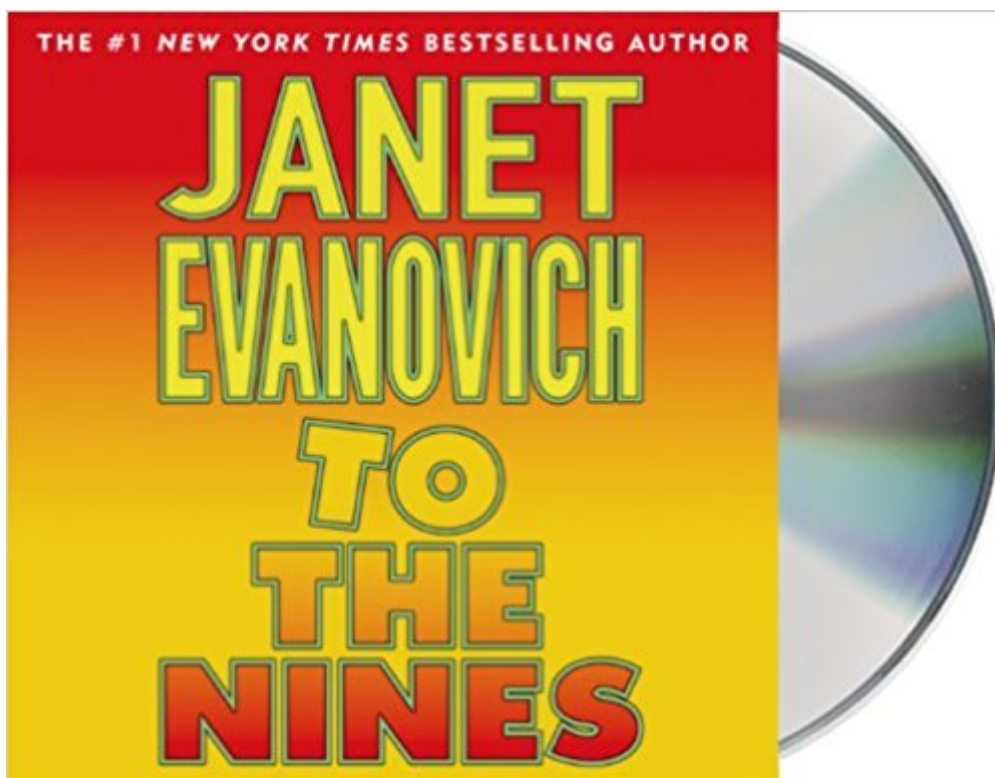


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# To The Nines (Stephanie Plum, No. 9)



## Synopsis

The #1 New York Times Bestselling Author A Stephanie Plum Novel Janet Evanovich's novels are the hottest bestsellers in America! #1 New York Times #1 Wall Street Journal #1 Los Angeles Times #1 Entertainment Weekly #1 Publishers Weekly Stephanie Plum's got rent to pay, people shooting at her, and psychos wanting her dead every day of the week (much to the dismay of her mother, her family, the men in her life, the guy who slices meat at the deli . . . oh, the list goes on). An ordinary person would cave under the pressure. But hey, she's from Jersey. Stephanie Plum may not be the best bounty hunter in beautiful downtown Trenton, but she's pretty darn good at turning bad situations her way . . . and she always gets her man. In *To the Nines*, her cousin Vinnie (who's also her boss) has posted bail on Samuel Singh, an illegal immigrant. When the elusive Mr. Singh goes missing, Stephanie is on the case. But what she uncovers is far more sinister than anyone imagines and leads to a group of killers who give new meaning to the word hunter. In a race against time that takes her from the Jersey Turnpike to the Vegas Strip, Stephanie Plum is on the chase of her life. The unforgettable characters, nonstop action, high-stakes suspense, and sheer entertainment of *To the Nines* define Janet Evanovich as unique among today's writers.

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Narrator King somehow makes the crazy, comic antics of Evanovich's irresistible bond agent, Stephanie Plum, seem almost rational in this fine audio adaptation. The story opens with the outrageous apprehension of a nude, Vaseline-coated fugitive by Stephanie and her plus-sized, ex-hooker, "sometimes partner" Lula. Soon after, Stephanie sets off on the trail of Samuel Singh, an

illegal immigrant who apparently fled a Visa bond and his fiancée. With plenty of prior experience narrating Evanovich titles (Hard Eight, etc.), King has no trouble highlighting the eccentricities of the author's invariably quirky cast of characters, as well as the ongoing romantic triangle between Stephanie, her sexy partner Ranger and Joe, a Trenton cop with whom she shares a "long, strange history." Evanovich's quick-witted, sarcastic and often raunchy dialogue takes the edge off the story's suspense, but King's chameleon voice and ease with accents make this a lively listening experience. Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc.

**\*Starred Review\*** Stephanie Plum is a Jersey Girl, a bounty hunter, and a resident of a part of Trenton where you can still go to Mom's for dinner and your cop boyfriend Morelli's grandmother has visions that include you in a coffin. Stephanie is on the trail of an Indian contract worker named Singh who disappeared when his visa was up. When she interviews a McDonald's employee who knew him, he's shot as she stands there. Then rose-and-carnation bouquets with very sinister notes start appearing in Stephanie's apartment and in her e-mail, and a few more bodies turn up with bullet holes. Meanwhile, Stephanie's sister, Valerie, is about to give birth; her sidekick, Lula, goes on the loudest diet ever written; and a trip to Vegas--yes, it's business--involves both Elvis and Tom Jones impersonators. Evanovich, and Stephanie, are at the top of their form here: laugh-out loud moments jostle with sticky, visceral terror; Stephanie's mentor, Ranger, and Morelli don't so much vie for her favors as bestow them in turn. Ever smarter, funnier, sexier, scarier. GraceAnne DeCandido Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

The minute Jones came onstage Lula went ape-s. Lula didn't care about anything but Tom Jones. "Hey, Tom, honey, look over here," she yelled out. "Look at Lula!" All around us women were throwing room keys and panties onto to the stage. And then from the corner of my eye I caught sight of Lula pitching a giant hot-pink satin thong at Tom Jones. It was the biggest thong I'd ever seen. It was a King Kong thong. It hit Tom Jones square in the face. Wap!"Holy crap," Connie said. Tom Jones staggered back a step, snagged the thong from off his face, looked at it, and forgot the words to the song he was singing. The band was playing, but Tom Jones was just standing there staring at the thong. "Maybe I should throw my bra, too," Lula said. "No!" Connie and I said, worried Tom Jones would go into cardiac arrest at the sight. "Not a good idea. Overkill." Now, maybe it's my warped sense of humor, but this had me laughing harder than I have ever laughed at a Stephanie Plum book. By the look I got from my husband, he probably thought I lost my mind.

Recently hooked on the Stephanie Plum series, I was delighted to find a series that I could tear through. These are better than your favorite junk food! I will not provide a synopsis of this story, or the previous eight books, since others have done a beautiful job of it already. However, I must warn readers: the series takes a sharp nose dive from here. books 10-19 are terrible. Books 1-9 are witty, laugh-out-loud variety, and the scenes with Ranger kept my pulse thumping. However, from book 10 on.....the series is a serious letdown. I cannot believe that the same author wrote them. The internal dialogue the main character has with herself shrivels up and is completely gone by book 14 (the worst of the series). The two men in her life are no longer interesting, and one wonders why they have any interest in Stephanie Plum. Read the very good reviews of each of the books beyond this one. You will save yourself time and money. The series really stops here.

This is classic Stephanie Plum. Stephanie stumbles through a murder investigation, but she gets extra help with FTAs and probably has more success here than in previous novels. Once again, she is the target of murder and the plots get more interesting with every book One day she is not going to be so lucky.

What has New Jersey's bond jumper into now? There are so many twist and turns in the this book you'll just need to read it to believe it. From the "Burg" to Las Vegas. Seems that those she is trying to find end up dead! Why? She begins looking for a bail jumper who is from India who was employed in a factory near the Burg! Why did he also take the family dog with him? This novel is right inline with the other writings that get her going not only with her former high school buddy, but with Ranger, too! Rated "R". Not for those under eighteen. Language and sexual content. DP. Castro Valley, CA.

As always Janet has delivered another funny, and contagious book. The more you read the more you want to read. This series is addicting. Believe me I know. This is my 5th time reading this series and will not be the last.

Once again, another good book. Still had me laughing out loud. I recommend this series to anyone who listens. Have person who's going to read.

The heroine of these books is Stephanie Plum, an inept bounty hunter from Jersey employed by her

cousin Vinnie. In this book Vinnie branches out to include visa bonds in his bail bonds business. As soon as he issues one, the person in question skips out on the bond, and it's up to Stephanie and Ranger to track him down. Some of the funniest scenes in the book take place when the search takes Stephanie, Lula, and Connie to Las Vegas. Lula is on a diet in order to become a super model and her scenes made me laugh out loud. Not much of Stephanie's family in this one and I would have liked more of Grandma Mazur, but there was more of Morelli's family and his Grandma Bella's visions about Stephanie added a lot to the book. A nice touch in this book is that Stephanie's car makes it through the book unscathed, but the same can't be said of the bodyguards Ranger assigns to her. The book isn't all fun and games though. What starts off as a simple hunt for a skipped visa bond evolves into a cat and mouse game between Stephanie and an unknown assailant determined to harm her. If you like mysteries with a lot of action and a lot of laughs, this is the series for you!

I love the Stephanie Plum series. The books are hysterical. I love love love Grandma Mazur. I wish I had 2 hot men in my life. I even bought some Bulgari shower gel because Stephanie always talks about how wonderful Ranger smells. I hope that more books in the series will be written.

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