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A timely novel about a greedy mortgage servicer who made himself millions but destroyed the lives of thousands of Americans and helped send the American economy into a tailspin.

Unconscionable Details

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Debi Gerhart says

I just finished reading Unconscionable by William Manchee. This is third book in the Richard Coleman series. Now i have to read the first 2 books in the series, so reading the third is something I usually would never do, I was interested in it, and when I was given a copy to read, I thought why not. And I was not disappointed. This book is a thriller with a legal plot, added to the whole family drama. Rich Coleman is a lawyer, with 2 sons. His one son, Ryan, is a recent graduate from law school and his other son, Matt, who has some issues and was convicted of bankruptcy fraud. He has gotten the convictions over turned and is now trying to get his license reinstated.

Rich wants to go after the mortgage industry and wants is son on is side. While Matt is trying to get his license back, Rich has infiltrated the mortgage company, when suddenly, Matt's new girlfriend, Candy Kane, who runs an escort service, is kidnapped.

While all of this is going on, the other son's girlfriend, Amanda is becoming a literary agent. OECD upon a time ago, Rich had written a crime story about the murder of his wife's aunt. Amanda is determined to have to book published, despite Rich adamantly against it.

There is no need to worry about being able to keep up, with not reding the other books, as this books feels like a complete novel in itself, while tying into the complete series. The author does a great job of detailing each character for people who might not be familiar with the other books. The book is thrilling grabs your attention right away. It is a wonderful read that will include a thriller, drama, with even a it of love added in.

Valiree says

I went thru this book in one sitting. A wonderful cover to cover read, just couldn't put it down. Look forward to more of this authors work!!!

April says

This is honestly not the type of book that I normally read, but I truly enjoyed every moment of it anyway. I haven't read the first two installments in the series so I was very happy to see a prelude that described the basic events of the first two books. Additionally, the author was able to convey the past as a part of this book so that it was easily read as a standalone book. I did notice a few spelling and punctuation mistakes, but nothing that bugged me a lot. I only mention it because this is a huge pet peeve of mine. The story and the characters were entertaining and attention pulling from the beginning. I loved the fact that the story action started quickly so that I didn't have to read a ton of boring set up chapters. Turns and twists were thrown in along the way that always left you thinking about where the story was headed next and whether you were right about who did what and why. My one and only real complaint is that I hated Amanda from the beginning of the book. She seemed standoffish from the very beginning. If the author was hoping to allow for sympathy or empathy from the reader by the end of the book, I felt like more should have been done to make her seem more personable and less selfish-self serving justifications and rationalizations just don't

work well for me. Overall, I thought the book was engaging in more ways than one and I would happily read more work by this author.

*I received a free copy of this book through a Goodreads giveaway.

Jim says

I recently reviewed another book, *DEADLY DEFIANCE*, written by Mr. Manchee in which I said, "The problem with this book is in the way it is written. The characters' interactions lack subtlety and there is no complexity in their emotional makeup." The same can be said for this book, plus it is even more in need of an editor. The worst example of this is when the author has the same burglary take place twice, first in Chapter 17 then again in Chapter 18. It looks like the author changed his mind, but forgot he needed to delete the earlier version. Again, all of the legal maneuvering is interesting and the plot twists keep coming, but not enough to overcome *UNCONSCIONABLE*'s shortcomings.

Flipoutmama says

We received this book to review a couple of weeks ago, and it took me awhile to get around to reading it, but once I opened it, I couldn't put it down! This was one of those books that really drew me in and got me hooked once I got into it!

This book is the third novel in the Rich Coleman series. While I haven't read the first two novels, I was a little nervous that I would be "out of the loop" and that I wouldn't be able to really understand what was going on, but that was not the case! What I really liked about this book is that there isn't just one simple storyline, there are several complex back stories that are going on within the book. I really liked that, and it was easy to read and follow. I could actually keep all of the characters straight, which is kind of a problem for me with some books that include a lot of characters.

The book is a really interesting and engaging read, and even though I wasn't sure that the topic matter would be something I was interested in, I am glad that I did because this turned out to be a great book. I really like the book's details and how everyone is all tied together, they are all extended family. I also really like the turn that the book took into exploring mortgage lenders and the cruel ways that they take advantage of people. I have always wondered what these companies were really like and it was interesting to see it from this perspective. I would definitely recommend this book as a new and exciting read that is different from the romance novels that I am used to!

Michael says

This is a mystery/thriller written along two major story lines. One storyline covers the mortgage industry and the deceptive practices by some mortgage businesses. Attorney Rich Coleman is hired by a client, Cindy Sharp, who blames her husband's suicide on the deceitful lies told by their mortgage servicer, Reliable Mortgage Servicing. Rich asks his son Matt to work the case since Matt is likely to have his law license

reinstated soon. The father and son have their own ideas on how to dig up dirt on this mortgage company, and the suspense builds from there.

The other main storyline involves the book publishing industry. 25 years ago, Rich Coleman wrote a manuscript detailing his memories involving the death of Martha Collins, his mother's aunt. Rich's son Ryan has just graduated from law school and his girlfriend, Amanda Sherman, decides that instead of pursuing the law profession, she would like to become a literary agent. She convinces Rich and his wife to let her publish the manuscript. An alternative version of the manuscript exists, and Amanda will do almost anything to have that version leaked out to better her career and the book's sales.

I found this book intriguing and a fast-paced read. I was worried at first because the back cover contained two misspellings and two grammar errors stood out on the first two pages of the book. The majority of the book was error-free, however, and the few errors I found did not detract from the enjoyment of the book.

Thanks to Goodreads First Reads and William Manchee for a copy of Unconscionable.

Dianna says

I won this book from Goodreads giveaways. It took so long to get this that they sent me another of William Manchee's book, "Plastic Gods", which was nice.

This is the 3rd in the series of the Rich Coleman family, although you do not have to read the first two as the author gets you up to speed in the beginning. This one has his second son, Ryan who finally got his law degree, more involved, but the family's lives are all enmeshed. Not only is this book about conspiracy, deception and murder, but also intermingled is a great love story.

It is a very nice read and I would recommend it.

David Caldwell says

This is the third volume in the Rich Coleman series. I have not read the other books but William Manchee gives you all of the background you need to make this a standalone novel.

As usual with William Manchee's stories, there are multiple storylines running throughout the book. They will twist and branch off at times but they all end up working out by the end. Rich and his two sons, Matt and Ryan are all lawyers. Ryan, the youngest, has just graduated law school and wants to focus on criminal law. Matt, the older son, is trying to get his license back after having spent a year in prison. Rich gladly brings his sons into his law firm.

Matt lost his wife but has now found Candy Kane. Candy Kane runs a high-end escort (no sex) service. Ryan's love interest is Amanda who also just passed the bar but has decided to become a literary agent. Ryan tells Amanda of a book his father wrote about the scandal and murder that brought his father and mother together.

Matt takes on a client that has fallen victim to a predatory mortgage lender. Their unethical actions drove her husband to suicide and caused her family to become homeless. To keep their secrets, someone is willing to kidnap and even kill people.

The best part of these books is it is like reading multiple stories at once. Mr. Manchee's experience as a lawyer adds a layer of realism to his stories. He makes it easy to understand as well so you won't feel overwhelmed by some pretty complicated issues. The book exposes some very bad practices that are occurring in the topsy-turvy real estate market of today.

My biggest drawback to this book is that I had a hard time connecting with the main characters. It is not just that they from that group of people that can basically solve 98% of their problems by just throwing money at it. It goes to their lifestyles in general. They seem to have the attitude that they are above the law at times. (Rich runs when it looks like he may be convicted. Matt broke tons of laws when he went after the man that killed his wife.) Amanda is willing to do some pretty sketchy things to promote her own career even if they are against her soon-to-be family.

So while I really enjoyed the story, I didn't particularly like the main characters. I would probably rate this book at 3.5 stars. There are a few printing glitches throughout the book and a couple of scenes that seemed to contradict earlier scenes. I would recommend this book to any fan of legal thrillers.

Jewelee Owings says

Very good book! Being the 3rd in a series, I'm definitely wanting to read the 1st & 2nd now.

Reynard says

Goodread's first-read giveaway.

Rating: 1/5

I beg to differ from all those other glowing 4-5 stars reviews. Couldn't get the rating lower than 1/5 on Goodreads, even though I'd like to give it no stars at all. This is typical of books which should normally be removed from my shelves, if not for the review I gotta write first-read program. Plain and uninteresting language. Stupid and shallow characters. Nothing more than a cheap shot at thriller which failed miserably.

Lana Bradstream says

In UNCONSCIONABLE, lawyer Rich Coleman has two sons -- Ryan, who just graduated from law school and Matt, a former lawyer who was convicted of bankruptcy fraud. Matt's conviction was overturned and he is now on a mission to get his law license back. Rich hopes Matt will join his crusade against predatory mortgage lenders.

Meanwhile, Ryan's girlfriend Amanda, who also graduated from law school, is seeking to become a literary agent. Ryan tells her about a true crime story written by his father about the murder of his mother's aunt. Intrigued, Amanda wants to get the story published and cement her first book deal. But, Rich does not want that to happen.

Throw in the murder the Matt's first wife Lynn and his new relationship with escort service owner Candy Kane, you got one heck of a legal thriller.

To me, the main story was the mortgage lenders. I could clearly envision the scenarios that were written and

imagine how I would feel or what I would do in those cases. Author William Manchee did a wonderful job in making it a gripping read. Normally, I would not think of mortgage lending as an intriguing plot line, but Manchee proved me wrong. But, I LOVE legal thrillers.

Manchee does an excellent job with character development and keeping the pace of the story. It never gets too dull. It also never gets too complex that you lose sight of what's going on.

One thing that I was worried about is that this is the third book in the Rich Coleman novels. I was very concerned that I would not understand what was going on, but was pleasantly surprised that I did not need the first two books. One thing I will say, those first two are on my "to read" list.

The bad side of this book was a large amount of grammatical errors. Words were missing, wrong words were used. That would usually send up big red flags for me, but I was able to overlook them and keep on reading. If you like legal thrillers, definitely get this book. All in all, 4 out of 5 stars.

Jenny says

I won a copy of this book from a Goodreads FirstReads giveaway.

The writing style in this book is very matter-of-fact, and it seems more like the author is trying to educate the reader about the mortgage crisis rather than tell an engaging story. I will admit that it was a fast-moving book so I stayed interested throughout, but there wasn't much character development so I wasn't as satisfied as I would have liked.

June says

Unconscionable
by William Manchee
Genre: Legal Thriller
soft cover, 392 pages

This is #3 of the "Rich Coleman" novels, but "Prelude" briefly describes the main plot lines of the previous books. I don't believe that it is necessary to have read books 1 & 2 to follow the plot in this book.

Rich Coleman is a Texas attorney who crossed the line in his chosen field. His sons are also lawyers. Matt, a bankruptcy lawyer, has paid a very heavy price for his practice. Ryan, who has just graduated from law school, wants to only take *"clients who are innocent or who had a good reason for the crimes they committed."*

The author's dedication says it all.

To all the millions of Americans who tasted the dream of home ownership only to have it turn into a nightmare of unfathomable grief and despair.

Mortgage crisis, foreclosure, and bankruptcy are all too common these days. Unfortunately, there are people who are using this catastrophe to make money. These three attorneys wade through the scams and swindles to help their clients get legal redress.

This novel has a great plot line, but it did get too complicated at times. Chapter 17 & 18 are a prime example.

'Unconscionable' seems to be written in the style of the old hard-boiled detective novels with terse words and scenes.

profanity

I was not monetarily compensated for this review in any way. I won a free copy of this book by being randomly selected. All opinions are 100% my own.

Kim Hansen says

Do you like thrillers? How about thrillers with a legal twist? Well, if you do, then Unconscionable, by author William Manchee, is the book for you! This is the third installment of the Richard Coleman series of books and although I did not read the other two books, it was perfectly fine and not necessary.

This book revolves around Richard Coleman (a lawyer) who has two sons; Matt has a very complicated past; His first wife Lynn was murdered and now he is in a relationship with Candy Kane (yep, you saw that right!) who owns an escort service. He is also a man on a mission to get his law license back having earlier been convicted of bankruptcy fraud. He is in a bit of a hurry to get this conviction overturned, because his dad has a case that he wants to prosecute against Reliable Mortgage Servicing who they feel are using unlawful predatory practices to get customers all over the world. While Matt fights his conviction, his dad Rich places a mole inside the mortgage lending company – which may prove to be detrimental to their family, and most especially to his new girlfriend Candy who has now been kidnapped.

The other son Ryan has just graduated from law school along with his girlfriend Amanda. Amanda wants to become a literary agent and becomes very intrigued by a story that Ryan tells her. His father Rich had written a crime story at one time that was about the murder of his wives' aunt Martha – and Amanda sets out to get it published to help her career. However, Ryans dad Rich does not want any part of it; but this doesn't keep Amanda from scheming to get it done!

Not only is this book about intrigue and murder, but there is also a great love story mixed in there. There are many small stories going on and I found myself re-reading some chapters to make sure I kept up. Not a biggie! I still really liked the book and found it very enjoyable.

Julie Barrett says

Unconscionable (Rich Coleman Novel) by William Manchee

Won this via a Goodreads contest and think I will be sorry I've not read the other books prior in this series.

The storyline sounds like something that I find fascinating.

The story picks up when his son is graduating from college with hopes of getting all 3 into the law business. Ryan's girlfriend Amanda is heading towards being a literary agent. Knowing nothing at all about the details, this is going to be an educational read for me because I like the field.

The law business is gearing towards handling house foreclosures and companies that wrote bad mortgages for customers. I've read of this happening but now I get to find out all the nitty gritty details of behind the scenes and how one company hopes to sue another over what transpired.

Relationships also have gone through many phases as time goes on. Some are grieving over lost ones and struggling to survive, sometimes with drink and drugs.

Amanda was going to get a manuscript from Ryan's father, Rich about how his mother got off on a murder charge and it goes into detail about a death pact. She even is negotiating a deal with a NY publisher that includes a signing tour and one TV show appearance of the husband and wife.

There were revisions made that made it look like he was the murderer but the first edition is what they want published.

After Amanada finds and reads the other revisions she doesn't keep them to herself and I have to ask myself why would she want to potentially ruin others life's, so she can gain in her own?

With the discovery of a dead body the police start questioning a lot of people that could be heavily involved. Lots of scheming on both story lines in this book to make things work right.

A fast paced drama, lots of action, travel and scheming in the housing and publishing fields have made me go out and buy the other books in the series. The style of writing has kept me interested throughout, even enough that dinner was late one day and I didn't watch late TV so I could read more.

I know the other books in the series will be just as good as they will go into more depth of what has already been summarized briefly in this one.

This is one of the top 10 favorites out of 560 this year!
