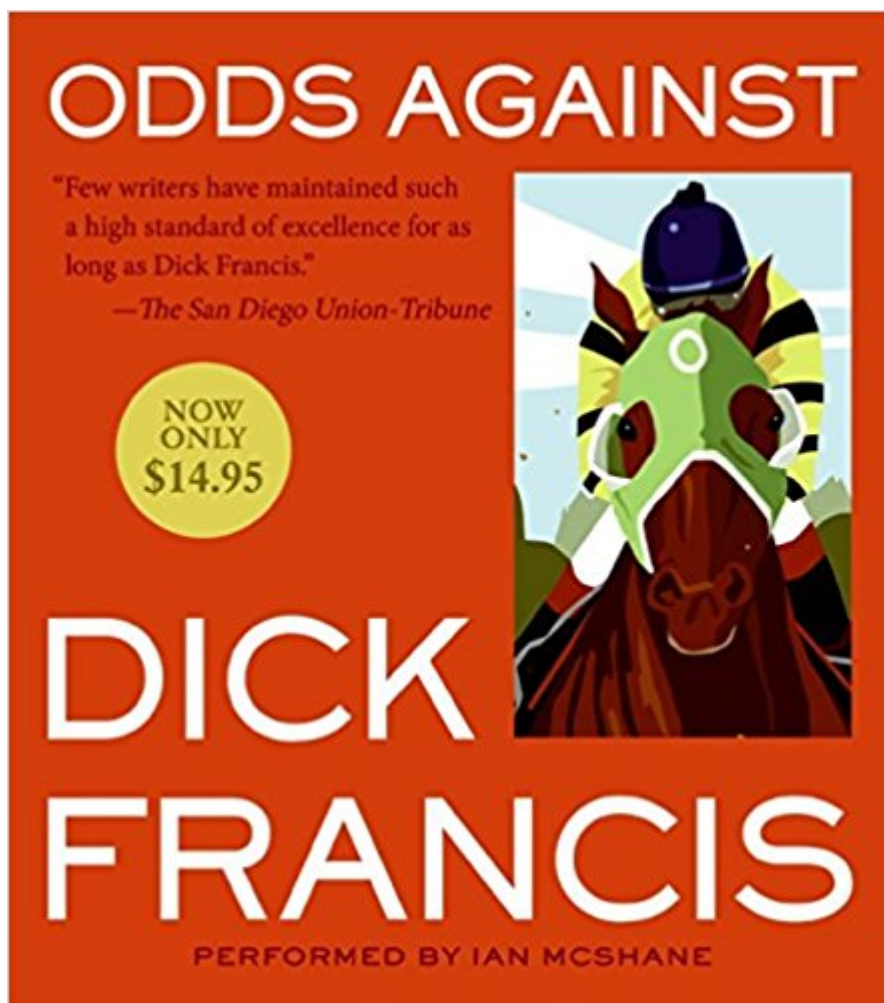




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A hard fall took hotshot jockey Sid Halley out of the horse racing game, leaving him with a crippled hand, a broken heart, and the desperate need for a new job. Now he's landed a position with a detective agency, only to catch a bullet from some penny-ante thug. And things are about to get even more hectic—•the agency is giving him a case to handle on his own. The case brings him to the door of Zanna Martin, a woman who might be just what Sid needs to get him back up and running. But he's up against a field of thoroughbred criminals, and the odds against him are making it a long shot that he'll even survive . . .

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"One of the greatest living suspense writers."CBS RADIO"After a fall from a racehorse that permanently crippled a hand, Sid Halley joined a detective agency. But it wasn't until some two-bit hoodlum drilled a slug into his side that he was sent out on a case of his own. That was where he met Zanna Martin, a woman who just might make life worth living again. But it was even-money that he'd be killed before she had the chance.... --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition

of this title.

Once I started reading Dick Francis's books, I couldn't stop with one or two. I hope to get through all of them, and now his son, Felix, is writing the mysteries since his father's death in 2010. "Odds Against" is the first book in the Sid Halley trilogy. Sid Halley is a former jockey who lost the use of his hand when he had an accident during a race and a horse fell on him. He can no longer ride, so his father-in-law has taken him into his business as a private eye. Although Sid has been with the firm for two years, he has done little work but has observed and absorbed a lot. When he takes on the case of what's happening at Seabury racetrack when a shady property dealer appears on the scene, Sid risks life and limb to find out what is going on and to make sure Seabury is safe. Francis's mysteries don't usually start off with a fast and furious beginning, but the story builds slowly and steadily with characters being introduced along the way. I can usually never figure out who the culprit is because Francis's writing makes it hard to guess. I like his style of writing that is not hurried and his characters are so convincing they could be real people. I recommend "Odds Against" for mystery readers and also for anyone interested in racehorses and horseracing. I always learn a little more about these subjects with each of Dick Francis's books I read.

I've read every Dick Francis novel, and have never been disappointed by any story he wrote. The point is the mystery. And no one does it better than Francis. The research is detailed and perfect. Whether or not you also like horses has no bearing on the essence of the mystery. Every book is a page-turner...you just can't put the book down. If you also like horses, consider some stories to allow you a bonus as sooner or later the protagonist will come in contact with a steeplechase track...a jockey, an architect, an artist, a glass-blower, a wine merchant, a pilot, and even a toy-manufacturer. Simply be prepared for a lively, well-told mystery that will grab your attention from page one, and never let go until you're done....and then you're sorry to see the story conclude...but will be satisfied with that conclusion.

Champion jumping jockey Sid Halley lost the use of one hand in a terrible fall - and with it his career. His marriage is over as well. When we meet him, he's been on the payroll of a detective agency for two years, and has just been shot in the gut by a small time crook. Loveless, crippled and injured, Sid has lost his enthusiasm for life. Despite the failed marriage, Sid's father-in-law, retired Rear Admiral Charles Roland, still likes and respects Sid. Charles invites him to convalesce at his country home - and there unveils a challenge that he hopes will shake Sid out of his apathy. A rich investor is

plotting a hostile takeover of Seabury Racecourse, so it can be torn down and the land sold to developers. How would Sid like to save this grand old institution? He'll have to investigate its recent spell of bad luck that has everyone convinced the place is jinxed. Sabotage may be a factor. Overnight Sid is transformed from a lethargic employee to a dynamo of detection. The resourceful, observant strategist who once won race after race is back. If you're feeling a bit low or having a bad day, this is the book to read. Sid's resilience in the face of all kinds of loss is an inspiration.

In my opinion, this is not one of Dick Francis's best books. Starts out at a fairly good pace but then gets bogged down as it nears the end -- as if he needed filler to reach a quota of pages. A couple of interesting characters -- and the main character is likable -- but I could not give it 5 stars.

I have searched high and low for this book for years before I finally found it online - for some reason it seems to have gone out of print and every copy at the library is always checked out! It's the beginning to his Sid Halley trilogy - the only trilogy ever done by Dick Francis. Great book, although I do believe he re-used some of the elements in other books - or I read the book a long, long time ago and don't remember. As always, Francis leaves you guessing until the end! He is one of the few authors I have found that I cannot always predict who did it and why - the reasons are almost as great as the person who did it! Definitely recommend it, as I do with all of his books - and this series just gets better!

Dick Francis is always a good read. Written before cell phones & other digital items, he's a consistently good writer who'll give you hours of reading pleasure. I grab 3-5 at a time because I find you can't just read one! Highly recommended!

A former jockey with an injured hand takes a job with a detective agency only to find more danger than he ever did on the track.

I give \*\*\*\*\* to the version read by Ian McShane (avoid the other readers). I enjoyed McShane's read voice. Some actor/readers, try to act too much when they read - I mean males doing higher voices for females are such a pain. McShane gives the right tone, a narrator and is it an enjoyed voice that carries you vividly into the world of ex-jockey Sid Halley. Injured in a riding accident, he now is a Enquiry agent/security expert that is looking into the strange accidents happening and Seabury

Race Course. Dick Francis' writing, quite naturally, is excellent, though it is McShane excellent narration that has me listening to this tape again and again. I have given it several times and gifts and recommended it to friends. All have thanked me for the enjoy listen.

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