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In Gerritsen's latest New York Times bestseller, medical examiner Maura Isles and detective Jane Rizzoli take on a society of scholars that studies the history of evil--and the grisly killer it has spawned.

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Siobhan says

The Mephisto Club is the sixth Rizzoli and Isles book, and if I'm being honest it is probably my least favourite thus far. It was still an enjoyable read, but I didn't love it in the way I loved the five prior books. I'm unsure if this is because it has been so long since I read Vanish or whether it was the story itself but I'm hoping I'll enjoy The Keepsake a lot more.

The one thing I can clearly attribute to my lowered enjoyment is the attention paid to the private life of Isles. Ever since we started to get glimpses into her private life, I've found myself somewhat disinterested in the events outside of the criminal elements of the story. I positively adore following Rizzoli's life – I've become so invested, I always want more – yet I cannot bring myself to feel the same way about Isles. I'm not sure what it is about her in particular, but I'm nowhere near as invested in her life.

In terms of the specific story of this one, it's quite different to the prior books. The Mephisto Club deals with evil in more abstract terms rather than looking at a single crime. Whilst there is the one single crime story being told throughout, the overall story comes together in relation with the overall concept of evil more than it does the individual storyline. I feel as though the usual hard hitting elements of a Rizzoli and Isles story was lost in the background in this attempt to address evil on a much bigger picture.

I have no issue with such stories. They can be very interesting. They can make for great reads. However, it didn't quite fit with what I expect from a Rizzoli and Isles story. It almost felt as though the characters were slipped into a storyline that was meant for another, with little bits of their own stories being pulled in and lost in the background of everything else that was going on.

Overall, it was an enjoyable read but it wasn't all I had been hoping it would be. I'm certainly continuing on with this series, but I'm hoping the future books return to what we're used to.

Claudia / BeautyButterflies says

Wieder ein toller Teil der Rizzoli&Isles Reihe - Die privaten Geschehnisse zu den beiden Haupt-Protagonistinnen kamen mir dieses mal ein wenig zu kurz; ich mag die beiden einfach so gerne. Der Fall war aber spannend und abwechslungsreich, wenn auch ein wenig vorhersehbar. Trotzdem freue ich mich auf die folgenden Bände - Ich bin ja gerade mal bei der Hälfte :)

Tess Gerritsen schreibt einfach toll und als Hörbuch ist die Reihe auch sehr gut umgesetzt!

Sydney Gibson says

I still am loving these books! However, this one was a little on the eh side for me. I enjoyed the story, but was a bit lost when the talk about mythology and religion came into play. I felt at times that took over the story when there needed to be more focus on the killer and the investigation.

I know my reviews are vague, but I don't like throwing out too many details that will ruin a reader's decision

to read any book. So I apologize for that!!

I'm excited to start the next rizzoli and isles book! Fingers crossed Maura gets her love life in order, she's all over the map in this one!

Sarah ~ says

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CD {Boulder Blvd} says

This one didn't work for me. The guilty party was identified early and then we go through a history lesson on the myth of demons. The Mephisto Club itself was a group of creepy people. Although I did like a certain character getting in too deep (I won't spoil). I didn't like Maura having the affair with the Priest and wished their relationship hadn't progressed that far. The ending set up at a remote location seemed too much like a plot device versus something that would happen.

Although this one was a bust, I'm definitely continuing this series.

Sheila says

This is probably my least favorite of Rizzoli and Isles series. I suppose it is all the demon possession parts of the story. I prefer regular old fashioned sociopaths.

Wendy Darling says

I hate it when this series focuses on Maura's boring love life. How a smart woman can make nothing but stupid choices where her romantic relationships are concerned is beyond me.

Fred says

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A nice read with Rizzoli & Isles, Christmas Eve is spoiled in Boston. A Latin word "Peccavi" & crosses (written upside down) are left in blood on bodies. The Latin word means "I Have Sinned". Upside down crosses are against "Christianity".

Severed body parts from one murder are swap with another part at the next murder. A symbol is left on Maura's door causing her fear.

A Mephisto Club member, Dr. Joyce O'Donnell (psychiatrist), appears but not much "help" - she never liked Jane in the past.

The Mephisto Club leader is Antony Samson (neuropsychologist), additional members are: Edwina Felway, Oliver Stark & Gottfried Baum.

They are devoted to the analysis & history of the Evil & Devils who "walk the earth".

The main character becomes **Lily Saul** with a "evil" Christianity spirit & a "fallen" angel (Devil) after her? Her parents & Teddy (brother) killed.

Dominic Saul(cousin), best-friend Sarah Parmley & Lori-Ann Tucker missing?

Can Rizzoli & Isles find a murderer -or- the Mephisto Club stop a demon?

At the end, can Lily's donated family house to the town's Fireman, for a training burn, eliminate demons...

Jean says

Peccavi. *"I have sinned."* This Latin word, along with three upside down crosses, is found on the wall of a lurid murder scene on Christmas Eve. The Mephisto Club, Tess Gerritsen's sixth book in her much-liked Rizzoli & Isles series, features more graphic murder scenes than several of her previous novels. Mephisto takes its name from the legend of Dr. Faustus. Mephistopheles was the evil spirit that appeared to Faustus after he drew secret symbols. The result: Faustus sold his soul to the devil.

Both Detective Jane Rizzoli and Dr. Maura Isles drew the short straw this particular Christmas and witness the horrific murder scene. "Peccavi." Who wrote the message?" And for whom is it meant? Soon there is another death, with more symbols. This one strikes close to home. What is the Mephisto Club? Can its leader, Anthony Sansone, be trusted? He seems to be everywhere, to be given wide berth by law enforcement. Yet Jane is wary. She has good reason. One of the members of Mephisto is Dr. Joyce O'Donnell, the neuropsychiatrist who testified in the court trial of Warren Hoyt, the man who tried to kill her and left her scarred for life. She has no love for Joyce O'Donnell, nor does she believe in devils or evil spirits.

There were times when I felt as though I were reading a Dan Brown novel. The plot is filled with Biblical references and pre-Scriptural symbols and traditions. The author presents various interpretations of the messages the killer is sending through his drawings and more disturbing signs. She calls upon her background as an anthropology major at Stanford and her attraction to ancient myths. Beyond that, she once again features the struggle between good and evil. In *The Mephisto Club*, quite clearly, evil does exist, whether one believes that the source is human or spirit. Not just good vs evil, but the existence of God and the relevance of religion are also themes that tend to recur in these Tess Gerritsen thrillers. I don't generally like stories that are too heavily invested in cults or preoccupation with demons and so on; this struck me as something altogether different.

Ms Gerritsen's two female leads, Rizzoli and Isles, both have personal struggles in this book. Jane's

difficulties are with her family. While painful, there is also humor in the way the situation is presented. Maura's struggles, as in *Body Double*, are with her feelings toward Father Daniel Brophy. Will she continue to avoid him? Can she? Can they find a way to be "just friends"?

We do get to see fragments of the villain's past. There is no mystery as to the identity of this perpetrator. Or is there? Is it one big red herring? Does the killer act alone? I'll say one thing: Tess Gerritsen writes creepy very well.

I'm not sure that I'd rank *The Mephisto Club* among my favorites of the series so far, but it did keep me interested, mostly because of the characters, frankly. I did appreciate what the author did with the themes, too. Her enthusiasm and training definitely make a difference!

4 stars

Jonetta says

Homicide detective Jane Rizzoli and medical examiner Maura Isles are called to the scene of the brutal murder of a young woman. Strange symbols and a cryptic message are clues that lead them to an even stranger group of people who are members of the Mephisto Foundation, a group of scholars who believe in and study the history of evil. Even more disturbing is the discovery that Dr. Joyce O'Donnell is a member and evidence suggests the killer is somehow connected to her.

This was a creepy story that focused on one of my least favorite topics. Mythical demons and their spawns are not my cuppa, which negatively influenced my rating. So, if this is a subject you find intriguing, I highly recommend the story as it's well researched and written. There's a secondary storyline involving Maura and Daniel Brody that I did find interesting as well as the story surrounding the killer who is identified at the beginning.

The narrator, Kathe Mazur, was outstanding as she adeptly grasped the nature of each character, providing distinction and resonance. She also added a creep factor to match the story. Even though this wasn't my most favorite of the stories in the series, it still was pretty interesting and had an exciting climax. 3.5 stars

Michelle♥ says

[Jane's parents are separated and her dad is seeing some bimbo, and Maura and Father Daniel Brophy finally sleep together. Yucko in my book! (hide spoiler)]

Jennifer Wardrip says

It amazes me that Tess Gerritsen is able to write such awesome thrillers, time after time. And yet she does, proving that she is, quite simply, at the top of her game--and at the top of the psychological thriller/mystery genre!

Many others have outlined the plot of THE MEPHISTO CLUB, so let me just say a few things: this is a great storyline, original, and handled deftly. The action-adventure is non-stop throughout the book, and although you know, basically from the beginning of the story, who the bad guy is, it doesn't stop the book from being interesting and intriguing.

I loved that Father Brophy and Dr. Maura Isles finally "got together," but I need this relationship to go beyond THE THORN BIRDS!! There has got to be a resolution to this plot line, and soon!

My only complaint with the story is Jane Rizzoli, who I actually love. However, her hard-a**, morally superior attitude in this book ticked me off. I want to see the softer side of Jane, the nurturing mother side, the love of Gabriel's life side--as well as the the tough-as-nails, ball-buster homicide detective.

Believe me, though, THE MEPHISTO CLUB is another winner!

Kellie says

This is a series that has almost become a diamond in the rough. I remember, the first book did not really strike me as great, but it was good enough for me to want to read the second one. Ever since, this series has really caught my attention. The setting has been mostly Boston, but this book travels to upstate New York. The Binghamton area, Lourdes Hospital, Norwich and even Syracuse are mentioned. Jane and Maura are tracking an evil force. With the unwanted assistance of the Mephisto Club, they are hot on it's trail. But the both have personal issues that cloud their minds. Jane's parents are having marital problems and Maura has fallen in love with a practicing Catholic Priest. The suspense and mystery of this novel are excellent but the personal issues add additional substance to the story. I'm always surprised at how much I enjoy this series and want to find the next book to add to my TBR.

Paige Bookdragon says

Ever since Maura Isles got the spotlight in this series, I've been complaining how pathetic she is when it comes to her love life. Seriously, she keeps on trying to fall in love to every attractive guy who looks at her. How come a logical and level-headed medical examiner can make such stupid moves is beyond me.

Anyway, The Memphisto Club is the sixth book in the Rizzoli and Isles series. We got some stabbings here, some bullets flying between the good and the evil, a weird club and a ton of medical terms that either makes me a little bit smarter or confuses the hell out of me.

Tess Gerritsen managed to cure my reading slump and even if I want to slap Maura a few times, this book is a good read.

Elizabeth says

Peccavi

The Latin word is scrawled in blood at the scene of a young woman's brutal murder: "I HAVE SINNED". It's a chilling Christmas greeting for Boston medical examiner Maura Isles and Detective Jane Rizzoli, who swiftly link the victim to controversial celebrity psychiatrist Joyce O'Donnell - Maura's professional nemesis and member of a secret society called "The Mephisto Club."

On tony Beacon Hill, the club's acolytes devote themselves to the analysis of evil: Can it be explained by science? Does it have a physical presence? Do demons walk the earth? Drawing on a wealth of dark historical data and mysterious religious symbology, the Mephisto scholars aim to prove a startling theory: that Satan and his demons actually exist among us.

This book was kind of weird....

With the grisly appearance of a corpse on the Mephisto Club's doorstep, it's clear that someone - or something - is indeed prowling the city. The members begin to fear the very subject of their study. Have they inadvertently summoned an evil entity from the darkness?

Delving deep into the most baffling and unusual case of their careers, Maura and Jane embark on a terrifying journey to the very heart of evil - where they encounter a malevolent foe more dangerous than any they have ever faced...one whose work is only just beginning.
