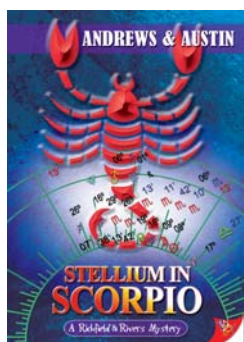


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Andrews & Austin, the successful authors of *Combust the Sun*, have given their fans another side-splitting **Richfield & Rivers mystery**. Screenwriter Teague Richfield has a date to meet her lover, the gorgeous psychic Callie Rivers, in Las Vegas. Callie has been hired to protect the daughter of an old friend. The Vegas showgirl has been put on the ghoul pool list. The last person placed on that list died.

Callie and Teague quickly find that the smoke and mirrors are not just on the stage, and that nothing and nobody is quite what they seem to be. Things become very tense when Elmo, Teague's beloved basset, goes missing. Teague and Callie are run off the road, down a cliff, and videotaped as they make passionate love. Things can only get worse when Callie's parents come to meet Teague and stay in the room next door.

Andrews and Austin write an extremely tight story, filled with hilarious and heart-stopping moments. They manage to keep the reader on the edge of her chair, at the same time as she's chortling over another scene. *Stellium in Scorpio* is another great read. I can't wait for their next novel, which is coming in September.

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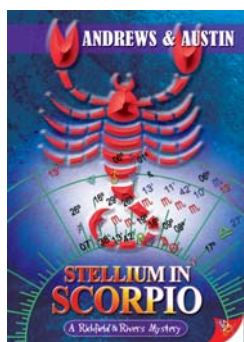
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Teague Richfield, a screenwriter from Los Angeles, is on her way to the Desert Star Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas and what she hopes will be a fortuitous and sizzling reunion with Callie Rivers. However, Callie, the beautiful astrologer and psychic, has other pressing concerns on her mind. There are strange happenings occurring at the Desert Star. A Vegas showgirl has made "the list," nefarious types have infiltrated the ranks of theater performers and staff, and Callie just has that feeling that things are just going to get worse.

Appealing lead characters that possess wit and intelligence drive this novel. The dialogue is smart, humorous, and realistically expressed. The authors' experience with professional screenwriting is most evident in the conversational instances. These spoken sequences successfully drive the plot forward. Dialogue is too often given short shrift by some writers. Perhaps they fail to see the deep and irrefutable connection between that and character development. Andrews & Austin recognize that connection and move easily from the humorous and wry comments to the more sobering and thoughtful, all the while revealing the different layers of their characters. Sharp and witty banter is difficult to achieve without becoming annoyingly obvious and contrived. This novel displays a well-crafted technique and an innate ability to succeed in this goal.

Timing is an important factor when trying to create that suspension of disbelief so vital to a credible storyline. This novel is fast-paced and transitions quite easily without confusing the reader or leaving any unanswered questions within the plot. Chapter endings flow easily into the next and create that necessary suspense and anticipation so essential with this particular genre. *Stellium in Scorpio* is a novel that can be easily read in one sitting, yet there is substance here and noticeably clever storytelling.

There are countless mysteries out there from which to select and spend that hard-earned dollar. If the reader is looking for a well-written, intelligent, and thoroughly enjoyable one, *Stellium in Scorpio* is for you. Richfield and Rivers make a wonderful couple who experience the various ups and downs of life with a sense of humor, affection, patience...and an astrology chart.

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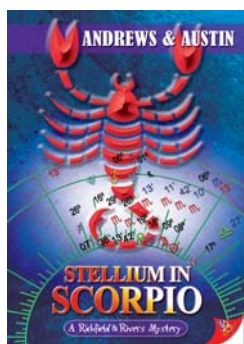


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Ex-police officer Teague Richfield and psychic Callie Rivers shouldn't be able to keep their hands off each other...

...Drawing on their prior screenwriting experience, Andrews & Austin start their high-octane story with flair and humor, then never let up. Narrator Teague's snarky perspective hooks you immediately, carrying you through a high-spirited light noir where the suspense never lets up.

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