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Fugitive Matt Lanier, unjustly accused of a violent crime, has been hiding in the northeastern Minnesota wilderness for nine months. The law wants him in jail. His enemies want him dead. He simply wants to survive the most brutal winter in decades.

After rescuing an injured trapper, Matt is forced to leave his primitive encampment. He undertakes a Herculean trek through a blizzard to Castle Danger, a small town on the rugged North Shore of Lake Superior. There he's saved from near death by Allyson Clifford, a shrewd and beautiful restaurant owner with secrets of her own. Despite wanting to move on in order to evade his pursuers, Matt helps Allyson weather a business crisis as repayment for her benevolence.

Then Allyson's estranged husband, Donnie Vossler, shows up intent on reclaiming their 8-year-old son, Josh. Caught in the middle of the custody battle, Matt learns about Allyson and Vossler's criminal past life together and is torn between self-preservation and his growing feelings for Allyson and Josh.

Matt's recent past has left him with little hope for the future, so when Vossler resorts to sabotage, kidnapping, and attempted murder to capture his son, Matt's integrity, honor, and survival instincts are put to the ultimate test just as a hit man hired by his enemies closes in for the kill.

## Castle Danger Details

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## **From Reader Review Castle Danger for online ebook**

### **Laurie Buchanan says**

I started reading CASTLE DANGER yesterday and finished it today—I just couldn't put it down. Written with edge-of-the-seat intensity, the well thought out storyline kept my adrenaline pumping. Further, I was impressed with the author's undeniable knowledge of music that's subtly woven throughout the pages. Does he wrap it up and tie it with a bow at the end? Heck no! Now I've got to wait—on tenterhooks—for the sequel. Hurry up Norbury!

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### **Barb Schmidt says**

"Castle Danger" was given to me as a gift, and what a gift it was. Read the first chapter, and just try to put it down. I had to keep reminding myself that these are characters in a book. I was so invested in them that I sometimes felt real anxiety. Matt Lanier is not really an ordinary man, but he's no Jack Reacher. I often wished that he was able to get himself out of difficulties in the same almost effortless way Jack does. But no. He struggles. He's a good man, you can tell that. But he struggles. Can you tell I loved the book? Thank you, Denny, for sending it to me!!

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### **Julie Klock says**

Fun read! Well written, complex plot, hold your breath moments. The winter weather is described incredibly! I am looking forward to more from this author.

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### **Dave Hanna says**

A fun read and hard to put down. The author goes to great lengths to set clear scenes of where the action is taking place and character descriptions. 58 chapter breaks in 289 pages make it an easy read, especially when you might have some short time periods that you want to get back to the book. It is an intriguing plot and holds your interest. The ending is riveting and complete, but begs for a sequel or even a prequel that I am hopeful for and look forward to.

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### **Carole Molnar says**

Castle Danger by Chris Norbury kept my interest from the first page to the last page. Chris Norbury did his homework as he evidently knows the territory....that is the area of Minnesota he is writing about. I had never heard of the town of Castle Danger even though my family vacationed in Minnesota every summer when I was growing up. But I looked it up on the map and there it is on the north shore of Lake Superior. The author feeds us bit by bit more details of the past lives of the main characters keeping the reader intrigued. Plus there is the question as why each of them is being hunted by someone. The novel left me wanting

more....another book by Chris Norbury. Will there be a sequel or a prequel? I think this book would make a good movie.

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### **Bob Guelker says**

Chris Norbury's descriptions of Northern Minnesota's Boundary Waters Canoe Area and Arrowhead Region in winter had me on the edge of my office chair. A frequent spring, summer and fall visitor to that region in my younger years, I often wondered what it was like up there in the winter. Now I know! What a perfect setting for a mystery—sometimes hauntingly beautiful but just as often terminally unforgiving in just one heartbeat.

True to many good mystery novels, *Castle Danger*'s main characters, Matt and Allyson, have pasts that are dogging them like a bloodhounds. Fate has drawn them together and Norbury unravels their sordid histories a layer at a time. As the relationship between Allyson and Matt fortifies, and against his better judgment, he pauses in his flight, while the forces that will destroy them individually quickly pick up ground.

I read the first two-thirds of *Castle Danger* one, two or three dozen pages at a time—a very nice pace. But my advice to readers beyond that point is, set aside a long enough block of time to finish the book in one sitting because you are not going to be able to put it down! Bob Guelker.

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### **Indiebrag says**

We are proud to announce that *CASTLE DANGER* by Chris Norbury is a B.R.A.G. Medallion Honoree. This tells a reader that this book is well worth their time and money!

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### **Whitney Stanke says**

I really enjoyed this book! I visited the North Shore and Duluth this past summer so I found myself picturing highway 61 and the rest of the landscape while reading. It was a page turner and I look forward to reading a prequel or a sequel.

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### **Stephanie says**

While not the most complex read, *Castle Danger* does touch upon the truth about drugs, addiction, perception and human weakness. Both protagonists are positioned to be likeable, while also having distasteful traits, histories and behaviours, ultimately won over by love and superior moral character.

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### **Lauren Craft says**

I really enjoyed *Castle Danger*. It kept me in suspense and had lots of twists and turns. The characters were also unique, and the setting was very vivid. I recommend *Castle Danger* to both ladies and guys, it's the rare

type that's enjoyable for both!

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### **Jane says**

Great book. Loved the locale and adventure and character development. I can't wait to read the next book, or more books by Chris.

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### **Jennifer Meek says**

I received this book from librarything in exchange for an honest review:

I enjoyed this book greatly. The descriptions made me feel like I was there in the book with the characters. I would recommend this to anyone who enjoys reading mystery books.

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### **CAROL HOEPNER says**

#### **CASTLE DANGER**

This book was recommended by a friend who knows that I appreciate thrillers and mysteries for my reading pleasure. It was an excellent recommendation.

For people who enjoy reading thrillers, this is a book you will find to be a **REAL THRILLER!** The events leading up the climax build up in such a way that it is hard to stop reading and return to normal activities. It's a real "adrenaline pumper". I had to limit my periods of reading **CASTLE DANGER** to no later than the afternoon so that I would be able to have a relaxed night's sleep. Chris intertwines the main plot and subplots in such a way that one finds it difficult to put the book down.

For a transplanted Minnesotan who has moved to Arizona, this book brings back memories of many cold winters. The setting for the book is very well written and truly gives an extra meaning to the word "chilling". Luckily, I never experienced winter conditions as extreme as those that Matt Lanier encountered. The description of the terrible blizzard in the opening section of the book produced a feeling of physical chill as I read it.

The protagonist, Matt Lanier, is very well written and is a positive force and a true hero in a time when putting another person's good ahead of oneself seems to be rare. One hopes another book will soon be available to explain the past events alluded to in **CASTLE DANGER**. If so, I look forward to reading it. The hints to events that occurred prior to the events of **CASTLE DANGER** leave this reader very curious and wanting to learn more about Matt Lanier.

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### **Amy says**

The plot is great! I love the way Chris handles the action -- not too fast, but nothing extra to bog me down. I

like the descriptions of the North Shore in winter, the food and the music references. I'm excited to read Straight River!

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## **Leigh Holland says**

Castle Danger by Chris Norbury, 296 pages, Booklocker.com, Inc., April 26th 2016, Genre: Psychological Thriller. Warning: May Contain Spoilers.

Review by Leigh Holland.

Castle Danger is a suspenseful, engaging read. Taking place in northwest Minnesota in a frightful winter, the setting comes alive, menacing and life-threatening to any who lack the foresight and skills to survive. People who've been kicked in the teeth and were able to get back up again would call such a place home with pride. The winter's not easy, but what in life ever is? It's when things aren't easy that one's character and mettle are tested.

No good deed goes unpunished and this is doubly true for our protagonist, Matt. A quiet man, he'd rather watch, learn, and plan than chit-chat. Possessed of a strong personal code, Matt is on the run because he did the right thing against the wrong people. Try as he might to hide from the world, he happens upon a man who will die without his help. Naturally, Matt chooses to do the right thing. It costs him and nearly kills him. Luckily, he passes out in front of The Halcyon, a restaurant owned by Allyson Clifford. Matt awakens the next day to discover Allyson has nursed him back from death's door. Since her chef has skipped out on her, she offers Matt the job as her cook. Matt is a man of mystery, refusing to reveal much about himself. He is reluctant to take up her offer, but given the situation with the weather and the fact she really seems to need a cook, he repays her kindness by agreeing to stay on until she can find a full time replacement. Meanwhile, we learn that a hired killer is after Matt and gaining clues where he can find his prey. Just as we think Matt is the fascinating one with all the deep, dark secrets, it turns out Allyson has a few of her own. Her "husband" has come to town and wants her and his son back...or else.

Most of the characters were believable, interesting, and relatable. None were saints, and their crimes were understandable. Matt and Allyson were likable and the attraction between them realistic. The antagonist tried so hard to convince everyone he was really the good guy but it was obvious he didn't believe it himself. I felt the antagonist would've been more enjoyable if he truly believed he was the wronged hero in his own tale. Nevertheless, the interplay and struggles between various characters kept me turning the pages to see what would happen next and how things would turn out. Well-paced with an interesting plot, Castle Danger kept me on the edge of my seat.

I'd recommend Castle Danger to fans of thrillers and suspense.

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