the apartment. Mallory makes a vicious plan of her murder. He has worked it out in full detail. The plan was so carefully made that no one would blame him for Kate’s death. It’s not easy to get the drug that he wants to use to kill her. The hospital pharmacy security is completely tightened and made alert after Bowman’s affair.

On early Sunday morning, he goes away in search of medical store in his neighborhood where he lives. The pharmacies are close on Sunday, but one of them is open. He pretends as if he is going to see a patient in that area and want to get some medicine prescribed for a patient. Pharmacist is surprised as he finds the doctors in modern days can not go
to patient’s house. The first step of his plan is to get medicine anyhow. That afternoon, he stops at the hospital nearly ten minutes and then he leaves the hospital carrying a small package.

Mallory has planned to meet Kate at Trader Vic’s for dinner. He knows that it is a last supper-bitch. He leaves the restaurant at 9.00 p.m. They reach Kate’s apartment and confirm that Kate’s roommates are not at home. Kate tells Mallory that informs him Paige is not at hospital and says to Honey that they want to stay alone. Suddenly Mallory expresses his anger. So it’s clear that he wants to keep the event as a secret so he tries to hide it. Kate undresses herself and he remind him the time when she has asked him to put his dress off and then she has fooled him and walked away. So now it’s her turn to pay for it.

Mallory walks over to a little bar and there he fills a pair of glasses with scotch. He makes sure that he is not seen by anyone. He walks to the couch and takes a small bottle out from his jacket and pours the contents into Kate’s drinks. He stirs the liquid poured drinks and smells it. There is no odor. Then he gives her that drink. After taking the drinks, she feels unconscious. He tells her that she spoiled everything. Kate is not in a condition to understand what he says. She calls him for help, but he does what he has decided. He kills her for the sake of Harrison’s property. She was an obstacle in his path. He has tried to convince her in vain she is never ready for abortion. To overcome this, he uses a trick and kills her.

Paige suspects Dr. Mallory because Katee was with him on that day. Inspector Burns goes to Dr. Ken Mallory’s apartment and informs him about Katee’s death. He pretends as if he is shocked. He admits that he was with her but denied that he has killed her. Paige asks the Inspector
whether semen’s was Katee’s body. She asks about fingerprints too, but these things are not adequate to prove that he has killed her. He confesses that he had sex with her before they went out to dinner. Paige expects that the fingerprints should be checked by the police. The police reports show that she has gone into the bathroom and had butchered herself. Paige doesn’t agree with the police because Katee herself is a surgeon. Now it’s a mystery of her murder. Inspector Burns said:

> You think Mallory persuaded her to have an abortion, and tried to help her, and then left when it went wrong? Paige shook her head.’ No’...The autopsy showed no signs of any blow...any bruises on her throat... nothing. (267)

As per police Inspector’s opinion, Mallory was convinced by her and then she had left the apartment. But anyhow the things had gone wrong. Paige is firm that Mallory made her unconscious and then killed her. But the autopsy shows that there is no sign of any blows or any traces of sleeping pills. Very cleverly he has killed her.

Inspector Burns informs that there is no trace of chloral hydrate in her body. Paige knows that Mallory has given her some drugs. It is clear that the easiest source place for him to get the drug from the hospital pharmacy. She inquires the chief pharmacist Pete Samuels about Dr. Mallory. But he denies it. The second possibility is that he must have given a prescription in some other pharmacy. The prescriptions for narcotics are made in three copies one copy for the patient, one to be sent to the Bureau of a controlled substance and third for the pharmacy file.

> There is no way that she tracks down the prescription. According to Paige, he has got it just before he murders Kate. She looks the roster
for Saturday; he is on call the whole day so he might have bought the medicine on Sunday. On Sunday, most of the pharmacies are closed. So she calls the state pharmaceutical board and demands the list of open pharmacy shops. There are thirty-six stores open on Sunday. She makes enquires in many stores and finally she finds it. She comes to know that Dr. Mallory buys chlortal hydrate for his patient, Spyros. Paige tries to convince the Inspector Burns that Mallory has put the chlortal hydrate in Katee’s drink and then he has managed to kills her. But the wonder is that there is no chlortal hydrate in her body.

Paige comes at hospital and goes to the medical library. The description read: A colorless, clear, volatile liquid with a specific gravity of 1.47 at 59 degree. It is a halogenated hydrocarbon, having the chemical formula CC12, CHCL.... It produces trichloroethylene as a by-product (274).

When chlortal hydrate is metabolized, it produces trichloroethylene as a by-product. So it’s clear that Mallory has gone Katee’s apartment and has put chlortal hydrate into her drink. Chlortal hydrate becomes tasteless when it mixed with alcohol. It takes a few minutes it to work and when she becomes unconscious; he kills her.

His patient, Spyros Leviathan has erythropoietic porphyria. It’s a genetic metabolic disorder. It causes photosensitivity, lesions, hypertension, tachycardia and other unpleasant symptoms. Dr. Mallory never gives his patient chlortal hydrate because he knows that it kills his patients. Chlortal hydrate is contra-indicated for porphyria. It causes immediate convulsive seizures. There is no hard evidence against Dr. Mallory but Paige suspect him.
Burns meets the medicine attorney women. He discusses Mallory’s case with them. His ignorance in medicine proves that he is a lousy doctor and does not prove that he is guilty of murder. Inspector Burns calls Paige and informs that they should do a medical analysis of all the glasses in the bar and find one with traces of chloral hydrate. It will be easy to find Mallory’s fingers on those glasses. It is natural that he must have used glows when he killed her; his fingerprints can’t be traced on curette. But it is also true that he serves her a drink and so can not wear gloves. He must not have used gloves them when he had put the glasses back on the shelf. It is a tricky business which brings Mallory to trial.

Inspector Burns and Paige play a game with Mallory. A resident is waiting for him in the corridor. The visitor pretends as if he is Dr. Peterson’s patients but he makes a show that Dr. Peterson’s is not available and so he wants to meet some other doctors. The resident introduces Dr. Edwards to others and asks his advice. He says the patient is suffering from erythropoietic porphyria, and Dr. Edward insists on giving the patient a sedative. Mallory says there is no problem. Dr. Edward says that the patient hasn’t slept for forty-eight hours, so he has given him chloral hydrate for rest. Suddenly Mallory says, ‘Are you out of your mind! That could kill him! Probably die. Immediately, the man pulls out a tape recorder from under the pillow and arrests Dr. Mallory for the murder of Dr. Katee Hunter. Next day news is published that Dr. Mallory is arrested in the love triangle. Arthur Kane is waiting for Paige in the corridor. He insists Paige to go to the theatre. He says:

Kane move at closer to her.’ I ordered an autopsy on John Cronin.’ ...He didn’t die of heart failure. Someone gave him an overdose of insulin...’You were with him when ha died,
weren’t you?’ She hesitated. ‘Yes.’ He patted her arm.’ And my lips are sealed. (282)

Arthur Kane is the doctor of John Cronin in the morning session. He comes to know that due to overdose of insulin he dies. He also knows that Dr. Paige does it. So he tries to blackmail her. If she behaves as per his whims, he will forgive her; if not, he will send her police custody. At 1.00 a.m. in the morning he calls her and uses dirty language but she never responds him. Next morning police arrest her. Gus Venable is an attorney, and he says that it is clear-cut case of cold-blooded murder for profits.

At last Dr., Barker gives witness in favor of Paige. According to him, this case is a farce. They use the biased testimony, to attract jealous people to a brilliant surgeon. He scolds her every time because he wants her to be tougher. Because in this profession there is no room for error. Lance Kelly dies because of the anesthetist carelessness, and he is responsible for the death. Dr. Barker talks to Cronin and says that he hates his family, and he has left money for Paige. He is going to ask Dr. Taylor to release him from his misery. Publishers Weekly states that:

If one thing can last forever, it may be Sheldon’s successful writing formula. Theatrical and melodramatic, he creates hugely overdetermined characters whose lives collide inevitably, leading to tragedy or triumph....Paige Taylor is vivacious and driven. Katee Hunter, a black, has overcome an abusive childhood. Betty Lou “Honey” Taft has built her career by pleasing men....Sheldon has delivered the goods once again, and despite the limitations of his narration, he
leads an unbridged enthusiasm for the material at hand.  
(Book review, web) 

Finally, the court is going to grant a dismissal on all charges and defendant is free. Arthur Kane has his license revoked by the Medical Board of California. Mike Hunter is sentenced to state prison for armed robbery, and it's still serving time. Las Dinetto is sentenced to fifteen years in the penitentiary for tax evasion. Ken Mallory is sentenced to life imprisonment one week after Dinetto arrives at the penitentiary. Mallory is found stabbed to death in this cell. Benjamin Wallace is fired as an administrator of Embarcadero Country Hospital.

*Nothing Lasts Forever* put before us the ambitious, the fears of healers and the killers; lovers and betrayers huddle together. It proves once again that no reader can outguess Sidney Sheldon, the master of the unexpectedness. *Nothing Lasts Forever* takes us on a ride with several twists and turns in the story. When reader thinks, they are figure out Sidney Sheldon he throws in another curve. Sheldon creates overdetermined characters whose lives collide inevitably, leading to tragedy or triumph. *Nothing Lasts Forever* is the best example of Medical crime novel.