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'A gripping, twisty thriller' Ian Rankin

When David Child, a major client of a corrupt New York law firm, is arrested for murder, the FBI ask con-artist-turned-lawyer Eddie Flynn to secure Child as his client and force him to testify against the firm.

Eddie's not a man to be coerced into representing a guilty client, but the FBI have incriminating files on Eddie's wife, and if Eddie won't play ball, she'll pay the price.

When Eddie meets Child he's convinced the man is innocent, despite overwhelming evidence to the contrary. With the FBI putting pressure on him to secure the plea, Eddie must find a way to prove Child's innocence while keeping his wife out of danger - not just from the FBI, but from the firm itself.

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Tracy Fenton says

If you like clever, legal thrillers with action, humour and fast paced twists and turns then you really, really, really need to read The Plea - but first you must read The Defence which is book 1 in the Eddie Flynn series.

It's difficult to express just how exciting these books are until you've read one. Eddie Flynn is a brilliant character - an ex-conman/hustler now hotshot lawyer in New York who sees angles and opportunities everywhere. He's clever, charming and if I ever get indicted for a felony - I will be calling Eddie for help. With a fascinating backstory, some really dodgy friends and the ability to spot a con from 50 feet away Eddie Flynn really is one of my favourite legal characters around.

Highly recommended for readers who enjoy intelligent thrillers.

Noelle says

Many thanks to Orion, the author and his lovely wife Tracy, as well as Liz Barnsley for an ARC of this book in exchange for an honest review.

So this is what happened #bookjunkies. The fabulous Kate Moloney of Bibliophile Book Club raved....yes, I mean RAVED about how great this author...Steve something or other book The Defence was. I had never heard of Steve Cavanagh but downloaded the book any way. And it sat on my TBR. Then the wonderful Liz Barnsley of Liz Loves Books messaged me and asked if I wanted to be on The Plea Blog Tour. I read the blurb and remembered Kate raving...and within seconds had agreed. Best-Decision-Of-My-Life!

I have only come across a handful of books which made me sit up and take notice — THIS was one of those books. The Plea is a fast-paced, action-filled, legal thriller which ...well....Holy Crap peeps....I was buzzing when I finished it. I was also left wanting for more...and more....and MORE!

The plot had me breathless with anticipation as I turned (clicked actually—I have a kindle) each page. I mean, you could not get a more thrilling storyline — it was awesome! With a legal setting that had me on the edge of my seat — I love a good legal thriller—the tension was un-friggin-believable! And dare I say it, this book was a hell of a lot better than some of the John Grisham books I have read —and I am a serious fan of Grisham, so I don't say that lightly!

Themes of love, conspiracy, politics, hope and justice shone through as each chapter unfolded. The description of people, places and events was so realistic, I felt like I was part of the story— right beside Eddie Flynn *SWOON* as the action unfurled.

And the characters — Oh My Giddy Aunt— I am definitely IN LOVE with Eddie Flynn. EEEEEEEK!!! This guy is unreal! Ex-hustler turned lawyer; estranged from his wife and daughter but wants them back and out for justice. What is not to love! You really feel for this guy! The CIA, the FBI —can he trust them? His wife and daughter — will they come to harm? And David Child's — was he involved in murder? Is he innocent or guilty? Should he take a plea? See what I mean — the questions race through your mind as you learn more and more about the characters and story. They are memorable, relate-able and evoke a whole range of

emotions –Su-bloody-perb!!

So just in case I have not made myself perfectly clear — I LOVED THIS BOOK and I am a huge...GINORMOUS fan of the very talented Steve Cavanagh now. Kudos to Kate for making me want to read these books! If I could give it more than 5 stars...you bet your pie-hole I would!

I truly hope you race off to amazon now and purchase it #bookjunkies as it is one book that will feed your crime addiction and leave you aching for more.

Richard says

7/10

I was pleasantly surprised by this one. I've never heard of the author before and I've read some good legal thrillers (e.g. The Lincoln Lawyer series) so I was unsure if this would impress me but a combination of an intriguing plot and fast writing made for an overall entertaining read but with a few flaws.

The plot isn't particularly complicated but has enough strands to keep the pace up from the start. A conman turned lawyer (we'll skirt over this bit with a dose of stupidity medicine) is forced to defend someone in order to protect his wife from the government. All fingers point to the defendant being guilty but a bit of digging/interaction between the characters lead to trust between the two and full on determination to get the guy off the murder charge. Like I say, not complicated but enough to go at to make it flow by and there are a few twists, albeit not shocking twists, along the way which add to the plot.

I was interested enough about the characters to find out where things would go and how they would work themselves out to keep reading. It's not a tasking novel and you always feel like you know how things are going to work out but the journey is entertaining break from reality for the short while you're reading. I'll look out for more from this author in the future.

I received a free copy from NetGalley

If you like this try: "Presumed Innocent" by Scott Turow

Book Addict Shaun says

The Plea is book 120 of 2018 which marks the completion of my Goodreads challenge, though I think I'll be reading at least another hundred books before the year is out. I can hardly believe I have left this book on my TBR for so long after loving The Defence, but I now have the others in the series ready to read.

Steve Cavanagh is a fantastic author and I love the character he has created in Eddie Flynn. In my mind I am seeing Liev Schreiber (Ray Donovan) as Eddie, and that's not a bad thing to be picturing. He's a truly brilliant character to read about and he is so believably drawn that he's a character I should imagine all readers will love.

Thrillers are obviously known for their fast-paced, relentless action but with Steve's books I think there's

some real depth to the storytelling too. The violence is never gratuitous, there's always reasons behind it. Characters don't just kill for no reason, and there's no silly over the top Hollywood action scenes either, the story is believable and the dangers that Eddie faces, as in *The Defence*, are palpable thanks to the first person narrative that puts the reader firmly in Eddie's shoes.

Steve is a master of misdirection. Not only is Eddie fooled numerous times throughout the story, but I was too. I love how many layers there were to this story, and how the twists and turns were delivered so expertly at just the right time. Not only that but there's real emotive storytelling here. Normally I roll my eyes when the main character has a wife or child who are used to add danger to the proceedings, but here Eddie's history and his portrayal as a family man (or as much of a family man as he can be) is something that I actually believe in and care about and so the developments here kept me firmly engrossed as opposed to just seeing it as a plot device.

I have long been fascinated with all things law and have loved reading legal thrillers for a long time. Steve Cavanagh has written some of the best that I have ever read and I can't remember the last time I had as much fun reading a legal thriller as I did with this one (well, actually I can and it was probably *The Defence*, the first book in this series). It's exciting, it's fresh, it's thrilling and it is addictive reading at its very best. If you aren't reading this series yet then you really need to be. For now I have nothing left to say because I am too eager to get on with this series and have *The Liar* ready to start reading.

Liz Barnsley says

The Plea is Steve Cavanagh's follow up to the (entirely brilliant) *The Defence*, featuring once more the indomitable Eddie Flynn – one of those characters you completely fall in love with (just me? No I don't think it is you know) and a fast paced, edge of the seat thrill ride of a story that is utterly addictive.

From the killer opening to the intensely exciting ending *The Plea* doesn't let up and fairly bombs along, with Eddie flung into a situation that tests his mettle once more and the same heady mix of courtroom drama and cliffhanger danger zones that made *The Defence* such a joy to read – hold onto your hats this is a hell of a ride.

The writing is snappy, engaging and entirely bang on in creating a proper page turner of the kind that can drive you mad (I have to go to work? Nooooo) – descriptively speaking Mr Cavanagh has a real eye for scene setting and character study but wraps it all up in a distinct and thrillingly atmospheric plot – proper storytelling this, like episodic television drama within a novel, beautifully constructed and a pure adrenalin rush from first page to last.

Loved David Child as a character incidentally – Just saying. The whole cast external to Eddie were terrific, another reason this is so great, it has people you can love, hate or a bit of both (glances sideways at Zader) and despite its thriller nature Steve Cavanagh never loses sight of the need to make you care. Pretty perfect really, a story you can enjoy on many levels.

Overall a WHOLE load of fun. Head clutching, breathless, edge of the seat fun. More please.

Highly Recommended.

Paul says

The Plea – Eddie Flynn is the Lawyer

Eddie Flynn in The Plea once again proves that he has more lives than the average cat, just as cunning and one hell of a survivor. You can creep and go like a lawyer going to heaven, but someone upstairs is looking down on Eddie Flynn and turning him in to the ultimate survivor, even better than Mick Haller.

Steve Cavanagh is going from strength to strength with his creation of Eddie Flynn, he has once again created a legal thriller that gets better on every outing. The Plea builds on Flynn and gives him yet more depth but also just as many faults making you wonder how he is married and is able to be a criminal lawyer at the New York Bar.

The Plea is every bit as good as The Defence where we are introduced to Eddie Flynn and his interesting set of friends and colleagues. Eddie is a recovering alcoholic married to Christine with a young daughter called Amy, he will do whatever is necessary to protect them. Many know of his previous life before law school when he was a grifter a con artist of the highest order, someone who was a hustler on New York's mean streets.

When he is instructed to defend an internet billionaire, David Childs for murder in a slam dunk case for the District Attorney he is not aware of the full picture of what is about to unfold in and out of the court room. Under pressure to make sure Childs takes a plea bargain from the Feds and that Childs pleads guilty from the DA, the future does not look bright for Flynn or Childs.

The Plea is every bit as good as The Defence, from its shock opening of Eddie Flynn being shot and the story of how he ended up in that position is second to none. One thing that does come across in the story is that you should never hustle a hustler and Flynn is the best in the business in and out of court.

This is a fantastic read, that like the cliché is a page turner keeps you on edge and with a few twists thrown in so the story is not predictable. Steve Cavanagh has created an excellent character that grows on you he might be a defective defence attorney but he is not one you would want to play poker against. Great story, great characters, do I really have to wait until the next book?

Kate~Bibliophile Book Club says

The Plea's opening chapter is bang on!!! I started reading it as soon as it arrived in the door, and I honestly couldn't put it down! I read it at every opportunity, which included reading it aloud to my 16 month old daughter because I had gotten to another great bit and didn't want to stop reading it!

Eddie Flynn is fast becoming one of my favourite characters in books, he's just, I don't know, so hangdog yet loveable!

The Plea is an utterly brilliant thriller! I'm a sucker for a good courtroom drama, which The Plea has in spades, as well as plenty of danger from outside forces. There are also plenty of characters from The Defence getting name checked too. The Lizard has to be my favourite though! Kate likes The Lizard! (Please tell me

someone will get that reference, Steve? Liz?)

Tasked with representing young billionaire David Child, who is accused of murder, Eddie has his work cut out for him as all the evidence points to Child being the killer. Mixed up in all of this thanks to Harland & Sinton, Christine, Eddie's wife, becomes an unwitting pawn in the game between the FBI and Flynn. This makes the tension skyrocket as you find yourself invested in the entire story, willing the good guys to win, but who are the good guys?

Every so often, a book comes along that makes me giddy! I get all fidgety and excited about it, The Plea is one such book! After I finished it last night, I was just all eeeeeeks and squeeeeeeees!!! I just cannot get the words out to accurately describe just how much I loved this book!

Everything about The Plea works! The plot, the characters, the legal and courtroom struggles and triumphs, it all just fits. From the first page, the reader is sucked right into Eddie Flynn's world and everything that goes with it! There are some excellently shady characters, that make you grit your teeth and want to smack them about the head as they are just awful human beings!

Deception, fraud, murder. The Plea has it all, and as usual, Steve Cavanagh has written an absolute ripper of a novel!

Ed says

This is one of those "stop what you're currently reading" and jump all over Steve Cavanaugh's "The Plea". This runaway train of a legal thriller will glue you to the chair with its complex plot, compelling characters and relentless pace. Protagonist Eddie Flynn is a tough NY con man turned attorney who wants only to protect his estranged family and billionaire client, accused of murdering his girlfriend. It gets complicated when he's leveraged by a CIA/FBI task force threatening his wife with life in prison if Eddie fails to get his client to take a guilty plea for the murder. Problem for Eddie is - he might be innocent!

Christine says

Last year it was The Defense: This year it is The Plea. Steve Cavanagh has brought his delightful Eddie Flynn back for another fast paced courtroom adventure and I'm not complaining! Eddie Flynn is not your average suited and booted dull lawyer. He has special skills from his grifter background. He is clever, used to thinking out of the box and he's so very engaging. No wonder I'm developing a massive soft spot for him

Things get tricky for our Eddie, this time. There is someone with a gun pointing at Eddie. Eddie is about to die. How did it get to this? Eddie is struggling financially with his law firm and he could do with a bit of luck. Eddie is approached by the FBI, who want him to take on a mega-rich social networking geek, David Child, as a client. Child has killed his girlfriend and it looks like a pretty straight forward case. Eddie must get him to plea bargain and testify against a law firm his wife works for. Eddie's estranged wife, Christine will be prosecuted and go to jail, if he refuses to act. She unwittingly is working for the corrupt law firm. Complications ensue a plenty. Eddie thinks Child is innocent of murder and he wants to help him out. He wants to protect both David Child and Christine. Can Eddie work out a solution? Can Eddie use his skills to prove Child innocent and get Christine out of harm's way?

If you don't normally read court room dramas, you must make an exception. These books are just full of intelligent wheeling and dealing. Top notch storytelling. Eddie Flynn is like the Del-Boy of the court room. The writing is pure gold, taking you to an earthy vibrant New York and the world of courts and crooks.

Along the way, you are just itching for Eddie to pull it all off.

Superb, in a 'I must not move a muscle til I have finished this book' way. Eddie Flynn, you beauty! More please, Mr. Cavanagh. Recommended.

Dick Reynolds says

I think I should start with a warning to the prospective reader: You may not be able to put this book down until you finish it at some ungodly hour of the morning. Author Steve Cavanagh has a real talent when ending each chapter, a hook that makes you want to go on to the next chapter.

The many characters are compelling and fascinating. Attorney Eddie Flynn is trying his best to defend his client, billionaire David Child, while his own wife and daughter are in jeopardy. It certainly appears that Child is guilty of murder but Flynn is convinced of his innocence. Then we have District Attorney Zader (don't call him Darth) who only wants a conviction so that he can run for a higher political office. Flynn has a sidekick known as The Lizard who refers to himself in the third person. Then we have an FBI agent named Dell who has some distinctly unconventional ideas about achieving justice.

There's also a huge amount of money at stake. Child has developed a computer algorithm that moves cash around the world at lightning speeds, a "laundering program" done for his parent company, and they have no interest at all in Child's acquittal.

The plot moves steadily with lots of surprises along the way. To make the reading experience more enjoyable, there are plenty of scenes with snappy legal dialogue that bring unexpected levity to an otherwise serious business. All things considered this is one of the best legal thrillers I've read in quite a long time.

Laura Rash says

Love this series. Once again I'm glad I'm a lil late to the party so I can binge read them! So many comparisons to great characters in other great books like Reacher & Mickey Haller. Like a fab Grisham with a few more shady resolutions.

Paromjit says

This novel kept me from doing anything else until I had finished! It is one of the best legal thrillers I have ever read. Eddie Flynn, con man and hustler, is a lawyer extraordinaire. He is at the point of dying and facing a killer who is going to shoot him when we meet him. We then travel back in time to discover how the hell he ended up in this position.

Eddie is forced to defend David Child, a tech billionaire, on a murder charge where the evidence against him is overwhelming. He does so to protect his beloved wife, Christine from charges that could be brought against her. Christine works for the powerful law firm of Harland & Sinton, a front for money laundering for drug cartels and other criminal enterprises. David designed the security system for the law firm, is their client and they want him dead. Eddie's job is to get David to plead guilty and negotiate a lower jail term by becoming an informant. There is only one problem, Eddie is convinced that David is innocent and has been

framed. Eddie now has to protect and defend David and Christine. With threats coming from all directions: a media hungry DA who is willing to do anything to secure his political ambitions, pressure from the FBI and CIA, double dealing, betrayals and more, Eddie has his work cut out to protect David and Christine whilst trying to stay alive himself.

With twists and turns galore, the tension and suspense never drops. Eddie is a charismatic and well honed character, an underdog everyone will root for. Additionally, there are other colourful characters, like the Lizard and Boo, who add to the vibrancy of the story. Steve Cavanagh excels in writing a nail biting and compelling thriller which I could not put down. Cannot recommend it enough. Grateful thanks to Orion for an ARC via netgalley.

Ciska Bokhorst says

Op zich geen slecht boek, maar een tikkie over de top. En op sommige punten daardoor ongeloofwaardig. En Eddie "vertelt" iets te vaak hoe veel hij van zijn vrouw en dochter houd... Come on man up please!

📚 Sam 📚 says

It was a good second novel to read.

The only thing is that few steps in the story were not needed as in a few chapters in the book were not really adding much to the story

Aisling says

I tend to avoid legal thrillers but Mr. Cavanagh acquits (sorry!) himself well. The legal stuff is riveting, the con man stuff is fascinating, and add that to a likeable, smart hero and you have a very winning combination. I loved this book.

This book ratchets up the tension very quickly and does not let up until the very last page. The hero, Eddie Flynn, is defending a client on trial for murder and at the same time trying to secure immunity for his wife. I learned some interesting forensics tidbits, enjoyed brilliant legal wrangling (including sweet revenge) and met a slew of interesting characters.

100% agree that fans of Lee Child or Michael Connelly will enjoy this author. In fact those fans should RUN to get the Eddie Flynn books. I truly hope there will be many more in the series.
