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Mishani, D. A. *A Possibility of Violence*. New York: HarperCollins Publishers, 2014. 288 pp. \$26.99. (9780062195401). Also available as an eBook. This is the second mystery novel featuring Holon police inspector Avraham Avraham (the first, *The Missing File*, was reviewed in the May/June, 2014 AJL Reviews). An inoperative bomb in a suitcase is found near a child day care center. The subsequent investigation involves both the director of the center and a father of one of the children. This is a well-constructed tale (though there is one loose end: one character receives letters from her sister but her sister denies sending them). Avraham is deeply concerned not to make any errors as he is haunted by a mistake he made in *The Missing File*. The author's clever technique of mentioning a fact or event and only explaining it sometime later whets the reader's curiosity. Avraham's relationships with his Slovene lover, Marianka, a member of the Belgian police, and his superintendent, Ilana Lis, are developed from the first book. (It should be mentioned that the mystery in *The Missing File* is summarized and explained in this book, so it is best to read it before reading this tale). This is a psychologically interesting detective story. Recommended for popular fiction collections. Shmuel Ben-Gad. Gelman Library. George Washington University.

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