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From New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Michael Prescott comes RIPTIDE, a powerful new novel of psychological suspense. Jennifer Silence reads between the lines. A psycholinguistic analyst, she studies documents written by murderers, teasing out hidden clues. But nothing in her life has prepared her for the document that is now in her hands. A leather-bound diary from a crumbling crypt. The diary of Jack the Ripper. If it is genuine, it suggests a troubling connection between Jennifer's family and history's most infamous serial killer. A connection that may explain her father's suicide ... and her brother's mental illness. A connection that may implicate her brother in a new rash of killings, and prove that the Ripper's spirit still prowls dark streets and alleys, taking lives ... And the next victim may be Jennifer herself.

RIPTIDE is the newest thriller from Michael Prescott, whose novels have been hailed as "brilliant ... chilling ... unrelentingly suspenseful" (Publishers Weekly), "harrowing ... intense" (Jeffery Deaver), "irresistible, unput-downable" (Crescent Blues), and "stunning ... far above the usual offerings for the genre" (New Mystery Reader).

Riptide Details

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DIANE M JOHNSON says

Slowj moving dull at times not in keeping with title.very'll Olli :) Trujillo Gauguin coffee
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Tanya Kay Bertone says

Good read

Prescott keeps you guessing at who the "Ripper" might be. Be ready for a few twists and turns that will leave you flipped upside down.

Denise says

The book was ok,a little surprise at the end. Unfortunately it was not good enough to give more than 2 stars. The whole Jack-the-Ripper does America thing was a little too much. I haven't read a lot about Jack, just know the bits that everyone knows, but I am willing to believe that he was schizophrenic. At the very least. I guess watching shows like Criminal Minds makes these kinds of people seem more possible as your neighbor. I find that creepy. To find a bunch of bones in your basement and a journal written by Jack, way creepy. I think maybe the author just ran out of of ideas and threw in a twist, and got the hell out of there. Don't blame him.

Kay says

Very interesting mystery about a California gal that makes an interesting discovery in her basement- old bones from 6 dead bodies and a diary possibly written by Jack the Ripper. She sets out to connect the murders in London, similar murders in California years ago and current murders. It has those twists and turns that keeps you reading and interested.

Karen Woo says

Very good fictional take on Jack the Ripper and his legacy of crimes.

The familiar Prescottian features are all here: 1) great story arc and pacing, 2) gnarly murders, 3) a resourceful heroine who saves the day, and 4) healing and redemption for the heroine, who's often carrying the weight of emotional/physical trauma from years past, by way of solving the current crime mystery.

This novel's heroine, Jennifer Silence, isn't particularly likable, though. She's passive-aggressive, easily irritated, and prone to crossing the line from gutsy to stupid in dangerous situations. Compare her to previous Prescott heroines, notably, Abby Sinclair and Tess McCallum, who are direct, keep their cool, are angry when they need to be, and are resourceful and gutsy without the element of stupidity. You'd want Abby or Tess on your side, if you were in a jam. But Jennifer? Not really.

Ssspicher says

This was a very quick read. I read this in one sitting and thoroughly enjoyed the story line. There was fact mixed with fiction surrounding Jack the Ripper and the story brought Red Jack home to the US. In fact, to Venice, CA. Interesting plot with an unexpected twist towards the end. Highly recommended to those who enjoy a fast-paced thriller linked to actual historical events.

Bette says

Jennifer Silence is a police consultant, she is a psycholinguist. A psychologist who specializes in written documents that add to the profile of a murderer.

Living in Venice Beach, CA she is not surprised by an earthquake shaking her home. She is surprised by finding a bricked up section under the stairs of her cellar. She is surprised by finding the skeletons of several women. She is surprised by finding a journal hidden in a tin box, left with the skeletons. She is surprised when she begins to read the journal that it seems to have been written by Jack the Ripper detailing his crimes in London.

Her family has owned the house since the early 1900's, is one of her ancestors, Jack?

A thriller that takes you from London at the turn of the 20th century to the present 2010's in California. A fascinating tale of a serial killer.
Highly recommend!

Heather says

This was a really well written, creepy book. It's a very dark book, but I found all the characters very realistic, especially the portrayal of Richard. It gave great insight into schizophrenia- both by the schizophrenic himself and the ones who love him. And I never saw the ending coming. I will definitely read more of Michael Prescott's books.

Nikki "The Crazie Betty" V. says

This was one of the first books I downloaded to my Kindle and I'm glad I did. The fact this fictional story was based on Jack the Ripper was what peaked my interest. Basically anything regarding serial killers I find interesting but when it comes to one of the most notorious "villains" of all time I want to see what the author is able to come up with.

I found this book to be very realistic. From a psychological point of view it made total sense to bring in a mental disorder. I though it played perfectly into the few facts that we already know about Jack the Ripper and Prescott did a great job of weaving in the fictional with factual data.

I can't remember the names of the characters because it's been sooo long since I read this but I thought it was great how Prescott sets up the readers to believe different things about the Detective and the Forensics Analyst than what is actually true and the way the truth comes out in the end I found to be very entertaining.

Would definitely recommend this great whodunit!

Tabitha Blake says

I would recommend this book to anyone that is a big ripper fan. I was transported back to the terrifying moments that brought fear to the streets of England. I found this book very interesting and at times disturbing. You are drawn into the mind of a very demented and sadistic killer. Not for the faint of heart. You are immerse in the dark side of a killer that revels in the sickness that plagues him. I felt the blood lust of the killer cause the hair on the back of my neck stand up and makes you wonder what evil lurks in the shadows. I was a roller coaster if a read. Praises for Michael Prescott!

Nate says

HOLY COW. So good!! I don't think I have ever read a book as fast as I have read this one. And that at a time when I have very little time to read! I finished it in under a week, I really could not put it down! Extremely suspenseful, thrilling plot line, and smooth dialogue. My one disappointment was the characters. The main characters were fairly strong and believable, but some of the more minor characters suffered some from less than adequate development. I could not comprehend some of their motivations enough to make them seem real. They seemed empty and dry. But beyond that, the book was INCREDIBLY enjoyable. Interesting concept, and it's very clear the author did his research! I will definitely be reading more Michael Prescott in the future!

Joe Young says

Really two tales, one an autobiography by Jack the Ripper and the other an agonizing cluster of guilt and fear by suspected descendents of Jack living in modern day Venice, CA. Siblings Jennifer and Richard lived in a

historical house allegedly built by their great grandfather and lived in by their family. Jack the Ripper was suspected to have either medical or butcher training. Jennifer and Richard's fore bearers had all been doctors and both Jennifer and Richard started Medical Degrees with Jennifer changing to an Dr. of Psychology degree while Richard completed an M.D.. Richard showed symptoms of mental illness by his mid-twenties but, was able to maintain it in control with medication. Jennifer's work as a criminal profiler and studies that included the history of Jack the Ripper primed her for an exposure to a trigger event when a portion of her basement wall collapsed during a small quake exposing a macabre cache of old bones and a diary of Edward Hare detailing his gruesome butchery and caching of the found bones. By this time, Richard was off his meds and both he and his older sister feared their suspected association with their infamous ancestor. Young girls were going missing in Venice and Jennifer agonized over sharing her fears with her police cohorts or trying to find Richard and safely rescuing him and making Venice safe. All the evidence points to Richard but, Jennifer feels the family responsibility of a protecting older sister and is determined to care for Richard even at the expense of her own life. As the story evolves with suspense and chair edging tension, outside elements make themselves known and the story stretches into unknown areas, making a twisting chilling ending to an action packed, engaging story.

Jenn says

I really enjoyed this book. I liked how Jennifer comes to find this journal of a man from the past. It details his journey from London to the United States and his descriptions of these murders of women. There is new murders in her area that have striking resemblance to the ones in the journals. I didn't expect that person to be the murderer, completely thought it was this other person throughout the whole book. Awesome twist.

Reeannun says

I'm sorry, I just couldn't get into this book. After 300 pages, I just can't continue. I was so very excited to read more from this author. The last two books that I read of his were fantastic! Unfortunately, I just couldn't finish, I found the heroine, Jennifer, boring and dull, the secondary characters undeveloped and the references to Jack the Ripper boring. Maybe I was looking forward to being on the edge of my seat as I was with the other books. This one, is not one of those books. :(.

That's okay, this book has NOT spoiled my appetite for more of Michael Prescott's books. Now, to decide which of his books to read next.....choices, choices, choices. :)

Sheila Myers says

The title of this review might be a little misleading. I don't think there are many "fans" of Jack the Ripper, but there are people are intrigued by the mystery and would like to know what really happened to the man. In "Riptide", although fictional, Mr Prescott offers a very interesting theory as to who Jack the Ripper was and why he was never caught. This is a fast paced novel with a very intriguing plot. Very well written.
