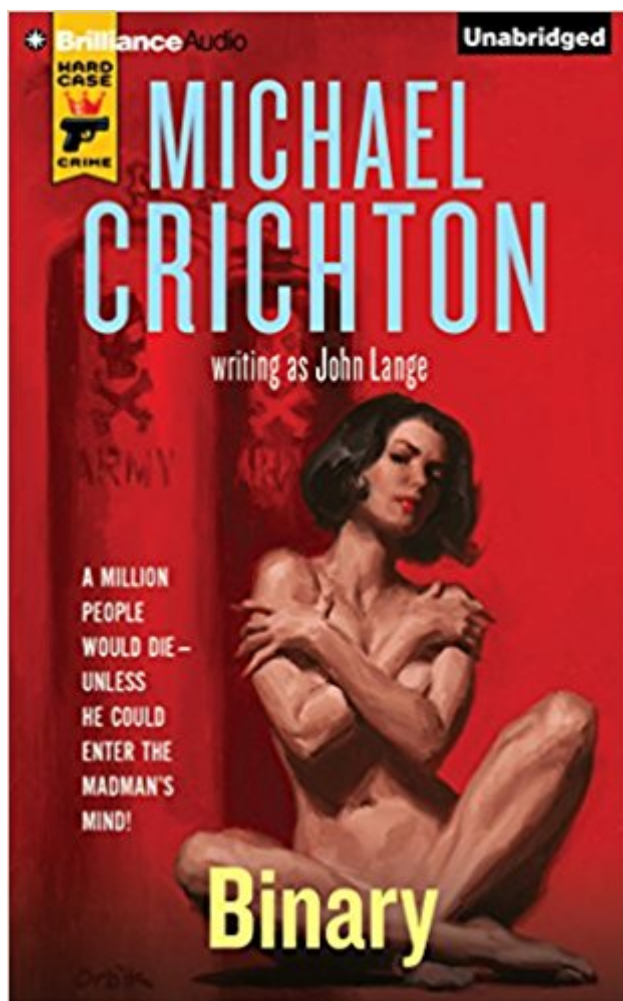




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Synopsis

Political radical John Wright is plotting an act of mass destruction – and federal agent John Graves has him under surveillance, trying to figure out what the plot is. When a government computer is hacked and a high-security shipment of nerve gas gets hijacked, Graves puts the pieces together – but can he stop Wright from unleashing his weapon before it kills a million people – including the President of the United States?

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A man who thinks of himself as a political activist, but who appears to be more like a terrorist, has big plans nearing fruition. An American federal agent is keeping an eye on him, hoping to uncover the details of the man's plot. When some deadly nerve gas goes missing, the American agent thinks he's solved the mystery, but is it already too late? Between the late 1960s and the early 1970s, Crichton published a handful of actioners under the name of John Lange. They're mostly straightforward thrillers, usually with a distinct pulp-fiction flavor to them (fast-paced action, slick stories, slightly larger-than-life characters). They don't really resemble a Michael Crichton novel, although this one, from 1972 – three years after Crichton published *The Andromeda Strain* under his own name – just might come closer than the other Lange novels. Science and technology are key elements in the story, and some of the writing has that familiar Crichton feel to it. A well-constructed race-against-time thriller. --David Pitt --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

"It's a great thriller, featuring some ideas that were really ahead of their time." - Trash Mutant"...it is a taut thriller that moves straightforwardly, and contains a confrontational puzzle at its center...what makes Binary so interesting is... the way the story resonates with today." - Æ Æ Irresistible Targets"Great delight to Crichton fans who are still mourning his 2008 passing." Æ Æ Geek Girl Project --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This was a fun read, especially since I knew it was Crichton's early work. You can see how his writing developed from these early works. Truly, an homage to his later works. He is missed but it's nice to know that there are vestiges of him left to read. Good story, but the characters were a little stilted. Looking forward to reading the other 7 early works.

This book is a kind of bridge between Crichton's early Hard Case Crime series and his later work. Even his early work contains elements of a technical nature, but this is a little more exotic, a few more twists and turns, while retaining that early "whodunnit" theme. I've read 23 of Crichton's 30 published works, and this is definitely in the upper half of his offering. This used hardback arrived promptly and in good condition. Very satisfied.

A great techno-thriller, hard to put down, a wonderful read. Keeps you on the edge till the very end of the story.

Well crafted story. Kept my attention throughout the book. As a fan of Critchner, I was pleased to see his early works published.

Michael Crichton rocks. "Binary: A Novel" - a little fast read - suspenseful, frightening - a warning of things to come and our political ability to deny eventualities ... is no exception. The author, even in his younger years at his craft (writing, not medicine, not anthropology)...knew how to unfold a good tale and engage a reader in white knuckled suspense. His later works we all know from their film versions... are certainly gripping and wonderful but each seemed imbued with a warning which humans are wont to ignore. Thankfully - Mr. Crichton found these oversights, mismanagements and actions based upon greed - dangerous enough to explore in his novels. As a reader, I miss him. His life was full but all too short. We still need his insights in fiction and in reality. Although dated, "Binary" is merely a glimpse at what was to come.... done brilliantly.

Nothing spectacular, but an overall good thriller. It's interesting to see his early writing style and worth reading.

Okay, but it was an early work of his.

This novel is a true gem, short, to the point, but keeps you on the edge of your seat throughout the entire ride. If you're a fan of the pulp thriller, you'll be a big fan of Binary.

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