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Who killed the mayor's grandson and the grandson's wife? And can an old friend of Martelli's deceased father help crack this case of mob-driven political corruption, bribery, and murder?

Eighth Circle: A Special Place in Hell

When the mayor of New York City's grandson and the grandson's wife are murdered execution-style in their Tribeca apartment, NYPD Detective Louis Martelli and his partner, Detective Sean O'Keefe, are left completely in the dark. Months go by without any actionable leads until a meeting with the wife's doctor and the bizarre torching of Stephanie Martelli's car turn the investigation upside down and land Martelli and O'Keefe in the hotseat. When an old friend of Pietro Martelli's, Louis's deceased father and a former street cop who had been gunned down in the line of duty, sends Martelli a note asking for a meeting, things take an even stranger turn. The evidence in this mob-driven case of political corruption, bribery, and murder pits the two detectives against their boss, Captain Hanlon, NYPD Commissioner of Police Eugene Fields, and His Honor the Mayor. Can Martelli and O'Keefe survive this kind of pressure and keep their jobs, much less solve the case? You'll have to read *Eighth Circle* to learn the answers.

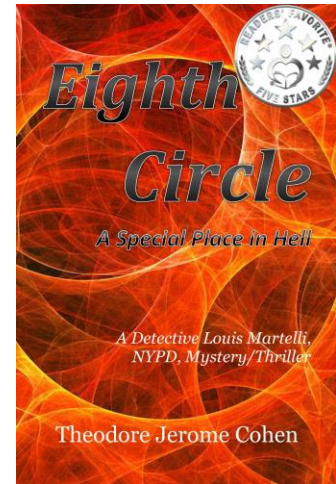


Eighth Circle is named for the Eighth Circle of Hell in Dante's epic poem *Inferno*. This novel, the fifth in the Martelli series, is a tale of political corruption and intrigue that could be set in virtually any large US city today. Here the story must be told in New York, of course, Martelli's stomping grounds and a city with a rich history of political corruption.

In commenting on the story, Cohen had this to say. "Among the questions readers ask me upon finishing a Detective Louis Martelli, NYPD, mystery/thriller is: where did you get the idea for this book? Alas, the media provides more than enough grist for my mill, so the stories are indeed 'ripped from the headlines' or at least in some way tied to real life. The fact is, one out of every 11 lawmakers to leave office in New York City since 1999 has done so after being investigated for ethical or criminal violations. These grounds were simply too fertile not to offer possibilities for

the ‘discovery’ and harvesting of a good suspense story. In the case of *Eighth Circle*, it’s the mayor of whom Martelli is suspicious. But what did he do, or not do, as the case may be? Certainly no more and no less than many who had gone before him. Here, however, the results were catastrophic.”

As with the other books in the series, *Eighth Circle* serves up heaping portions of sweet revenge. After all, while Romans 12:19 reminds the faithful the Lord shall repay, Martelli is quick to point out He sometimes subcontracts the work. “Based on that insightful comment,” says Cohen, “my readers will, I think, take great satisfaction as they watch Martelli, his partner, Detective Sean O’Keeffe, and Principal IT Specialist Missy Dugan solve this case.”



Other Martelli books by Theodore Jerome Cohen include *Night Shadows*, which dealt with the subjects of child abuse, teenage rape, and teen suicide. Prior to this, he wrote *Lilith: Demon of the Night*, a novel about a New York City vampire cult, and *House of Cards: Dead Men Tell No Tales*, which is based on real events related to the 2008 financial crisis precipitated by the housing bubble. An earlier novel of the same genre, *Death by Wall Street: Rampage of the Bulls*, focused on corruption within the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the incompetence of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Dr. Cohen's Antarctic Murders Trilogy describes what happened following a robbery of the Banco Central de Chile in Talcahuano in May, 1960. The trilogy comprises *Frozen in Time: Murder at the Bottom of the World* (Book I), *Unfinished Business: Pursuit of an Antarctic Killer* (Book II), and *End Game: Irrational Acts, Tragic Consequences* (Book III). The Trilogy now is available in one (Kindle) eBook edition, *Cold Blood*. Dr. Cohen's first novel, *Full Circle: A Dream Denied, A Vision Fulfilled*, which is based on his life as a violinist, was published in 2009. Screenplays penned by Dr. Cohen include *Death by Wall Street* based on his novel by the same name, and *Beware Those Closest*, based on his novel *House of Cards*. Finally, Dr. Cohen has published more than 450 papers, articles, columns, essays, and interviews, and is a co-author of *The NEW Shortwave Propagation Handbook* (from CQ Communications). The author’s financial writings may be found on the Website SeekingAlpha.com.

Dr. Cohen’s novels are available from your favorite online retailer. (*Eighth Circle* contains adult language.)

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