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A NEW FEMALE SLEUTH YOU'LL LOVE—JUST DON'T MESS WITH HER!

“... a medical thriller **not for the squeamish.**” -*Publishers Weekly*

Meet Detective Nurse Gina Mazzio: She's feisty, determined, tenacious, and all ballsy Italian ex-Bronxite. She might remind you a bit of Sandra Bullock when Sandra's in FBI mode. Detective's not her real title, RN is, though it might as well be Guardian Angel. Because you know how scary nurses can be; and how compassionate. Gina's gone into investigative mode because her patients are in danger. And everyone at her fancy San Francisco hospital's blowing it off like everything's normal.

Carl Chapman, a young man with an excellent prognosis, has already died--and Gina knows he shouldn't have. Another patient's acting weird and desperate; a third, a teen-ager, has actually run away. Gina soon learns Carl's cancer treatment's gone missing, in fact finds out her patients are being subjected to a form of blackmail so diabolical Hanibal Lecter could have dreamed it up.

And murdered if they don't pay up.

They're blasted with chemotherapy and every other toxic poison available to save their lives. Most days they're so run down they're more dead than alive. But there's one chance for survival—an experimental treatment. In turn, each will be infused with his or her own treated bone marrow – frozen, secure in the hospital's storage vaults.

Only maybe not so secure. Because then comes the note: “We have your marrow...pay \$50,000 or die now!”

Before it's over, Gina will be stalked, threatened, and nearly killed. This is an action-packed but shocking, take-no-prisoners tale of medical suspense, definitely not for the faint-hearted. But fans of the more hard-boiled medical thrillers (and also of Patricia Cornwell) will eat it up! As well as lovers of, strong women sleuths, hospital mysteries, and all medical fiction, especially fans of Tess Gerritsen, Carolyn McCray, Eileen Dreyer, Lisa Genova, and Robin Cook.

Bone Dry Details

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Jacob Peled says

For some reason I couldn't bond with the book. I think that the reason was its opening "case" that didn't make much sense to me and was very unbelievable. Later on I found out that although there was a lot of action in the book, the action itself was stretched too thin spreading through few pages repeating the same details over and over again. At certain points I started flipping through the pages reading the 1st sentence of each paragraph without losing the main story.

Personally I prefer reading Cook or Palmer.

Jill says

This book could use a good editor - a number of typos. Mostly, it lacked cohesive characters. I didn't really understand who the main characters were or what they stood for. I didn't connect with them at all. The premise was ok, but the characters really took away from the story.

Jean says

To call Gina Mazzio a "detective" is stretching things a bit. She's an RN. To her hospital administrator, she may be a snoop and a busybody. To her patients, on the other hand, she is a watchdog, even a guardian angel. Nurse Gina is devoted to caring for her patients. She is tough, gritty, purposeful, and compassionate. She is a gal from the Bronx with Italian roots. Need I say more?

In *Bone Dry: An Action-Packed Medical Technothriller*, a patient awaiting his bone marrow engraftment rapidly declines and dies. His marrow went missing from the lab, and Gina is determined to find out why. The reader learns early on who is behind it, and why. That in no way diminishes the drama of the storyline as we follow Gina through her stressful job as a nurse on the oncology unit. We see other patients in the same situation as the man who died. Gina suspects, but the victims have been threatened that they must keep quiet.

I'm not sure if the medical portions are medically accurate, although since the author is a nurse, I felt that they were convincing. The responses of the hospital staff and administrator seemed expedited beyond what seems likely in a bureaucratic facility such as a major hospital, but I'm willing to suspend some belief for the sake of the dramatic. The personal relationships between the characters, Gina and her boyfriend Harry, and on the flip side, between the marrow-nappers, were well written. Yes, there is violence. It defines the relationship between Faye and Frankie.

Is *Bone Dry* a great book? No, but I still found it hard to put down. It was so readable because the authors made me care about the characters. Gina Mazzio has great instincts when it comes to understanding her patients and anticipating their needs. She knows when something's not quite right. I loved her devotion to her job and her stick-to-itiveness, despite the risk to her job and her safety. Besides that, anyone who works on an oncology unit and fights someone who takes advantage of cancer patients is one of the good guys.

3.5 stars

Karen B. says

his is a fast paced medical thriller which I thoroughly enjoyed reading. Gina Mazzio is the kind of R.N. I'd like to have supporting me if I were in the hospital. She is feisty, determined, knowledgeable and caring. From the beginning the reader knows who the bad guy is and watches as Gina tries to befriend a domestically abused lab technician and find out why there are problems with oncology patients receiving their own previously saved bone marrow. The bone marrow is being stolen for extortion. One of Gina's patients has already died and others have their lives hanging by a thread as the extortioners play dangerous games with their lives. The narration of the audible version is excellent and helped to make this an exciting read.

Julie R says

My reviews will never be fancy or wordy. This book kept me interested from the beginning. I like medical thriller/mysteries. Early on in the book, you knew who did it, just not how they would get caught. The main character, Gina, is an oncology nurse who I really liked. She didn't know when to close her mouth. Especially when it came to caring for her patients. A pretty quick read. Recommended.

Sheila Myers says

A very good plot idea and interesting characters. The formatting errors and typos were too distracting for me to give this one a higher rating.

Petula says

This books falls in the ranks of "Oh my God, could that really happen?"

Medical thrillers and suspense are one of my new favorite genres as I'm finding I like the way writers' minds work around the day to day life of medical personnel. Bone Dry takes your "average" nurse and a pitiful lab tech along with a critical care sidekick (who can be extremely annoying, by the way) and throws them all into a melting pot of annoying characters.

Truthfully they're not all annoying, but at the risk of revealing too much we'll go with that.

POSSIBLY A BIT OF SPOILERAGE HERE:

Bone Dry touched a little too close to home (I recently had a bone marrow transplant) and that made me sad, angry and ready to throw my Kindle across the room because of the stupidity and weakness of Faye, the

"assholedness" of the boyfriend and the roller coaster ride of emotions that each patient displayed.

OKAY, KEEP READING:

I gave this book a 5 because I thoroughly enjoyed it and it kept me interested from start to finish, but it's not the best medical thriller you'll ever read. That said, I'm definitely interested in reading another book by Bette Golden Lamb because I think her ideas are truly grand and will get even more better over time.

Darlene says

My mother wanted me to be a nurse. I think she also wanted me to be a famous pianist. All I can claim is bad back and short fingers. From the time I was a teen, I could see I couldn't be on my feet for very long. How I managed to be a cosmetologist for a year and a half, I don't know. But mom had some things right. I love knowing how to read music because I love singing. And I do like the life in the hospital. I was a candy striper for a little while, and I saw that I like taking care of the patients. I like the drama of the hospital, and I love the miracle of science that is ever present in the hospital. Hence my addiction with things like Gray's Anatomy and other medical shows. I even like the gruesome ER live dramas. If so when I saw this book on the freebies I thought I'd probably enjoy it. And I was right.

Warning: maybe not the best read for someone who's dealt with cancer. I'd hate to think that the things that happened in this book could easily happen. But I suppose it's possible.

This was an action-packed technothriller. Not so much a mystery. You know from the first page who is the problem. You just hope that the main character can figure it out and live through it. And yes, the main character is a nurse. I did like the character development in this book. And just a bit of a warning: this book may make you forget that there are other things to do in your house besides read.

Though I was able to pick this book up for free it is now \$2.99 as are the other books in the series. As soon as I can afford it. I think I may try to read the rest of the series. I think it's worth it.

Quillracer says

This mystery had an interesting premise – someone is stealing cancer patients' bone marrow and holding it for ransom. And it was short at under 250 pages.

But that's all it had going for it.

The Lambs peopled the story with several stock characters – the angry teen, the administrator who cares more about the hospital's image than that someone is holding its patients' marrow for ransom, the 'Doubting Thomases' who think the main character is full of bunk, the bad guy, the abused woman.

Because the Lambs wrote this book from several POVs and because the bad guy was so obviously bad, there was no real mystery here nor any plot twists. As a result, there wasn't much tension in the story and no real detection on the part of Gina, the main character.

The back cover blurb calls this book “an action-packed, shocking, take-no-prisoners tale of medical suspense.” It’s not any of those.

There were also tons of production errors in this book – mainly misplaced closing quotation marks.

This book merited a 2-star rating only because I couldn’t rate it 1½ stars (Did nothing for me).

So I won’t be back for more of these books.

Lynda Kelly says

This is full of mistakes and I just can't be bothered wading my way through them all. It makes for irritated and distracted reading and I was only 23% in but I'd already seen too many.

For some reason speechmarks were the main issue. They keep being missed off and as you're reading it gets confusing and then you realise they stopped speaking but nobody thought to let you know !!

This sentence had an extra word added-"Had this gut feeling about the Chapman right from the beginning" and she writes scarred and it should be scars. Then I had to look up DSMO as Americans love their acronyms but not sharing their meanings.

The story sounded interesting but I'm afraid I'm not up to ploughing my way through this many issues.

I reached this line, which meant nothing and I packed it in-"Get wanted her out of the apartment, Faye".....

Kathleen Hagen says

Bone Dry, by Bette Golden Lamb, B-plus, narrated by Beth Richmond, produced by Books in Motion, downloaded from audible.com.

First of all, Beth Richmond is becoming one of my favorite narrators. Of course I have so many. This is a medical thriller. The protagonist is Gina, a nurse in the oncology ward. As Gina is preparing one of her patients for a graft of his own bone marrow back into his blood, they find the man’s marrow is missing from the lab. Gina thinks it is odd because that very day the patient in question, always upbeat, becomes depressed and knows before she tells him, that his bone marrow is missing. Then the man dies. There is to be another bone marrow graft the next day, and Gina is worried about the patient because she seems very depressed when Gina comes to see her on the day of the graft. When asked if she can help, the patient says “only if you have \$50,000.” She goes to the lab, and the bone marrow again is missing. But this time later it is in its right place, and Gina gets in trouble for stirring things up. What the reader knows, and no one at the hospital does for quite a while, is that a lab tech and her boy friend are stealing bone marrow and hitting relatives up for money. “You pay \$50,000 for your bone marrow back or you die.” There are a few things stretching credibility, but mostly it is a very good book and Richmond does a fabulous job narrating it.

Elaine says

[I really wanted to like the story; it’s the reason we select a book, right? The premise was promising. Upon its opening pages, I was already thinking that I would probably be interested in others in this series. Probably

midway into it however, it quickly morphed into over-the-top actions and violence. The main female characters are whiny and wimpy. "Fraaan-keeee!" Its male characters are angry and violent. F-bombs and the c-word fly frequently. One character's actions are totally

Stacy says

This was a fast pace book. Even though the reader knows whats happening the main character doesn't, so you are pulled in to how the character "Gina" works out what's going on with her patient behind the scene. Gina is portrayed as a smart, strong and an intelligent person with a mind of here own.

After reading the book, it made me really think about the things that could and do go wrong in hospitals that patients and family don't even know about. This is rather scary when you think about all the possibilities and scenarios that are played out each and every day in any hospital and we don't even have a clue....

But al in all it was a pretty good read.

Babus Ahmed says

A riveting medical thriller which will have you on the edge of your seat. Fast-paced and suspenseful. When lab worker Faye is in an abusive relationship with the misogynistic Frankie Nellis, he ropes her into his scheme of extortion and murder. Gina Mazzio is the RN caring for a number of oncology patients who seem to be behaving strangely...

A gutsy thriller.

Petra says

3.5 stars. Medical thriller with an RN as protagonist. Really liked the main character and her boy-friend. Had problems believing some of the plot. Nevertheless, immensely readable. Fast-paced and surprisingly violent in parts. Fantastic narration by Beth Richmond. Would definitely try another in this series.
