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Madison takes you on his journey from being a middle-class banker to a serial killer, through his own eyes. You will feel his emotions, the hatred and rage, pain and guilt, culminating in his descent into absolute obsession itself.

This book will leave you with one fear..... Should I ever log in again?

PLEASE NOTE: The early versions of FBK series contained spelling & grammatical errors. These have been edited and corrected. Please take this into consideration when browsing the reviews.

The Apple iBook Bestseller (over 800 four & five-star ratings)
50 five and four-star reviews on Amazon UK.

·Brilliant book - couldn't put it down

·I absolutely loved this book; it was so easy to read and I just could not bear to put it down for more than a few minutes at a time.

·If you like thrillers with a real human interest factor then you will love this book.

·Brilliant book! So cleverly plotted and a unforgettable read!,

·ML Stewart is an amazing writer

·Gripping! I couldn't put it down - I found it very well written

·Love it. Enough said: I received my kindle as an early birthday present on Saturday and I haven't put it down since. The reason? M.L Stewart.

·the best ever: you will not be able to put this book down . I am sad that I dont have another book of this style to read now .

·Couldn't put it down fantastic: Well done to the author I say and hurry up and write some more please ;o)

·Great Read: could not stop reading this book - on the tube; drying my hair; in bed; watching tv - any chance I got I just had to race to the end!

·Gripping read and a well thought plot – recommended: Brilliantly written and a fantastic style!

·A Fantastic Read: I was hooked from the start and, like many others, found it difficult to put down.

·Excellent read!!!!: really good gripping book.

·I could hardly sleep with the story line going through my mind, wondering what was going to happen next.
Loved it 10/10

·could not put it down: Totally brilliant!

·product of a very strange mind....But very compelling.

·Cracking good read: It is very well written... it is a very compelling story

·The storyline is fast moving and keeps you interested all the way through - well done to the author and I am looking forward to the next story.

·Gripping read: This was the first book I downloaded on my new kindle, and I'm sure glad I did. I literally couldnt put the thing down. I was so intrigued to find out what happened next.

·Riveting!!!: This is my kind of book. VERY unputdownable.

·Wow, very powerful: This book is immensely powerful, due to the detail and the emotions you feel as you read it.

The Facebook Killer: Part 1 Details

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From Reader Review The Facebook Killer: Part 1 for online ebook

David Savage says

The Facebook Killer is a murder novel in three parts about a man who loses his family and takes revenge in Hannibal Lecter-style.

Dermott Madison is a workaholic banker. On his daughter's 18 birthday he misses her party as he is working yet again. On arriving home he finds his house on fire and his wife and daughter are dead inside. His daughter has been raped and murdered before the house was set on fire to destroy any evidence. After rushing into the house to try and save his family half his face is burned off and he spends weeks on hospital.

A man is arrested and charged with the double murder but due to a technicality is found not guilty so on Dermott's release from hospital he decides to get revenge on the murderer. He wants him to suffer as he has suffered, losing his friends and family before he exacts his ultimate revenge. Armed with millions in insurance payments he sets out on a deadly course to find the friends and family of his families murderer using the world's largest social media networking site; Facebook.

His revenge plan comes to him in a dream with the murderer becoming an apple tree, his friends and family becoming apples, making Madison the apple picker and the police becoming he farmer. His plan is to pick all the apples from the bottom of the tree working his way up to the top.

Overall, The Facebook Killer Part One is an excellent murder thriller told from the prospective of Dermott Madison. It follows his life from a workaholic, mild-mannered banker to a dangerous and deadly serial killer who is losing his grip on reality by creating 3 extra personas to carry his revenge.

This first part has some detailed descriptions of brutal murders and if you are squeamish may not be for you. Although some of the murder situations, electronic gadgets used and the latex masks used to change personas are unbelievable, it is a work of fiction and escapism and does make for a good read.

There were several spelling and grammatical mistakes in the version that I read (these have been corrected in later editions) and there are some problems with attention to detail but as these can be overlooked.

The story ends without conclusion so you do need to purchase the second and I guess third parts to reach a final conclusion so maybe it would be better to just combine in to one novel as this is slightly frustrating.

Despite the small problems I still found this to be a book I couldn't down and I cannot wait to start reading the second part. If you want a 100% believable story then this is not for you, if you want a read of pure escapism with a good story and don't mind a spot of brutal murder and revenge that I highly recommend it.

Natalie says

Amazing book, Could read it all over again.

I was initially put off by the name and didn't think it would be up to much, But when I started the book I realised I was very wrong, Couldn't put the book down from start to finish.

Recommend to people who like a book with suspense and twists and turns.

Charlotte says

Great psychological crime thriller - there were parts where I could have read more! Brilliant read!!

Vix says

a new author.... his raw talent is on show here... some fabulous ideas and how to execute them, but needs a bit of polish.

some silly errors in editing, a bit distracting but not the real issue.

some of the plot is totally unbelievable... but if you go with the flow its actually a fascinating read.

a tale of revenge taken the the max.... the grief is out there to be smacked about and boy oh boy does Mr Stewart do that!

looking forward to the next installment!

hope this author improves as he has some really good horror commentary

Helen (TBC) says

This (on kindle)is in two parts - The first part starts off well and is actually quite gripping - but the second part just dragged for me, and the killers indifference to 'collateral damage' didn't sit well with me, so much so that I lost the sympathy that I initially had for the main character. The author/publisher seemed to play simple trick of cutting a book in half so that people would have to spend more money to find out the ending - wanting to know the ending doesn't always mean that a book is good, it can just be a case of wanting not to have completely wasted your time wading through a book - there is always an element of thinking that the story may well pick up again. In this case, for me, it didn't.

Christina says

Being so low-priced on iTunes, I thought I'd give it a go. The book came in two parts, and I simply couldn't put my iPhone down. The story has deep, disturbing meaning behind it and although the author describes every detail and the idea is so well thought out, he handles the idea of several murders in a very 'easy' manner. The main character wants revenge for his wife and daughters death, which is understandable, but the author never really seems to justify the revenge killings (referred to as Apple Pickings) of 20-odd innocent people.

Although he does create, occasionally, the idea that this man has been, quite understandably, disturbed by his family's deaths and hints that he might have developed some sort of psychological problems that justify his behaviour. The only negative comment I have of this book is the ease of murder, other than that it is well written and definitely a compelling read.

Faith Jarrett says

The first book I would actually give 5 stars as I downloaded for free on amazon and was hooked. I was hungry for the second and third books so paid 99p for each small price to pay really. I love the way it played on my mind about the stuff I load on Facebook !! Truly gripping and entertaining.

Vianey says

This book was definitely different and a little crazy. The father sure makes it clear that he will get revenge on the person who murdered his wife and daughter. I understand that he is hurt and wants justice but seems to take it a little to far I do enjoy it and thought it was interesting and as I got further into the story it seemed like the father started developing some mental disorders and one of the characters he was soon started becoming more dominant then the rest.

Colette says

Excellent!!!!!!

Juliet says

The Facebook Killer is a little different; I give it that. Darkman meets Taken with the help of social media if I were to put it in movie terms.

The story is good although at times becomes quite formulaic. It's semi-plausible if you can forgive no explanation for useful 'contacts'. Perhaps they're linked in some way to the sparse history of Dermott Madison, but we can't quite tell. The means of killing are certainly varied with some quite gruesome moments. If you're sensitive, don't read this while you're eating.

Perhaps the version has been updated since I download the book, but formatting is hard going with a fixed font, in places falling into standard and then back again, which is not so easy on the eye and isn't helped by the left justified text with few clear paragraph breaks. It might also have benefitted from a proof reading to weed out a generous helping of grammatical and linguistic issues. These things detract for me from what wasn't a bad story.

If you download this and want to know how it ends, be prepared to buy parts two and three also. Part one ends quite abruptly then tells you part two can be downloaded now. A bit annoying.

So all in all and taking reading experience as whole into account I have to go middle of the road. It bodes well for a new writer but I'm not blown away.

Jayne says

Quite a nice short book. Not a genre I usually go for but it is very cleverly written.

Godzilla says

The book has an interesting premise, in terms of a vengeful man tracking down the friends and family of the man who ruined his life via Facebook.

However, and it's a big however, for a book based around social networking and the reality of modern life, as a reader you have to suspend your sense of reality.

We're meant to believe that a fairly wet sounding main character can develop a network of criminal contacts at the drop of a hat which can supply all manner of illicit goods and services.

A banker suddenly becomes adept at all manner of practical skills, and no-one apparently follows up on unusual deaths that closely.

Whilst some of the methods of dispatching the victims are inventive and novel there isn't much of a writing style to talk about.

It seems very linear and stilted, and the dialogue certainly doesn't crackle. The switch between personas feels too forced and repetitive, when it could have been handled much more cleverly.

But hey, I paid nothing for this, which is why I'm giving it 3 stars and not 2.

Having said that, I don't think I'll be paying for part 2, I just wasn't gripped by it enough.

Bookindle says

Interesting read... Great idea to use social media to encourage paranoia! Enjoyed it, although far too gruesome in places for me.

Lynne says

Started well but about a third of the way through I got very bored with it and stopped reading.

Lainy says

Time Taken To Read - 3 days (although started 11 ago)

Blurb From Goodreads

Dermott Madison has lost everything. His wife, his daughter and his cherished home. One man is responsible; Abdul Hamid. When his Old Bailey trial collapses, Madison takes matters into his own hands. His manner of revenge comes to him in a dream; but how can you track down someone's nearest and dearest? Friends & Family? You log in, look closely and let the revenge begin.

Madison takes you on his journey from being a middle-class banker to a serial killer, through his own eyes. You will feel his emotions, the hatred and rage, pain and guilt. But at the end of the day. You will still be haunted by the question. Would I have done the same?

My Review

Take a man who loses his wife, daughter and identity when a criminal rips his life apart. This is what happens to Dermott Madison who takes matters into his own hands. Using the social network Facebook Dermot begins to pick off people and become quite an elusive serial killer to pay back the people responsible (in his eyes) for his loss.

Well I started this on and off on my phone but a quarter of the way through I read it on my kindle as it got quite interesting. It is pretty far fetched in some parts but still an engaging story. Some of it is rather brutal and may be too much for some readers but for those who like their murders grisly this book is for you.

I think the fact it ends on a cliff hanger and is really only part of a story seems to have annoyed some people but I think for £0.77 (and the same for part two) it isn't that big a deal. If you get by the improbability of the stalking process it is actually really well done showing how one person can spiral so quickly and violently through grief and you get to watch as his reality alters and 1 becomes 3 (I can't explain that without spoiling some of the story, sorry).

This was my first encounter with this author and I got the story when it was free, I am intrigued to see what happens next so may well buy the next one, watch this space. A respectable 3/5 for me this time.
