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Set on the streets of LA, a non-stop, action-packed thriller featuring elite body-guard Ryan Lock.

Adult movie actress, Raven Lane, is one of the most lusted after women in California, with millions of fans to prove it. But none seem to be more dedicated in their pursuit of her than the murderous stalker who is carving a demonic swathe across the streets of Los Angeles in an apparent bid to get her attention.

Fearing for her life, and with the LAPD seemingly unable to protect her, Raven turns to elite bodyguard, Ryan Lock for help. But with suspicion settling on Raven herself, Lock finds himself drawn into a deadly web of deceit and seduction.

Events spiral swiftly out of control, as those closest to Lock begin to pay a bloody price for his involvement. Soon Lock is bent on revenge. As the hunted turns hunter, the blood-soaked streets of LA are about to get a whole lot bloodier.

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Huda Sarkowi says

I'm sorry I have to deduct 1 star from this fine book. I'm not happy when Carrie, Ryan Lock's fiancee whom I came to love since the second book DIED in this book. Sorry for the spoiler. I like her,she was the least possessive and dependable female character I've ever encountered in a book. But understandably, I assumed in the next book, Ryan Lock's character will surely change. It is something I look forward to in the next book.

All aside, I enjoy reading Grid Lock. Fast paced, hard not to keep on turning the pages with this kind of momentum. Although the plot seems to be downgrading, in the previous book Lock & Johnson thwarted a plan to kill the President of USA and now they are protecting a porn star, it still got the same intensity as from the previous case. If you like the previous books, you will definitely love this one.

Tyson Adams says

That moment when you recognise an actor/actress but can't admit it.

Adult film star Raven Lane has a stalker. Not the leave flowers kind of stalker, the kind that leaves bodies in the back of your car. The police are only mildly interested in catching someone killing people in the adult industry, so Raven hires Lock and Ty. Ryan Lock reluctantly takes the job, sensing that something is off about it all. There is. In the worst way possible.

It has been a while since I've read anything from Sean Black. His first Lock thriller novel was recommended to me and I loved it. Sean has since branched out into writing a mystery-comedy series that I've got on my TBR (at some point I'm going to have to admit I have a book buying problem). Reading another Ryan Lock novel was like putting on a comfy pair of shoes. Sean keeps the narrative interesting, keeps the pacing fast, and isn't afraid to land plot punches most authors would avoid.

Highly recommend this novel for thriller and crime-thriller fans.

Cheryl Jewhurst says

Great story. Kept me up turning pages. Not too happy about the ending though. Good thing I had seen some spoilers about the end because if I hadn't I would have been devastated. Better to have had time to prepare for really sad ending. I'm loving this series and Ryan is really growing on me. Moving on to Book 4 now. But would like to know what happened to Angel?

Monica says

Another must read. You will not see the OMG part in this book. I will say that I was disappointed in one

chapter. The chapter was bottom line a filler. Which is interesting because looking at his interview he stated that his books are about getting to the point. And, not a lot of Fluff. Oh well, it did not ruin the book. On to book 4!

Carolyn Swafford says

Rife with Twists and Turns

This tale of an assignment to protect the life of a porn star weaves out of the expected as bodies of those involved with the star wind up horrifically murdered. But, who is at fault, and why? This is an excellent read with fast paced action from beginning to end. The many twists and turns it takes along the way leave the reader totally unprepared for the ending.

Steve Isenhower says

The Ryan Lock series is very, very good and this was the best one of the series. a serious twist toward the end that was unexpected but handled very well. Great books.

Melissa says

Grid Lock is an fast-paced, action packed murder mystery chock full of mayhem and twists and turns.

Raven Lane, one of the porn industries premiere girls, is being stalked and the most recent threat to her pushes her to seek more protection that just what the police can offer. She hires on Lock and Ty, who make it their business to provide protection to those that can afford their services. What starts out as a pretty run of the mill job, quickly takes a turn. They will be battling a serial killer with a grudge to settle, as they are in the way of his prize.

Throughout Los Angeles they will battle papparazzi, traffic, time and lies until the killer is captured or killed as the threat to Raven extends past herself and becomes more personal for one of the guys.

If you are not offended by some unsettling graphic details and unsavory language, then this page turner should be on your list. Grid Lock will keep you glued to the pages as the story moves a mile a minute!

This book was a gift through a giveaway offered at Goodreads.com.

Gerald Sinstadt says

Ryan Lock is a close-protection operative, a former member of Britain's Royal Corps of Military Police now working in the United States. In Los Angeles, he is hired by Raven Lane, a performer in the "adult

entertainment industry" aka porn movies. Raven is being stalked. People she has been in contact with are being gruesomely murdered. The LAPD are on the case which only makes harder the protection for which Lock and his partner are employed.

Sean Black provides a fast-paced, gripping narrative. Inevitably there is a good deal of blood and violence. But there are mitigating factors. Although the milieu is sleazy, the portrayal is clear-eyed about the inherent tawdry exploitation. The author avoids cheap titillation. The characters feel real, the young Down's syndrome sufferer is handled with unsensational care.

Suspense builds and the mystery deepens. The solution is a surprise but there has been no cheating, Lock gets there with logic and perseverance rather than deductive inspiration. We are in Jack Reacher territory, tough guy fiction, and Ryan Lock need not fear comparison.

Plum-crazy says

Another great read in this series that I'm really enjoying. This tale sees Ryan Lock protecting an adult movie actress who has a stalker -she says she doesn't know who it is but can she be believed? Plenty of thrills & spills with tension building up nicely to an ending that made me go "Oh no!" with dismay. As a result I can't wait to see how the outcome affects Lock in the next book......

Laura Poppenwimer says

Even though the 3rd book in the Ryan Lock series, it stood on its own. The characters were complex and believable. This took many unexpected turns and the conclusion was completely unexpected and sad. This was one of those books that was hard to put down and each time you thought you had things figured out, a new path was taken.

Best Crime Books & More says

I read Sean Blacks first and second books and absolutely loved them. Ryan Lock is an ex-military bodyguard who has worked private security and has now set up his own company that can be called upon for any type of job. He has a partner Ty Johnson who is an ex-marine who Ryan met whilst in Iraq. Together they make a formidable team and seem unafraid to take on any type of work.

In this book, Ryan and Ty are asked to work for famous adult movie actress Raven Lane. Raven is lusted after by many people across the world and has an army of fans, however, when a headless corpse turns up in the boot of her car she feels compelled to get Ryan and Ty in for her private security.

Before long what seems like a simple stalking case gone wrong, turns into a horrific crime spree by what looks like a cold blooded killer. Sean Black is now on his third book and you can tell that he is pushing himself and the book came across even better than his first two. The book is very fast paced, and this is a lot easier to read as things start off relatively simple but before long the pace picks up and you are thrown along

with the characters as things progressively get worse.

The one major difference between this book and his previous is that the murders and crime scenes are a lot more graphic and descriptive. In my opinion this made the book a lot better because you then start questioning who is on the right side of the law and who isn't. There are quite a lot of twists and turns too and I must say that I was shocked and saddened by the ending. Although shocked, it is an absolutely first class platform for the next book which I cannot wait to get my hands on. Sean Black is certainly coming into his own in this genre and I think this is his best yet, I can only hope that they continue to be this good.

Linda Lpp says

Another great book in the series. The events just kept happening, with little time to prepare for the next. I will be starting the next book when I can slow down the rate of my breathing. The racing of my heart. Get my head around the "Oh No" thoughts. How will the series carry on....? With the same type of action Black has laid out before us in the past I suspect.

Ok. I can breathe now....but do I dare? My heart is beating normally, but there just may remain a new heaviness to ponder. But I'm up for the challenge!

Pam says

This was a fast-paced book with several twists and turns. I would have given it a four star rating except for the ending. This is actually the first book that I have read in this series. I would like to read others to see how the main character has developed and what will happen in the future.

Jamie says

Lots of suspense in this novel. It's about a porn star who has a stalker and hires a body guard to keep her and her brother safe. It's a real life roller coaster ride for her as the stalker tries to get closer to her.

Gail Mchugh says

They just keep getting better and better............ Ryan helps a porn star being stalked. She has a brother Kevin who needs special care. We meet Ty, Carrie, and Angel again. Good characters and a good story.