A successful executive, his lovely wife, and a smart, popular college age daughter. Add an imposing home, luxury cars, and a professional careerenhancing network. But there's a dark side...

The Meadow at Spring Falls hides many secrets, but none so reprehensible as a kidnap, ransom, and betrayal in the family.

An abduction in the middle of the night and an impossible ransom demand and Mick Sentry finds himself uncovering a conspiracy with Spring Falls upstanding citizens, an heiress, and terrorists.

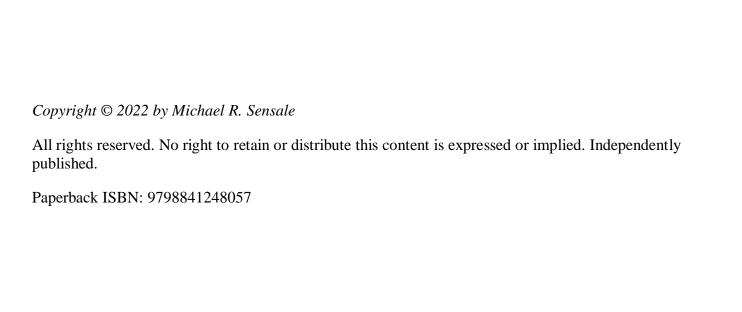
The Knight Shade chases the clues with Detectives John P. Taylor and Stan D'Lone to find the kidnappers, discover who is really behind the abduction, and foil the reprehensible plot before danger, even death, engulfs them all.

# THEO MARCH'S THE KNIGHT SHADE STORIES:

## **MISSING INACTION**



Michael Sensale



### -The Knight Shade Stories: MISSING INACTION-

#### TO BEGIN

The Meadow in Spring Falls is where the well-to-do live. The homes are large, brick, columned with dormers, wings, and carriage houses. The properties are expansive, allowing for dwellings to be set back from the road, but still providing room for gardens, outbuildings, entertainment and recreation areas. This is where the money managers, corporate executives, lobbyists, and other senior professionals and their families live. While every family has one primary breadwinner, many spouses also have professional careers. Even the spouses who don't officially hold jobs volunteer in their place of worship or worthy charitable organization. And, of course, all the children are beautiful, talented, and brilliant.

Beneath the American Dream runs a river of deceit, fraud, and betrayal. One family is about to embark on a dark journey, perpetrated by outsiders but leading to an even more vile revelation. Mick Sentry is drawn into the maelstrom when a friend asks for help, but only The Knight Shade can work with Spring Falls police to solve the crime before it becomes murder.



One of these neighborhoods is The Meadow at Spring Falls, with its imposing brick colonial estates, expansive lawns, manicured flower beds and hedges. Mercedes park in long driveways. Caterers, pool maintenance, and security staff are just some of the people who come and go, keeping this enclave running seamlessly for those who live there. The Carlson family, Donald, Lena and daughter Sally are home tonight.

Part 1: Spring Falls. A sleepy town in the foothills of the mountains twenty-five miles west, population forty thousand, urban, cultured, and historic. But in its stately neighborhoods a scandalous crime unfolds.





It is late evening, after nightfall and the Carlson's have retired. Sally is finishing a letter to a school friend and the house is utterly quiet. At first, Sally thinks her ears are playing tricks on her, but then she hears it again—the creak on the hallway floor.

## NEXT TIME: Empty Chair