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From Carolyn McCray, the #1 Bestselling author in Men's Adventure, Techno-thriller, Action Adventure & War, comes the #1 action packed, Techno-Thriller, Encrypted.

Praise for Encrypted...

"Imagine a roller coaster ride filled with historical twists and turns, fabulous action, and a great love story. You'll soar to the skies then grip your seat on the way down. Encrypted will leave you breathless in the end."

Amber Scott

Author

Fierce Dawn

"If you like Lara Croft you'll love the heroine, Ronnie. From one explosion to the next my heart raced with each turn of the page. And the plague making a come back? Written with such realism, after reading Encrypted, you may never want to leave your house again."

Elena Gray

Author

Full Body Contact

Overview:

A code written in unbreakable Angelic script.

The resurgence of the Black Death.

Can an FBI Agent and the Robin Hood Hacker save the world from another Dark Ages?

More praise for Encrypted...

"Dan Brown blinked and Carolyn McCray took over. Encrypted is the best thing that I've read in the thriller genre, hands down. It's got history, mysticism, shadowy organizations manipulating world events. Oh, and did I mention the most incredible opposites attract relationship EVER? This novel knocked my socks off."

Ben Hopkin

Book Reviewer

"Halting the spread of a weaponized redo of the Black Plague? Intending to plunge the world into a medieval hellish vision of the Hidden Hand? It's never good when the dead could turn out to be the lucky ones. That's a lot of responsibility resting on the shoulders of a brilliant cyber hacker and a sexy FBI agent. Makes you wonder who's calling the shots? God, the angels or a 13th century cult that would make Lucifer blush."

Taylor Lee

Author

Grandmaster's Legacy

"Action packed from the first sentence, 'Encrypted' kept me turning pages. From hackers, special agents, to the plague, you won't be able to put this one down until the end!"

Kelli McCracken

Author

What the Heart Wants

If you enjoy the intrigue of The Bourne Identity, the historical texture of Dan Brown, and the roller coaster action of Indian Jones, you are going to LOVE "Encrypted!"

**If you were looking for Carolyn's extremely controversial historical thriller, simply search under 30 Pieces of Silver (#1 Kindle Bestseller in Men's Adventure and War categories, but be warned, it is WAY more controversial than Encrypted.)

**If you were looking for near future action/adventure roller coaster, try Carolyn's MoonRush. It's 2049 and the rush is on! To the moon!

**If you were looking for Carolyn's taut romantic suspense with an MMA kick, search for Full Body Contact under her pen name Cristyn West

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**If you were looking for Carolyn's thriller short stories, An Engagement to Remember and Dark Lullaby check out Bullet, Brass, and Babes, the ultimate thriller anthology!

Encrypted Details

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Randall says

The author apparently once saw a Radio Shack ad and decided to use all of the technical expertise she gleaned from it to write a techno-thriller. Luckily, she has taken the time to occasionally glance at the pictures in USA Today to lay a realistic foundation upon which to paint every variant of every stereotype she can muster. The medical story could have been interesting, but the promiscuous inclusivity of all inanity great and small is self-destructive. If one examined a list of best selling genres, wrote a tired novella in each style, and then randomly laced them up in one book, this would be the result. The extreme care put into this work is nicely demonstrated at location 3604 when the FBI protagonist finds out that following his peculiar moral compass has hurt his career: "They've declared you rouge, Zack. They have shoot-on-sight permission." Bravo!

Bryan Cacciatore says

As an old school hacker, the premise of this book stood out to me -- and didn't disappoint. It started off in the heat of action and the hunt of the Robin Hood Hacker while she stole over 3 billion dollars, and the action barely died down throughout the rest of the book. The descriptions of the scenes and toys used were excellent and I was really able to visualize everything that was going on; even the more fantastical toys and hacks were detailed in such a way that it all could be real. It was really hard to put this book down and made my reading sessions much longer than usual with "just one more chapter" being said to myself quite a bit. I am not one for love stories, but the way that it played into this book really helped push the story and action along and definitely didn't hamper the experience.

The only reason I didn't give the book a perfect score was what I believe to be just a brief amount of research that went into the book. On the tech side, it was not bad at pulling theories and putting them into action. On the disease control side it was less believable. Even with all the seemingly impossible hacks and situations that were survived, it was still the medical aspects that were more fantastical.

That being said, overall it is a stellar book! With non-stop action and adventure and enough plot twists to keep you guessing, Encrypted comes highly recommended by me to anyone that likes anything fast paced. You don't need to be geeky to understand any of the tech stuff which is an added bonus for most people as well.

Is says

Steven Seagal and Jean Claude Van Damme can't wait for it to be made into a movie.

Meet Djingis Khan, a modern day hacker, an FBI agent, a gay sidekick, throw in a bunch of religious priest ninjas (sadly that's a quote), some angels, the CDC, templar secret symbols a couple of immortals and what else might have been hidden in the second part of the book the author might have read or heard about, mix, stir or shake it and pay special attention to make sure none of it makes sense or is anywhere near plausible et voilà, Encrypted is made.

DNF half way trough and wish I'd stopped sooner.

Cynthia Maddox says

I thoroughly enjoyed this book, and I was not sure I would. It moves pretty fast from the start. My only real complaint was that in some places the relationship between the two main characters got a bit over the top silly but it's fiction and I did like them so I won't take a star for it.

The plot is an interesting one and a bit scary in its plausibility. In the world we live in this is a scenario that is too possible for comfort. So that gave it a weight that required a lot of humor to lighten up. That too is delivered deftly. The main characters were all likable and quirky and made me laugh more than once.

There is a lot of fantastical tech and I love tech so it appealed to me. I don't know if any of it is real but it made for a good read. I found myself waiting to see what would explode next. It was always worth it.

Just as a side note, I truly expected a gratuitous sex scene, you know the kind with all those detailed instructions on how it is done. I was thrilled when that didn't happen. The romance was just enough to keep me interested in the relationship without making me sick to my stomach and not detracting from the excitement of the story.

I'm going to look for the second in the series just to see if the interest can be maintained.

Michael says

Awful.

It was like a train-wreck; but I couldn't stop and look away.

Dennis says

I hate to bash on a book, but this one took the strength right out of me. To me the book had ADD, was all over the place, tough to catch onto and even get my hooks into it. It took me a lot longer to finish than it should have.

Nancy Steinle gummel says

Encrypted by Carolyn McCray is a fascinating story. This thriller keeps you turning pages as quickly as you can. I kept wanting to jump ahead so I could see what happens. This story involves Ronnie, the Robin Hood Hacker. She robs from the rich and makes donations to charities, keeping a certain percentage for herself and her partner Quirk. Zach is the FBI agent trying to capture her. Zach has a near miss in El Paso, Texas. Zach has been secretly communicating with Ronnie on a special ipod phone. After the near miss, she calls him as he's exercising and they agree to meet in Mexico. Meanwhile, in the story there is the Secret Hand spreading the black plague. It's a man made disaster. Lino, the Hand we know in this story is the spreader. he's spread it

thru Europe. Lino keeps his hands moist with the active disease spreading on the railings and escalators on baggage handler's and as he boards the plane to NYC, he spreads it on the overhead baggage compartments. Researchers on Plum Island are looking into it but they are effected with the plague as well. There is a hand within their midst. How do these different story lines fall together? Read on for yourself for a delicious story.

Elisa says

Was it far fetched? Definitely. Completely crazy? Without doubt.

But the most important question to me when it comes to books is: "Was it entertaining?". And in this case the answer to that would be: "Hell, yeah".

This book is far from being perfect, but it doesn't aim to be. It doesn't want to be the book that makes you reflect on the purpose or deep meanings of life, it wants to bring you along in an adventure with unlikely scenarios, semi-impossible (if not downright so) tech-gadgets and a refreshing cast of characters who are very good company. And that it does to perfection.

When the description of events shifts among the different characters, many authors usually end up just giving the readers a headache, but here Carolyn McCray actually manage to pull it through. It's easy after just a couple of chapter to guess the various characters voices and distinguish them...that's not an easy feat.

What I've kind of missed, after having read the prequel story, was the presence of Warp. I really liked the double personality FBI tech-expert and I was a bit disappointed when he didn't have much of an impact in the first book of the serie and I hope he'll come back stronger in later episodes.

To conclude, if you're looking for a fun romp in the techno-thriller genre with no-stop adventure, lighthearted humorism and a tiny speck of romance give this book a try. It will most likely not disappoint you.

Pete says

The story kept my attention for about 90% of the book (off and on, throughout). If you want a realistic fiction, forget this book - the author takes too many liberties with things just falling into place (a big climax where there seems no way out, and then suddenly WOW, there's a chopper ready for them to make their escape with). The technology described is like MacGyver meets Men in Black's armament. Overall I really liked this book. 4 out of 5 stars, the 5th being taken away for poor grammar every now and again, and for the cheesy (if not miraculous) solutions to the climaxes in the hero's story-line.

Rosario says

Impossible plot, too-good-to-be-true characters and feats, far fetched and with too many ups and downs in the story and, yet, I couldn't put it down. As it is, I read it for work reasons, i.e. didn't expect to like it, but for all its 'faults', I did. I particularly found Quirk (who truly stands up to his name) interesting ---as is also the case with Amanda's assistant, Jennifer. Quirk is quirky indeed plus funny, witty, and smart even if somewhat cliched in his gayness. I will definitely read the sequel, and I do hope it doesn't disappoint!

Erika says

This is hard to review, I mean, the story was entertaining and the pace of the book was very good, but only if you forget facts and reason, which is not that hard, usually, you just have to go with the flow. I mean, the "medical info" is passable, it's not really accurate, as far as I can see, and I know people in that field wouldn't like it, but it's not that bad, overall. The hacker part, it has a few things that made me think "seriously?!", but again, it's better than others I have seen/read. The sci-fi kind of weapons, some at least are based in good theories, even if they are not exactly possible as they are shown in the book. But the part that bothered me the most, was the depiction of Mexico, I mean, while they are traveling through Ciudad Juarez they are delayed by a goat cart, REALLY!?? Does the author really think that all civilization ends as soon as they cross the border? That's so ignorant and offensive that I don't even know what to say, not to mention that one of the first scenes fell apart COMPLETELY because of the lack of understanding of Mexico, I mean (view spoiler) So, when one of the first scenes proves to be completely inaccurate, it tends to sour the rest of the book. Couldn't she had done a quick google search? That would have helped so much, basic research is not that difficult.

I liked the previous short story, and if you ignore all the inaccuracies and stereotypes, it's quite entertaining, so I kept reading it, and I almost, almost enjoyed it (I was still mad at the fact that she thinks Mexicans are still driving carts... pulled by goats).

(view spoiler)

Douglas Cook says

First paragraph, "The archaic symbol glowed red, and then flared gold across Ronnie's ultra-high-resolution LCD screen. "Damn it, people," she muttered. "I'm a little busy here. Could you spam me later?" Each stroke of the brilliant script was crafted in a masterful flourish. Calligraphy. While the illuminated writing might possibly have been the most beautiful art Ronnie had ever seen, the symbols blocked her from making the third largest unauthorized-funds transfer in history. Others might call her task thievery. Ronnie liked to think of it as "wealth redistribution in action."

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Mimi Barbour says

What can I say about this book to do it justice except for WOW! How about - an action-packed, techno thriller with larger than life characters and great dialogue. I read late into the night and then woke up early this morning to finish this story and I don't do that very often. It's just that kind of book.

About the characters - loved them. Wanted to be Ronnie, fell in love with Zach and Quirk? Well every girl should have a Quirk.

Talk about being entertained? There was never a dull moment. Between outrageously high-end electronic devices to world domination and a scourge of the plague, it was explosive. And I mean that in more ways

than one. Ms. McCray's books should be made into motion pictures and shown on the big screen. She writes a BIG book.

Hemantkumar Jain says

Imagine Lara Croft and give her computer hacking skills. And also give her a FBI agent lover with whom, unfortunately, she can only play a game of cat and mouse since they are both on different sides of the law.

The book is essentially an action thriller with a lot of interesting electronic gadgetry supporting James Bond like escapades and hacks.

The background story is that of a vicious group trying to spread the black plague once again to wipe out majority of the human population.

While there are lots of things in the story/plot that don't make sense, it is a nice action thriller read.

J.F. Penn says

A brilliant read. Fast-paced, well plotted thriller that keeps you turning the page. The bubonic plague is back in a weaponized version that is spreading fast, killing millions worldwide as a secret organization, the Hidden Hand, try to rewrite the history of the world. Fantastic hackers Ronnie and Quirk stumble upon a code in an angelic language that could help save the world, but they are also wanted criminals pursued by the FBI led by agent, Zachary Hunt. The relationship between Ronnie and Zach is an added excitement in the book as the escalating disaster has the strange team pursuing art works across America in an attempt to find a cure.
