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**From the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of the *Percy Jackson and the Olympians* series**

Multiple-award-winning author Rick Riordan brings back smart-mouthed Texas P.I. Tres Navarre for his most dangerous case yet. If you think the academic world is deadly dull, you're half right....

When a controversial English professor is found shot to death, Tres Navarre — P.I. and Ph.D. — is the only local academic crazy enough to accept the emergency opening at the University of Texas at San Antonio. Police assure him they already have a suspect, so while they wrap up the open-and-shut case, all Tres has to do is teach three classes, grade on a curve ... and walk in a dead man's shoes.

It should be an easy assignment — but one thing Tres doesn't do is easy. When the evidence in the case starts looking a little too perfect, when the killing doesn't stop, Tres takes on some extracurricular research into the heart of an assassin — and lands in a high-stakes game of gangster honor on the darkest streets of San Antonio's West Side....

## **The Last King of Texas Details**

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## **From Reader Review The Last King of Texas for online ebook**

### **Melva says**

As a San Antonio resident. I love reading this for the setting!

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### **Edward says**

The Tres Navarre series is consistently good - I enjoyed the characters, trying to avoid a spoiler, but there was one I was hoping wouldn't turn out bad. Fourth title in the series checked out, ready for commute read.

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### **Carolyn (in SC) C234D says**

Number 3 in the PI/college professor Tres Navarre series. A friend in his PI office is shot during a case; lots of rough customers. I thought this was very good, with lots of action and a likable main character.

(Rick Riordan has gone on to write many successful novels for young people. I really liked the Tres Navarre series.)

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### **Melinda says**

I never realised that Rick Riordan (who I adore as a young adult author) was also a great mystery/PI writer as well. Enjoyed the dialogue, the character development, the plot. All good stuff here. I probably should have started at book one though, easy enough to read as a stand alone, but I think there was some history that I need to go investigate!

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### **Spuddie says**

#3 Tres Navarre series set in San Antonio TX. A few months ago, Tres Navarre--private investigator and PhD in English lit--turned down a professorship at a local university to pursue the necessary training for his official PI license. Now that the guy who took the job has been shot--after the university receives multiple threatening letters regarding racist statements made by another former professor--he's offered the job again in a dual role: he'll also get to keep his PI hat on. While at the university hashing out details, a package with a homemade bomb explodes as it's delivered to Dr. Aaron Brandon's (or rather, Tres's) office, which clinches the deal: he's interested now!

Soon after beginning his investigation--at the protestation of the local police, including the very attractive Det. Anna DeLeon--Tres discovers a dark history about Dr. Brandon and his family that may signal other motives for his death other than just his role as an Anglo professor. Connected to a powerful local family known for their oppression and mistreatment of their Hispanic employees, there are dozens of people who

may have wanted revenge. When it's known that Zeta Sanchez, the drug-running gang boss suspected of killing Dr. Brandon's father several years ago is back in the area, he becomes the obvious suspect and the target of the police investigation. Tres, however, isn't so sure and pursues other avenues, only to end up in a heap of trouble several times, with other murders and attacks along the way before he figures out who's behind all the killings.

I do enjoy this series, and especially enjoy the reading by Tom Stechshulte who does a great job with the voices and the whole tone of the book. I like Tres a lot, and the author is able to provide a real sense of place which serves to make the city itself one of the characters in the book. There is a lot of violence in these books, as with many mysteries, a rather inordinate amount such that in real life, one would, I think, hesitate to be friends with someone like Tres who has dead bodies falling everywhere around him. I did figure out the mystery ahead of time, but not too early, just picking up on a couple of deftly-placed clues that made me sure I was right. Very much looking forward to the next book in the series. A.

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### **J?drulek says**

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### **Katy-Del says**

Tres Navarre, Tai Che master, is good at asking questions and reading reactions. He also excels at getting beat up, hit in the face, and blown up. And when he makes a bad decision, the consequences are huge.

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### **Rick Parsons says**

Murder, drug, and more murder and I actually figured out who did it, but still a twist in the end.

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### **Dan Janes says**

The third book following Jackson "Tres" Navarre, the 3rd. Riordan is excellent at forming extremely well-rounded characters and plots that are complex enough to be intriguing without being impossible to follow. I love Riordan's work and this certainly does not disappoint.

Follow Tres all around San Antonio as he hunts down the person who's been killing off professors at the university. The investigation reveals some dark history of several dangerous people. All around a great little mystery thriller.

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### **Michele Arduengo says**

Enjoyed this one a lot

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### **Book Concierge says**

Tres Navarre mystery numero tres! A local university professor is murdered, and Tres agrees to take over his classes for the remainder of the semester – he DOES have a PhD in Medieval Literature, after all. Since he is now the third professor to take these classes in this school year, Tres cannot help but get involved into the investigation, especially since both his predecessors had received death threats.

Riordan writes a great mystery series featuring my home town. His scenes are vividly drawn and I love the opportunity to “visit home” through the pages of this series. I like that he includes several strong women among the recurring characters – Elainya (who heads the PI firm), and Detective Anna DeLeon. These women are resourceful, intelligent, fearless and don’t rely on men to get them out of a jam. I didn’t guess the perpetrator before Riordan’s reveal. I also like that he continued for a few chapters to wrap up some loose ends regarding these characters. Maybe he’s just setting up the sequels, but I didn’t feel manipulated.

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### **Lee says**

Starts off with a bang (literally) and continues at a very high rate of speed. Tres Navarre is a cool dude, a good friend and full of witty comments. With a good supporting cast and a good sense of place, this is a very entertaining series.

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### **Vishal Mehta says**

The best Tres Navarre book so far!

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### **Lorrie says**

I LOVE the Tres Navarre mysteries!!! As a native of San Antonio these stories trigger so many memories of places I've been, food I have eaten, and things I have experienced. It's been a long time since I've been "home", but Rick Riordan takes me back and I always enjoy the visit.

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### **Glenda says**

Plenty of action drives the plot of this novel, but I loved it for the setting in San Antonio and for the skillful development of characters of diverse ages and backgrounds.

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