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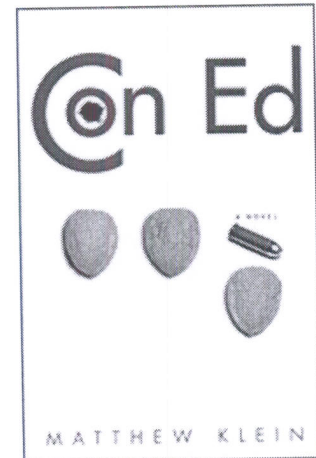
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Book Roundup: Mysteries

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Everyone loves hearing about the sucker who was scammed by a con artist. That's why Matthew Klein's *Con Ed* is such a guilty pleasure. From the safety of the living room couch, we can shake our heads at the stupidity of others. Kip Largo is the con man extraordinaire who tries to go straight, but he isn't enjoying a minute of it. He's working at a dry cleaner and living in a dumpy apartment until his son Toby — a chip off the old block — has his leg broken by the Russian Mob because he didn't pay his gambling debts. Largo gets back into the con business to save Toby. The result is complicated, funny and highly engaging, and the payoff is a doozy.



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