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Jill Manske says

This was a fascinating book, allowing readers to peek behind the scenes of national political campaigns and the dirty tricks and schemes some candidates will employ to win. The author also helps us understand the role the media plays, how relating the "news" can be twisted to support different viewpoints. Several storylines are interwoven in a masterful way, so that you're never quite sure what's really happening and "whodunit". The characters are very well-defined and believable and the plot is crafty. I hadn't read a Grippando book in a long time, so this was a pleasant surprise.

Scott Parsons says

Now that I have discovered James Grippando I have added him to my list of favourite authors. The Abduction did not disappoint. Contrary to what a couple of people have said it is a real page turner. Sure there are a few points where the plot seems a little unreal. But overall the combination of abduction and its impact on a presidential election works. We are not told which candidate wins on voting day but I'm betting on Allison.

Ruth Ann says

Slow start.

Allison Leahy is on her way to a great career when her four month old daughter is kidnapped. Fast-forward eight years. Now she's running for president. Emily has never been found. The opponent's grand-daughter has been kidnapped. Why does the FBI think the two kidnappings could be related? Not much in the way of character development. :(

Nan Williams says

It was most definitely a page turner - and all the way to the end. From that standpoint it was most enjoyable. The format was straight forward and having recently read books with very convoluted formats, I appreciate the fact that I could simply read it straight through in the 3rd person.

The setting and the situations within the setting were definitely implausible and a bit unpalatable. I suppose in reality, presidential races are fraught with all sorts of immoral underhandedness.

For me the most significant negative aspect of the plot had to do with the character development and portrayal of the protagonist - the woman who was running for President who was already Attorney General. To begin with she seemed a strong, intelligent woman, although it seemed unlikely that she would have gotten where she was in just 8 years. As the plot progressed, she definitely lost any semblance of a President (or Attorney General) and became pure "woman" operating strictly on emotions. Maybe that was the message Grippando wanted us to get. And, to me, she had made some really bad decisions early on

concerning marriage (or not) and adopting a child. The more we came to understand her background, the less we saw her as a viable candidate for President. I guess what I'm saying is that the characterization didn't hold true.

I've enjoyed Grippando in the past. As previously said, this was a real page turner, but just not up to his previous standards.

Crystal Sams says

I am really not in to politics, but this was a good book. It is only getting 3 stars because I was let down with how it ended. Not enough was rapped up in the neat and tidy way that I would have liked. But then again, those ends that were left loose were not really what the story was about, so I guess it's understandable. But I REALLY wanted to know (and if you've read it, you should understand what I'm talking about.) The mystery was ruined for me because another reviewer on GR posted who did it and failed to mention there were spoilers in his review, but even though I knew who it was, I was still intrigued, because you didn't know why. As I said, good story, and I'd be likely to read more Grippando.

Peacejanz says

A gripping thriller - politicians and crime and family evil. This is one of Grippando's earlier books and it is as good as his later books. A fantastic read about two people, driven by politics, who are running for President of the US. A granddaughter is abducted and one of the candidates makes political hay of the situation. The other tries to find the child. This book shows all the evil that can happen in politics and also shows the evil in families. The reader is led down false trails during the entire book. Only at the end do we know what really happened. We never know why.

Dale says

Maybe it was the ABRIDGED audiobook format but I thought this one was a total dog of a book.

Normally, I am a big fan of Grippando's books - they are interesting, full of lots of intrigue, unexpected twists and politics. I've reviewed several of them and have given them high marks. So, when I found one written about presidential politics and read by Allison Janney from West Wing I thought that this was bound to be a great book on tape.

However, the politics in this one was just silly. Before the action gets going in the book, Grippando has the two candidates, literally less than a week before the election, just sitting around their houses. Think about the last presidential election. Was Obama sitting around his house with 3 days to go? Was McCain? No - they were in the midst of a marathon of speeches and events that had been going on for at least a month. I remember when Bob Dole ran against Clinton - he literally made appearances for 48 hours straight - right through the night before election day and through election day until the polls were closed even though he was one of the oldest men to ever run for president.

Other issues:

-there's no secret service protecting these people or their relatives...

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Tulay says

When this book was published in 1998 didn't get good reviews. I'm sure readers never imagined in 2016 election and premier campaign. Plot grips you from the start to shocking ending. Republican General Howe is African-American hero with troubled family, his granddaughter Kristen is kidnapped and he is using this tragedy to get votes. Democratic candidate Allison Leahy is US Attorney General, her adopted daughter was kidnapped from her crib when she was four months old, and found. She got married to her successful husband, because he proved how attentive and supported he was after the kidnapping. Many suspects and twists in this story, ending will shock you.

Allison Janney as narrator did very good job, loved it.

Annabelle says

I think Grippando may be psychic, he has a white woman running against a black man for US president in 2000. Allison Leahy is attorney general whose infant daughter was kidnapped and now her opponent's granddaughter is kidnapped eight years later. There are a number of believable red herrings, and some complex characters, like Repo the kidnapper with a warm heart. Harley, the FBI agent and expert in kidnappers, helps Allison and they have some sexual chemistry, even though her husband, Peter, is in the background. There is excellent detail on kidnapping, profiling perpetrators and rescuing children. It was well plotted, a little boring, but a good read.

Michael espinoza says

Excellent Read

I've been reading the Jack Swyteck series from James Grippando and decided to take a shot at this book, and I have to say that I was not disappointed at all. This is a great story with very believable characters. The only grip I have is that I wanted to know what happened with the election? But I guess I can assume what happened from the way the General was running his campaign. Thanks James for a excellent book! I am a total fan.

Daniel says

A little girl gets kidnapped from a woman who eight years later is the attorney general of the United States and who also happens to be running for president.

Now, 8 years later her running mates granddaughter is kidnapped by the same person. She takes it personally and makes it her crusade to save the child.

When I read a novel I keep telling myself that it's just a book and is supposed to be farfetched to make it interesting and exciting. that works for me and that is how I rate a book as to whether it's good or bad. I enjoyed this book but you really had to stretch your imagination to the limit to accept it as even remotely possible.

John Marsh says

Library audible (very abridged unfortunately version and no ebook available from my two libraries. A story reminder)

U.S. Attorney General Allison Leahy is the nation's top law enforcement officer and the Democrats' best chance for holding on to the Oval Office. But she has powerful competition in Republican Lincoln Howe, a retired fourstar general and bona fide Africa-American hero. They are running neck and neck. Lincoln Howe by his opportunist remarks, the fact he lied in declaring he had not been unfaithful showed willing to go to extreme lengths to win as is common excepting things like murder and kidnapping as turned out the case here.

Then, just days before the election, disaster strikes. Twelve-year-old Kristen Howe, the general's granddaughter, is kidnapped. As attorney general, Allison launched a nationwide manhunt, but her motives come under fire from her opponent. For Allison, though, finding Kristen isn't about politics. Here is a personal crusade that taps into terrifying secrets buried deep within the past--secrets that can shatter all Allison's hopes, twisting them into a nightmare of lies and the ultimate betrayal. She had her 4 year daughter Emily eight years ago kidnapped from her cot and there was a recording of her sleeping. The FBI agent in charge Harley connected the similarities to both cases especially the technology. It turned out Peter Alston now husband and casual interest boyfriend back at the time of the abduction had hired a ruthless gangster for both kidnaps. He wanted Alison all to himself. And he had her former no hoper lawyer boyfriend murdered as well in mistaken jealousy by reading too much into a chance encounter and later the former boyfriend attempting to re connect which Alison in fact brushed off but Peter overheard and read it differently. Peter gets killed by the ruthless killer in a set up by Alison to challenge her husband and get both girls back. A hotel fire is set in motion while the gangster tries and takes the money but falls to his death. Kirsten is released and Emily located. She had been adopted out. One identified by FBI agent Harley was the impersonal reference by close family as an indicator of possible involvement. Left with the idea that Alison makes contact with Emily now under a new name and the adoptive family all continue and that Harley has the hots for Alison a decent guy at last by all accounts. Outcome of election not accounted for.

Patricia says

A great book and very timely. Written in 1998 about a campaign for President of the United States featuring a woman running for office.

Review:

The Abduction is a very exciting book and full of suspense. Originally published in 1998 it is most timely today. I checked Amazon and read the Publisher's Weekly review printed at the time of publication. The book did not get a very good review. Maybe because no one could imagine a hot race for the office of President of the United States between a black man with a military background and a successful woman except in fiction.

Allison Leahy is Attorney General of the United States. Allison is currently in a campaign to be elected President of the United States. Her opponent General Lincoln Howe is a black candidate running a close race with Allison. Both sides are looking for an edge

Howe thinks he has found it when he asks a question about adultery in a debate and Allison refuses to answer based on her principles and the thought that the question was entirely out of line. But the campaign really heats up when General Howe's granddaughter is kidnapped. Allison is reminded of the fact that Emily, her baby daughter, was kidnapped while she was at home talking on the phone. This was year's ago and although Allison did everything within her power she was never able to locate her daughter. She is now determined that as Attorney General she will do everything within her power to bring the General's granddaughter home safely.

Campaign managers on both sides are fighting to gain the lead. Political tactics of the lowest kind are played out in The Abduction.

If you missed out when this book was first published grab it now.

Tammi Looney says

I have been very impressed with James Grippando's books. I haven't read one yet that disappoints me. I went into this book with a little apprehension though. It's characters were in a race for presidency which threw me off at first. I am not big on reading books with a political theme being in the forefront. However, Grippando reeled me in with his never to fail mystery. The mudslinging by one of the characters and the ever present morals comparable to a jellyfish by the campaign managers from either sides reminded me of those of real every day people as opposed to fictional characters. I couldn't help but pull for the heroine of the book and all her constant challenges it seemed she faced around every corner. I was surprised at the outcome of the mystery and very pleased with the book itself.

Cbanks03 says

The Abduction by James Grippando was a fantastic book. It leaves you asking questions and wanting answers. I really enjoyed this book. My favorite types of books are books about crimes that have you at the edge of your seat the whole time. In The Abduction toward the end of October the nation faces a first, they can either vote for the first female or the first African American president. Then the nation is struck with the biggest manhunt ever.

The Abduction is a 502 page book about the scandals of politics. Some men go as far as to kidnap a young girl to ruin one mans race to run the nation. The men want want money in return for General Howe's

granddaughter but the once great leader of the army has too much on his plate with his presidential campaign. This book made me feel for the characters, it made me wish I could help them in some way.

I normally care nothing about politics, I don't pay attention to debates and sometimes lose track of who our president is. James Grippando is a great writer and he made me see politics from a different view. He opened me up to the more dangerous side of playing an important part in this country. I would like to ask him why he picked a subject like politics to base this book around. Why did he put a little girl at danger to describe how far a man can be pushed before he loses everything?

I liked some parts of the book but not all. I loved the mystery involved and how the characters must come together and find the little girl. The parts I didn't like were the politics. I don't really understand politics too much. They never seem to catch my attention.
