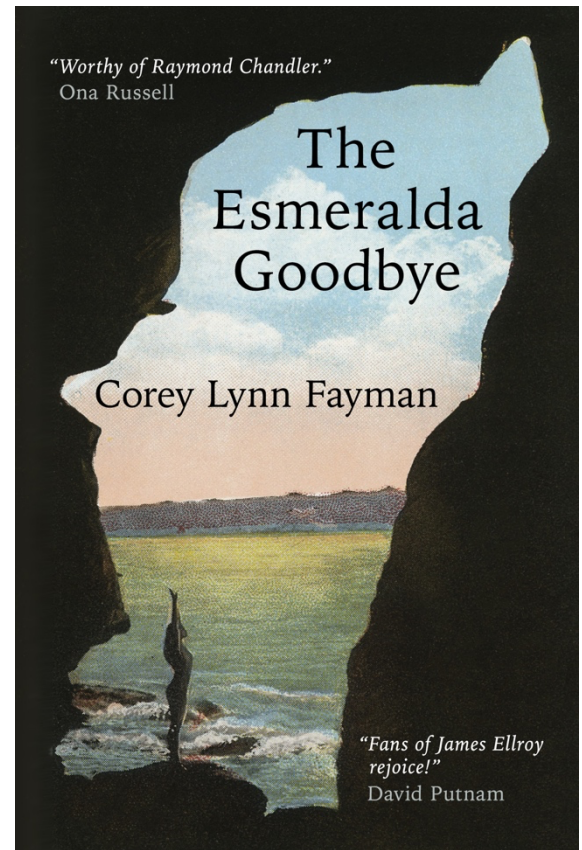


The Esmeralda Goodbye

1955. In the sleepy seaside town of La Jolla, CA, rookie cop Jake Stirling saves the life of infamous crime writer Raymond Chandler, earning the respect of his hard-nosed captain, Wade Lennox, who served with Jake's father, a police detective whose suicide two years earlier shocked the town and shattered Jake's family.

Jake gets called to the Hotel Del Charro, a luxury hideaway for the rich and famous. Budding starlet Zsa Zsa Gabor's diamond necklace has been stolen. She and other hotel guests—FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, political wheeler-dealer Artie Corcoran, and mob boss Meyer Lansky press their own cryptic agendas, while Raymond Chandler provokes outrage with drunken allegations of police corruption. When a local hoodlum is murdered Captain Lennox takes Jake into his confidence, demanding loyalty.

More killings follow as Jake finds himself caught up in a conspiracy that could change the course of American history. Can he clear his father's name and save those he loves from the cold-blooded brutality of desperate and powerful men?



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