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Naked and Hungry

by Ashley Memory

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WHAT HAPPENS when a former loan officer—yet another victim of the nationwide mortgage crisis—rejects materialism and moves to a one-room cabin in the woods? In the case of H.T. McMullen, his pristine wilderness is tainted by dangerous pollutants. When he dares to complain, he becomes the target of a deadly game of intimidation by high-powered villains.

The arrival of Jessica Beane, sexy environmentalist called to investigate the pollution, sets in motion comic adventures and increasingly professional attempts to permanently silence H.T. Their budding passion ignites when Jessica reveals a dangerous secret that links them both to the larger world of hazard-waste trafficking and lands them into the custody of an ambitious young FBI agent. Together, they hatch a risky plot to bring the culprits to justice and redeem H.T.'s good name in the eyes of his family and friends.

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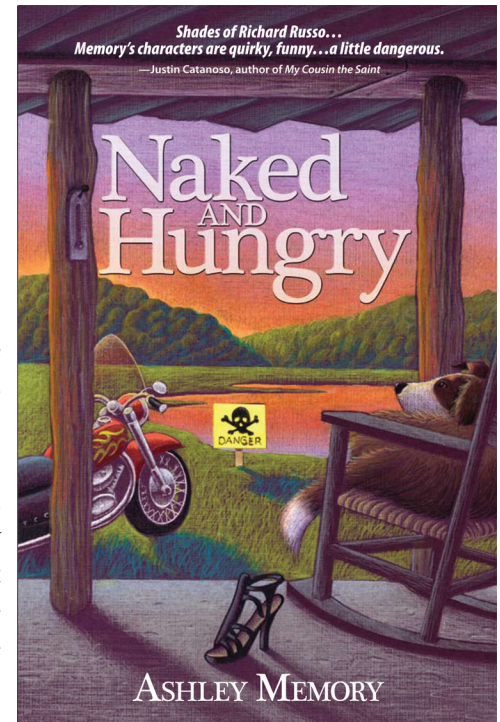
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