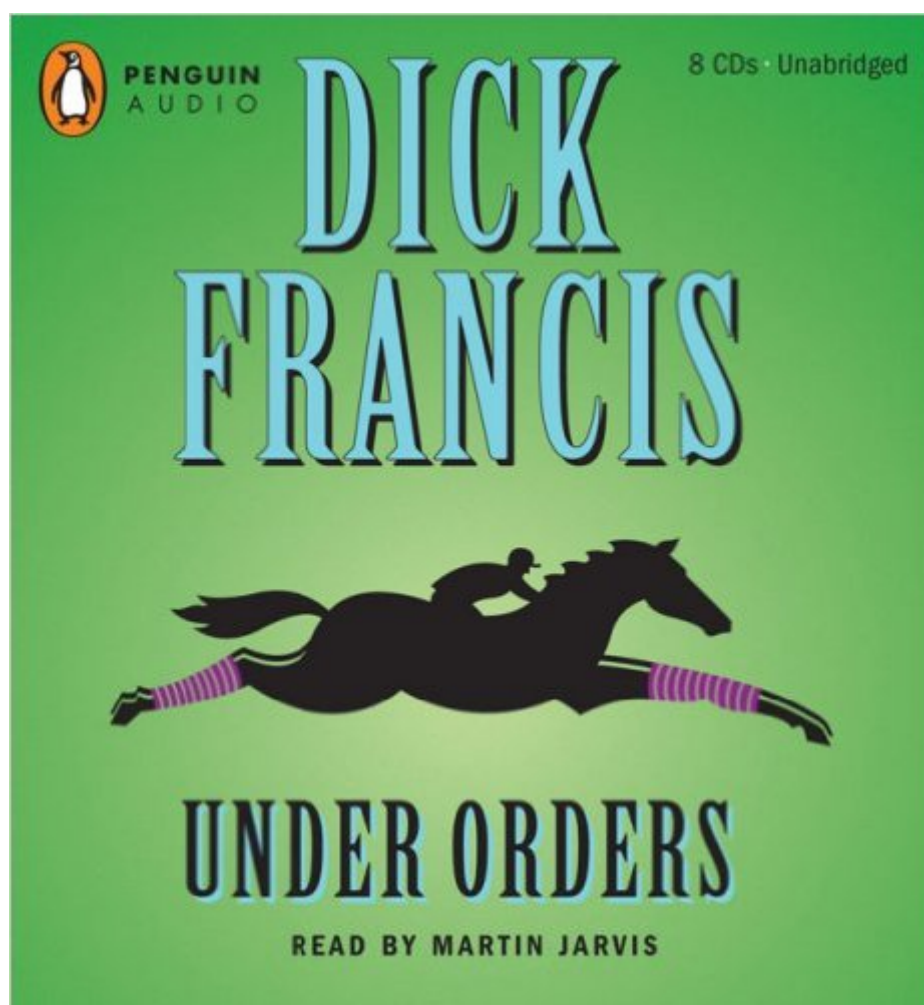


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Although I looked forward to this book like a child looks forward to Christmas, in the first few paragraphs alarm bells began going off ever so faintly. Having enjoyed all of Mr. Francis' books to date (several times, in fact, over the last several years), I have gotten to know Sid and Jenny and the Admiral quite well. On the first page, I noticed that the Admiral's last name has been given a "w" it never had before (not a typo, either, as "Roland" is misspelled throughout as "Rowland"). The alarm bells grew louder as I continued to read. With inexpressible dismay, I found that Mr. Francis' fine handling of scene and dialogue are gone. The interaction between characters is clumsy and overdone with none of the subtleties in dialogue and non-verbal cues that Francis' readers will be used to. Moreover, Sid's personality is drastically different so that he is wearing his feelings on the outside (where he never would have done previously), and he painfully babbles through many of his spoken interchanges with other characters. Jenny, too, has suffered a dramatic personality shift. She is unaccountably back to being bitchy with him (though they settled all that in the last book (Come To Grief)). There is no explanation about why such a set-back may have occurred, and the jibes themselves are shallow and pointless. Then, in a blink, she is happy again, happy for him and delighted with the new girlfriend. And the Admiral--all of his military bearing and his self discipline and his keen, unspoken understanding of events that Francis' readers will have come to know are

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