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The trial ended years ago, but her nightmare is just beginning.

Former juror Jess Dawson is facing a difficult time in her life, raising an autistic son and navigating a failing marriage, when her past service as a juror on a high-profile death penalty case comes back to haunt her. Mikael Kriskan, a young Russian the jury sentenced to death for killing his adoptive American parents one cold Colorado night, is nearing his execution date when the foreman of their jury and his wife are found dead, killed in the same manner as Kriskan's parents.

Then, a second juror appears to commit suicide and leaves a disturbing note to his fellow jurors attached to his chest: KJ - do the right thing. Only Jess knows the true meaning of the message but as others begin to suspect the truth, Jess quickly finds herself in the crosshairs of Kriskan's prosecutor, also her lover, who's intent on executing Kriskan, and members of the Russian mob, who are hell bent on returning the genius Kriskan to his Russian roots.

The choice they give former juror Jess Dawson seems easy: Kill Mikael, kill her son. Save Mikael, save her son. But in a case where the post-conviction appeals have run out, the impact the truth will have upon her family is dire, and the lives of her fellow jurors are equally at stake—this choice will be anything but easy.

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Linda grimes says

Interesting plot involving jurors on a murder trial several years before the book begins. As the book progresses you find out how they are connected and why they are in danger now. Good book that keeps you interested.

Eunice Brownlee says

Lori Lacefield delivers another incredible story in the second of her Women of Redemption series. This book was certainly quite the thriller, filled with twists that kept the pages turning. However, one of the major plot twists felt like something out of a Mission: Impossible movie and left me feeling off about the conclusion of the story.

In a mounting bit of desperation, the key protagonists take justice into their own hands, conspiring with the very same institution that they are running from. Although the twist was good and wholly unexpected, it felt like it came in way too late and there were far too many people involved to make it believable. Perhaps the author is setting up for a follow up story to this one because this ending fell a bit flat for me, which was disappointing because I loved the entire book until that point.

I received an advanced copy of this book. All opinions are my own.

Sunny Pisenti says

Enjoyable book

Nice story line with action and plots. It kept me to the end as I wanted to know how it would end . Enough details to get the picture without the dead ends that lose my interest. Will not give any details as you have to read the book :)

Trish says

Received an Advanced Readers Copy of this, and it was such a page turner that I couldn't put it down! Hence, why I read it in roughly 5 days....

Loved the character development, and the twists/turns of how everything was connected in the story. The writing style made me feel as if I was there, walking beside the characters throughout the whole thing. I loved that the characters also struggled with the gray areas of life, including deciding to do things that could be seen as being on the wrong side of the law, and that they had very real emotions about tough decisions. Very engaging read!

Lauren says

This is an interesting story about a woman who is on a jury trial and convicted a man of murder. Well it comes out the man did not get a fair trial and is also wanted by several different Russian mafia men. The story is quite unique and I enjoyed the plotline quite a bit. I did not read the first book in the series and was grateful that I was able to follow along with the characters and storyline.

Jennifer Osowski says

3.5 rounded to 4. - I found this book very good from the beginning, the plot was great and had me hooked. At around 82% though, it started wandering into implausible territory... I was shouting out loud to the author, no don't do it! But ...she did.. The ending was a little too far fetched and all wrapped into a nice little bow. Also, I like my thrillers, I do not like romance/sex so when it ventured into a detailed sex scene within the first 25% that went on and on, I thought oh no.. but thankfully it was only that once. After having that said, I was interested in this book all the way through so I would read another by this author.

Susan says

Grade A

Felt like this was from episode from Mission Impossible, liked all characters butt could have tone down the sex in first part. Don't know how supremely secret from husband as he was in law world. Waiting on next book.

Laura says

Excellent Book

I started it in one day and couldn't put it down. I had to finish reading it to find out what was going to happen next. I love books like this!

Pat Newman says

Thanks for the ebook - my first win! It was a quick read with lots of excitement & intrigue.

constance blust Blust says

This was a great twist and turn novel.

Diane says

Won off Goodreads

I love a good thriller/mystery and this was good. Right from the start the author draws you in and keeps you wanting more. You have deceit, juror tampering, failed marriage, computer hacking and secrets. We also find the Russian mafia mixed into this. Now what more can you ask for in a book

We start with a murder trail and a young teen on trail for murdering his adopted parents and a missing young sister. Mikael claims he does not remember that night and he never could of killed them. He is sentenced to die on death row. As Mikael's time draws near and his attorney has done everything to prove him innocent, and suddenly juror's are dying.

We meet Jess Dawson juror five. Her marriage is failing, she has a autistic son and she is keeping a lot of secrets. She suddenly gets strange phone calls, warning her she needs to do the right thing on how she voted that day. Her family is threaten and is told other juror will die. She finds herself running for her life and questioning was she wrong and did she sentence a innocent man to death.

The story takes you on one roller-coaster ride of twists and turns.

Joyce McKune says

Wonderful characters, heart stopping plot.

Fifteen years after the capital murder trial with just weeks to the execution, someone is threatening the jurors to stop it.

Once started, couldn't put this down.

Cheri Brennan says

I am a big fan of fiction thriller/crime books. This book did not disappoint. Ms Lacefield's style of writing sucks you into the plot line for a ride that keeps you on the edge of your seat. The characters take you through an array of scenarios such as family relationships, drug abuse, the sex trade, improprieties in the legal system and international crime. I enjoyed this book very much and highly recommend.

Wendy reed says

Full of suspense

I had held off on reading this book, I had won it through Goodreads. I wasn't sure if I was going to like it but

I was so wrong. Each chapter was filled with so much suspense. You never knew who was going to be killed next. This book will have you questioning the jury system along with the death penalty. Whatever side of the fence you sit upon, you will want to read this book. You will see things completely different.

Sandy says

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An excellent crime novel with a storyline depicting a not so perfect woman who has made several bad choices in life. Along with some help from friends she is determined to find redemption for herself and right what may be her most horrible choice she ever made.
