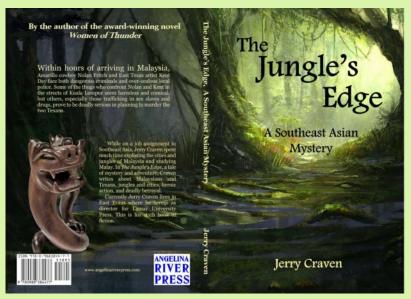
## The Jungle's Edge Reviewed by Roberto Bonazzi

Jerry Craven's novel, *The Jungle's Edge*, his sixth book of fiction that includes the terrific novel *Women of Thunder*, weaves an exciting mystery set in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Craven knows the country and language from direct experience and, while not a cowboy like Nolan Fritch or a sketch artist like Kent Day, he understands these Texans inside out, along with the cast of varied characters. The descriptions of Kent's approach to sketching locals are particularly adept. The inherent danger of the place complicates the story, with shysters and con men on every corner, but also with the erroneous suspicions of secondary and tertiary characters. It makes for fascinating anxiety and surprising events that lead the main characters on a deadly chase from the bustling city to the edge of the jungle. This group includes both Texans and the women to whom they're attached, as well as some American doubters swept up in escaping from the city. The entertaining novel features characters in a spellbinding plot and

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