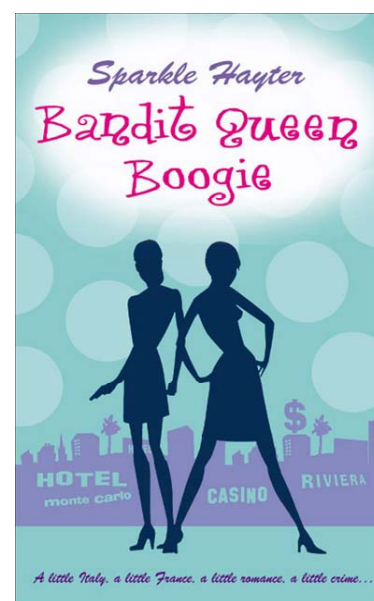


BANDIT QUEEN BOOGIE

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Meet Blackie and Chloe, two best friends who decide, over tequila shots at the campus bar, to spend the summer after graduation backpacking through Europe. Blackie wants to go a little crazy—drink, smoke, flirt, meet men, have a romance or two. Chloe wants to nurse her broken heart and bury her nose in a book. One is dark and boisterous, the other blond and quiet. Together, they are an irresistible combination to men . . . married men, to be exact.

The girls upgrade their accommodations from hostels to hotels when they let the men who've been wrecking their trip finance their fun. Accepting these cheaters' invitations to their hotel suites, Blackie and Chloe beat them at their own game and make off with cash and whatever valuables are at hand while the men sleep it off. It's the perfect crime (no married man would want to explain why he had two young coeds in his hotel room, now would he?) until they hit the wrong mark in Monte Carlo. When their latest "victim" turns up dead, the gig is up . . . and the Bandit Queens are on the run.

critical acclaim:

"...Hayter's stories work so well because she not only creates the interesting characters and over-the-top plots but because she does so in a dry, straight-faced prose style that makes it all the funnier. Fans of her acclaimed Robin Hudson series already appreciate the wacky world of Sparkle Hayter, but this stand-alone comic thriller kicks it up several notches...." - *Booklist*

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"...There's a lot going on in this novel, which is perfect for chick-lit fans who want to trade a little romance and glamour for a big dose of international intrigue...." - *Library Journal*

Sparkle Hayter is a 40-something Canadian stand-up comedian and an Afghan War TV reporter. Her novels include *Naked Brunch* and five novels featuring Robin Hudson: *What's A Girl Gotta Do*, *Nice Girls Finish Last*, *Revenge of the Cootie Girls*, *The Last Manly Man* and *The Chelsea Girl Murders*. All are available from No Exit.

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