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Between them, Senator Cale Caldwell and his blue-blooded wife controlled as much power on Capitol Hill as the law would allow. Sadly, it wasn't sufficient to protect him from a killer, even surrounded by his friends at a champagne reception in his honor.

The senator's murder wasn't the family's first brush with violence. Only two years ago, a niece had been murdered, her killer never found. But when attorney Lydia James, counsel to a senate committee investigating the tragedy, suggests there might be a connection between the two deaths, she's voted down fast. Yet strange rumors persist. The senator's death could benefit many people, among them a bitter political adversary, an ambitious talk show host, and a master of spin who makes even murder look good. . . .

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Dany says

Another decent political mystery from Margaret Truman, who certainly used her White House knowledge to portray a gritty Washington reality. It reads like a thriller, with plenty of twists and turns. While the murderer was pretty obvious from the get go, the motive kept me guessing right until the end.

Jacqueline G. Dickinson says

Great story as only Margaret Truman can do.

This book kept me mesmerized from beginning to end. The characters were believable, and seemed come alive. She will always be a favorite author of min.

Rachel Burke says

An excellent read

I enjoy politics and have an interest in cults. Combine the two with a mystery and you have Murder on Capitol Hill. It's well put together,,and the mystery itself is quite well thought out. It's not quite the page-turner Murder in the White House is, but it's still a great read.

Leslie says

I have read a few other of Margaret Truman's mysteries but this second entry in the series had somehow escaped me until now. Well done and now I can cross Washington D.C. off my Read-the-USA mystery challenge :)

Charlene A. Lester says

Political Nightmare

Very good book and well done. It kept the readers interest.

Storyline was that of a politician being murdered. Investigation takes the reader to a very interesting place. Well worth the read.

iamnotabookworm says

I found this book at a second hand bookstore in a mall here in Cebu. I have read books of Margaret Truman before and they were similar to this one. They were all about politicians in DC. I think these kind of stories are Margaret Truman's specialty. By the way, Margaret Truman is the daughter of former US President Harry S. Truman. Just so you know. :)

What is in this story?

A dead senator. A lot of suspects. A shady religious cult who is accused of brainwashing its members to keep them. A female defense lawyer as a protagonist. A very nosy radio announcer. An unsolved murder that might or may not be related to the case but the victim was related to the senator. Add in a few more people with their own motives and agendas. All these make for a very chaotic and big mess. The only way to solve the case is to check each possible angle without dismissing any single thing, no matter how tiny that might have any relevance or shed light to the case.

Margaret Truman's insider knowledge of DC is shining through here. No one does it like her. The classic question of who has done it lives in every page. It seemed like everyone could be a suspect but the real culprit is never ever obvious. You have to read the whole book to find out and be astonished in the revelation. This is definitely one of those mind-boggling crime mysteries I have read. The suspect I had in mind was not the real killer. If there were clues as to who has done it, they were so subtle that even I, a self-proclaimed mystery, thriller and suspense junkie had missed them. Which means, the author is at the top of her game. I am happy to be told that my hunch was wrong. I love that the story is so unpredictable. The best thing about mysteries is to never know what's coming. To surprise and to bewilder both the suspicious and the unsuspecting reader.

I give the book 4/5 video tapes. This is a classic case of leave no stone un-turned. The puzzle has to be solved by connecting the pieces one at a time. Unraveling the secrets bit by bit. This is one good old-fashioned mystery in its finest. This story reminds me why I was so drawn into this genre. I think most of the books I have read is composed of 50% of this genre. When YA was not yet the thing, this was my default setting for stories to read. It was like second nature to me to hunt for these kind of stories. I live for these kind of stories.

I admire people who demand the truth, even if they are annoying.

- Margaret Truman, Murder on Capitol Hill -

Nicole says

I loved all of the different angles that kept appearing in this novel. The mystery would seem clear cut, then it would run off in a different direction. Eventually it all came back together. My only criticism would be that there were a few loose ends left, but that is true in life.

Conni Harness says

OK, I'm hooked. Good series. Good author.

Beverly Orr says

This was a very good read, I could not put it down. Again Miss Truman hands done . A great job with her writing. m . Truman as a. Author is great.

I have read other books that she has written. I have e joyed all the books of hers that I have read

Tulay says

Very good book.

Will be reading all the books written by Margaret Truman. Even forty years ago our elected officials didn't work for the people, murders, brain washing and family dynamics.

Susan says

Classy & Suspenseful

This book reads like a Murder She Wrote episode. There is a classiness to the writing that I enjoy. I'm sorry it has taken me so many years to read this series of books. It was worth the wait.

Danielle Gonzalez says

This is the second book in the Margaret Truman mystery series; however, I use the word "series" loosely. It appears that they are stand alone books, so I don't think you need to read them in order. This particular book starts with a senator being killed at a party to honor him. We also find out that his niece, who his family raised, was murdered two years previously, and the murder has gone unsolved. The senator's wife asks an attorney friend of hers, Lydia, to head the senate investigation committee that is looking into the senator's murder. When Lydia mentions that maybe the two murders are connected, she is pushed aside and almost forced from the committee, even by the senator's wife. Lydia finds there are many secrets involving unseemly love affairs, cult memberships, and a squirrely radio host. Lydia has an investigative team to help her, but it's difficult to say if they are truly there to help or to spy on her progress. She also has her love interest to listen and support her. She is not going to give up, and she is not going to let others steer her away

from the truth. I liked the characters and the story line.

Kelly says

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Later: Oh. GUESS WHO DID IT. Jason DeFlaunce. (You can tell he's gay by his name, natch.) I was hoping it wouldn't be so damn obvious that I'd be able to guess the culprit by page 3, but no such luck.
(hide spoiler)]

Julie says

The review on the back cover said, " A good old fashioned mystery." I can't add anything to that. A+

Sandi says

This book was definitely better than the first book in the series. A little more going on to hold your interest. The pace moved a little faster and it was, for me, more exciting than Murder in the White House.
