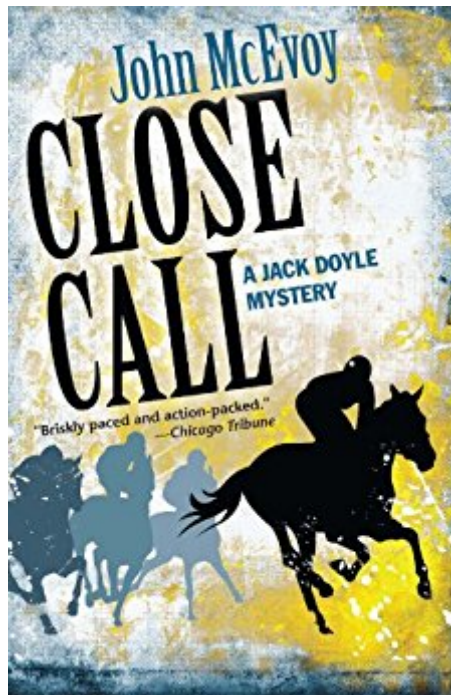




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Synopsis

Ex-amateur boxer and failed advertising account executive Jack Doyle, hero of *Blind Switch*, returns to the world of thorough-bred horse racing at a suburban Chicago track. With the help of furrier-to-the-mob Moe Kellman, Doyle is hired as publicity director at Monee Park—a struggling racetrack owned by heiress Celia McCann. Celia, whose husband is afflicted with Lou Gehrig's disease, is fighting to keep the business afloat while awaiting passage of a law allowing the introduction of lucrative video slot machines. She's determined to maintain the business inherited from her beloved uncle Jim Joyce. However, she is under pressure from her co-heir and cousin, Niall Hanratty, to close the track and sell the valuable property to real estate developers. Niall will stop at nothing to convince Celia to sell, even hiring thugs from Chicago's Canaryville neighborhood to help persuade her. Can the exploits of star sprinter Rambling Rosie save the track? Or will Doyle hold the key? Written from an insider's viewpoint, and featuring a robust cast of offbeat characters, *Close Call* provides entertaining insight into the unique world of American horse racing with a climax as exciting as a Derby photo finish.

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Customer Reviews

I love everything about this series! It's set in the state I live in, in a city I'm very familiar with so the locations paint pictures that are correct and vividly clear, and it's set in the horse industry that I've been a participant in for over fifty years! It's a triple win for a voracious book reader such as I am!!

I really liked the descriptions of Ireland, of the race tracks there and in the US, and how they operate making the book more than another mystery.

Terrific

Writing not too bad but too much objectionable language for my taste.

This reasonably well-written. The author clearly knows thoroughbred racing, but I was not drawn in by any of the characters. It is an average read at best.

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Waaaaay to much swearing for me!

Entertaining

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