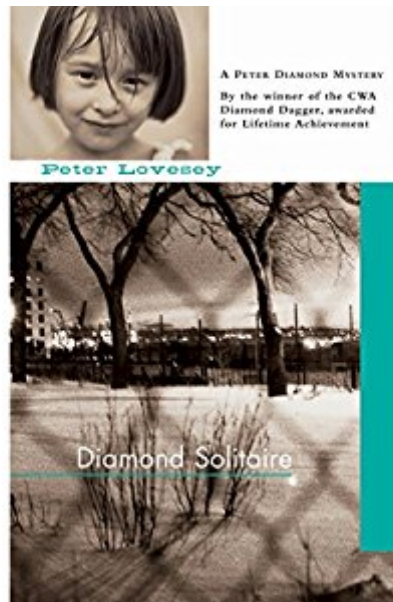


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# Diamond Solitaire



## Synopsis

One time police detective Peter Diamond loses his job as a security guard when he fails to spot a small Japanese child hiding in the furniture department of Harrods. Weeks later, she's still unclaimed; Diamond is unable to forget the frightened eyes of the silent little girl and takes on the challenge of uncovering her identity. Now Diamond is back in the sleuthing business, following a trail that leads from London to New York to Tokyo and to a shocking climax that may shatter his heart or cost him his life.

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Conventional detective fiction features a brilliant investigator (who may or may not actually be a detective), a horrid crime that he or she is called on to solve (occasionally, by accident), and one or more really nasty people who will (whether or not they appear nasty at the outset) prove to be responsible for the crime. Along the way, the investigator is repeatedly thwarted, sometimes by circumstance, sometimes by design, and is frequently subjected to violent attack. And the story unfolds loosely observing the classical unities of action, place, and time (though often with flashbacks that violate dramatic unity). Diamond Solitaire, the second in Peter Lovesey's series of novels featuring detective Peter Diamond, bears little resemblance to this model. A different sort of detective novel, with a sumo wrestler on the cover, Confusion reigns as Diamond Solitaire gets underway. Having resigned in anger seven months ago as a Detective Chief Inspector from the Avon and Somerset Constabulary in southwest England, Peter Diamond, now forty-eight, is eking

out a living as a nighttime security guard at Harrods department store in London. When an alarm goes off on an upper floor indicating an intruder is in the building, Diamond discovers what appears to be a seven- or eight-year-old Japanese girl hiding among the furniture display. She remains mute in the face of his questions, and repeated efforts to identify the girl or locate her parents are fruitless. Intrigued, and looking for something to keep himself from going mad, Diamond volunteers to work at a school for disabled children where the girl has been sent, diagnosed as autistic. In the main strand of the plot, Diamond goes to great lengths to identify the girl, eventually with the assistance of a famous sumo wrestler.

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