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John Jordan is once again carrying a gun and a badge—and he's going to need them. Balancing family life with being a cop and a prison chaplain takes grit and grace—and John has plenty of both. Working two cases that may or may not be connected, John is investigating the disappearance of a young army ranger home on leave and one of the most sadistic serial killers he's ever encountered.

BLOOD OATH -- the 11th crime novel in the popular, award-winning, and critically-acclaimed John Jordan mystery series.

INCLUDES A SPECIAL NOTE FROM MICHAEL CONNELLY

"Michael Lister is a giant talent with a unique vision. His landmark John Jordan Mystery series is a treasure of contemporary literature." Florida Weekly

Publisher's Weekly Starred Review: "Lister gives fair clues for the surprise solution, thus combining a compelling account of his hero's spiritual struggle with a top-notch whodunit."

"Another great ride with a very assured driver behind the wheel." Michael Connelly

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Blood Oath Details

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Bob says

This is the second book in this series that i've read and i enjoyed them both. The protagonist is a prison chaplain who also works with the police in investigations. He is a very sympathetic character with high morals and good intentions, but that doesn't stop him from running into more than his share of problems along the way. In this book, he's working on two cases, one a presumed drowning where the body hasn't yet been recovered and the other a grisly serial killer case where the body was discovered while dragging the river for the other body. Add to this unrest at the prison where he works and custody problems with his ex-wife over their daughter, and that pretty much sums up the book. It was a very enjoyable read.

Rebecca says

Pretty good. I could have done without the couple bad guy scenes, but at least they aren't overly revealing.
3.5

Dana says

Recommend

This is a good murder mystery, very readable, hard to put down. It has an overarching sense of goodness in it. Sometimes you don't know who is talking.....there are abrupt switches in scenes without a break in text. It threw me a little. Otherwise, a good mystery with good characters. I'll read more in he series.

Lorraine says

Blood Oath was an AWESOME read!!

Nothing better than a Michael Lister book to read!! A young man is lost in a river, and things quickly go south from there! Can John Jordan find out what happened and where the body went? Involved in the investigation and dealing with his ex-wife and getting visitations with his daughter. He gets all tangled up in both! This book, was a non-stop read! Loved it, especially that someone in the story, has my nickname of Rain!!

Karen says

John Jordan is a chaplain as well as a police consultant. When a close friend's brother goes missing in the river, it is all hands on deck. As search and rescue drags the river, the find a horrific body of a young girl tied to a cross. This mystery as well as the missing young man make up the heart of the book. There is also a

storyline about Jordan's personal relationship with his ex and their young daughter as well as his new relationship with Anna.

Sandra Holladay says

I read this story as part of The Murder Book which has 10 full length stories. This is the first book I've read by this author. The number of 'he said/say, she said/say (insert name) one right after another is very distracting. Lots of ways to let you know who is talking without the endless repetition of that. I read through chapter 31, then started skipping large sections. The writing was way to wordy (to the point of boring in many places), the author tried too hard for the touchy feeling emotion of men crying (a lot), the main character is so perfect he isn't believable (try Jesus, Muhammad, and Buddha all rolled into one). Everything he says and does is perfect, even in his dealings with his ex-wife who starts out really unreasonable and seemingly unstable who, in a very short time, comes around to what he wants without much trouble. I won't be looking for anything else by this author.

Cindy Young-Johnson says

Admire the Author

No spoilers. I admire Michael Lister as an author. He is prolific and remains true to his character's motivations and beliefs. The stories he tells are timely and interesting. This one in particular has several unexpected twists to keep the reader guessing. With all there is to admire, including writing a series as vast as the John Jordan books, there is something keeping me from giving this book more stars. It isn't something missing; it's a need to cut back on the attempts to make characters and couples perfect. A perfect couple is still made of humans with all their flaws. Real people don't need to grease their partner's ego all the time. Good people say impatient thing occasionally. Most of all, couples madly in love don't have sex every night, especially when they are tired and worn out from caring for an infant and a toddler. It is not distracting enough to tell anyone not to read the book. The police work and prison work at the heart of the John Jordan stories are there and told well. Some of the other things are unnecessary distractions best edited out.

Ardy W. says

Pros and cons for this book.

The story line was interesting and solving the crime kept me reading. I liked the characters but had to refer back several times to figure out who was who and how connected. This was probably due to starting with book 11.

The book needs some editing and there were a couple places that jumped from one scene and characters to something else without even a dash or chapter change and I had to go back and figure out what was happening. Distracting!

My biggest dislike was the foul language. Not the words totally, but the lines were out of the blue and did not seem in character (especially Anna and Sam). If the characters were frustrated or angry or overwhelmed, the author could have done a better job expressing those feelings. The author has great skill with description and

so the foul language seemed to be added to sell the book or by another person.
Lots of other good mystery, thriller, crime authors that I prefer.

M.K. Pachan says

Blood Oath is the first John Jordan mystery I have read and although I did enjoy the plot, I found that the resolution of the crime was a letdown and seemed to come too easily. Also, the character of Jordan is a little too perfect for me. Although a recovering alcoholic, he is great at both of his jobs, enjoys lots of sex without complications, and everything he tries works out. I like to read about flawed and more realistic characters. But this is book #11 so maybe I am missing something. The plot was engaging however and the book was hard to put down.

M says

Murder With Religion & Romance

LOTS & LOTS of religion hang from the backbone-storylines of two murders. The mysteries are good on their own, but this book is cluttered with too many side-stories, plus a lot of sidetracking in general. Plus pages of preaching.

I would've skimmed 2/3 of this book, but some attention was required because too many characters cluttered this book. 45-50 by my count, but I may have missed a few. Or over-counted by same. The chaplain/police investigator MC is too perfect to be believable, as are many major characters. Even the chaplain's ex-wife—who is first written as unstable and unreasonable—whirls about and becomes a nice person.

There were frequent information dumps about religious symbology (less than the Robert Langdon series), Christian concepts and long biblical quotes. More info-dumps explain law enforcement, serial killers, abnormal psychology, etc. Add discussions/lectures about cops killing black men, Black Lives Matter, and Army Ranger trainees of different races (plus one LBGT). Trainee names are stereotypes: Rashard, Khaleel, Orlando, Joshua Darden and Jayson.

This book has pages of religious references, but it also contains bloody, sadistic murders AND a grisly suicide—described in detail. More: I never expected this error: author mentions a “Pascal lamb.” PASCAL? Really?

Two stars: the author finished the book, and there were no cliffhangers.

NOTE: I used more caps than usual, but I thought it appropriate. THE AUTHOR ACTUALLY WROTE TWO PAGES IN CAPS!

Lawrence Stancliff says

Interesting and surprising

This is a good read, it moves along well without providing an expected ending. There is enough variety, thought and action to keep our reading.

I rated it as average in that the story jumped a bit and sometime I had to go back to find out who was the character was there hat was talking.

Ricardo Homsy says

Apesar de ser o 11º livro de uma série, pode ser tranquilamente lido sem conhecimento prévio do autor ou seu personagem central. História policial que começa lenta e interiorana, e cresce com a revelação de assassino serial nas redondezas -- nada inovador, mas faria boa figura num seriado da Netflix. A dose de violência e morte cresce na segunda metade, e há boas surpresas até quase o final. Típico policial "page turner".

Carol Simmons says

Excellent story

A gripping story with lots of great characters John .Anna their two daughters the police department staff the other people in the small town with lits of secrets

McfInder_sk says

This was my first experience with Lister's work in general, and I finished this book impressed with his writing. His depth of characters and ability to create a storyline full of twists, yet easily followed by the reader, make him one thriller author I'd gladly read again.

June says

Magnificent work. The first I have read in the series but definitely not the last. The characters are so real and complex that you can really see them as living real human beings. There are so many threads in the plot line of that are brilliantly woven together that makes the story come alive. While it is very graphic in nature it makes the story come to life. I also appreciated how much John's faith in interwoven into his daily life and both of his jobs. It is a difficult read but so compelling that it's hard to put down. Worth every minute you spend reading it.
