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In the face of injustice, one person committed to a holy cause can make a difference. This is the story of how one lawyer, confronted with the martyrdom of a Christian missionary, stands up to injustice despite seemingly insurmountable odds.

In Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, two American missionaries are targeted by the infamous religious police-the Muttawa. The man is tortured and killed; his wife arrested on trumped-up charges before being deported to the U.S.

Compelled by the injustice of her plight, young attorney Brad Carson files an unprecedented civil rights suit against Saudi Arabia and the ruthless head of the Muttawa. But the suit unleashes powerful forces that will stop at nothing to vindicate the Arabian kingdom. Witnesses are intimidated and some disappear, jurors are bribed, and a member of Brad's own team may be attempting to sabotage the case.

As Brad navigates a maze of treachery and deception, he must gamble his case, his career, and the lives of those he loves-including brilliant co-counsel Leslie Connors-on the ability of his team to bring justice to one family, challenge the religious intolerance of a nation, and alter the course of international law.

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Karen says

An American Christian missionary couple has built a secret church in Saudi Arabia, a very dangerous business. The religious police inevitably discover the names of the core group and invade the Americans' home, accusing them of leading a drug ring, and torture them for the names of believers. They do not reveal any new names and are near death when the police inject them with cocaine in order to provide false evidence, before calling in medical help. The husband dies but the wife is deported back to the U.S. The core members recant under torture, but repent and try to resurrect the secret church. Meanwhile, the remaining U.S. missionary is helped by a talented but small-time lawyer who is interested in enhancing his career with a big time international law trial: he and his motley group of aides sue the villainous head of the Saudi religious police and the government of Saudi Arabia whom they say was approving and complisent in the human rights violations. Good story, lots of twists.

Jason says

I wanted to give this 4 stars because it is such a fun read, but I couldn't bring myself to put it so close to actual 5-star fiction. It's a fast-paced read with some intrigue, twists, and entertaining courtroom drama, all neatly packaged among mostly cookie-cutter and/or unbelievable characters (the person of Nikki, for instance, exists nowhere in the world; and what does it say about Brad that he hired her given his first introduction to her?). For a lawyer-author, I expected more realistic courtroom scenes (though that would lessen the entertainment). But don't hesitate to pick it up for an enjoyable and light read.

Debbie says

I'm very intrigued with how this story is going to finish!

Lea-Ann McGregor says

Keep reading to the end

Just want you think you know how it's going to end, the plot thickens and the twist happens. Before you give it up, keep reading! I'll be checking out more books by this author.

Angie says

Held my interest start to finishloved the characters and the story line . Loved the twist !

Amanda says

This book needs to be read with a grain of salt. Randy Singer seriously villainizes the Saudi people to make his book more suspenseful.

But I did enjoy the book, it was a serious page turner!

Jeff Ingram says

After a somewhat slow start, which resulted in me putting the book down for three weeks, I started to read it again yesterday was hooked. In fact, I read the whole book in one day & night! One of the ads on the book cover stated that Randy Singer is as good a storyteller as John Grisham. Not quite, in my opinion, but almost!

Connie says

It is great to be introduced to a "new" author, one who unabashedly shares the plan of salvation and the struggles of the persecuted church and is, in my opinion, a better writer than John Grisham. This was a captivating read and you don't know the end until the end! :)

Rosa Macpherson says

I finished the helter skelter of the book and whilst it had all the characteristics of a well written well paced novel there was something gnawing at me. Then it hit me: God was good and Allah was bad. Only the Arabs who had converted to Christianity were moral and righteous. The American protagonist found God or were certainly protected within his benevolent guardianship. The love interests did not sleep with one another, which is fair enough but actually I realised the question of sex between them never arose.

How much does this Christian fiction matter to what was otherwise a very well written book? What rules govern how a contemporary fiction is presented? I have since discovered that this novel won a Christian fiction award. Personally I found it a book that engaged me throughout. It was only afterwards that I felt like I had been brainwashed.

Pat Welte says

An interesting book. It was fairly slow reading for awhile, it got fast towards the end. There were times I couldn't quite grasp who the good guys were and who the bad guys were. It came to an acceptable ending in my opinion. Lots of suspense and exciting movements in the end.

Celeste says

Directed Verdict was my first introduction to Randy Singer and I was very impressed. It is a compelling story about the persecuted church and those who fight and challenge the religious intolerance of a nation (Saudi Arabia), and alter the course of international law.

What I will remember most about this story is the bravery of the missionaries, and Nikki the paralegal. To be able to believe strongly in your religious faith and in yourself, seeking out justice even if that means facing death for what you believe, is gratifying in today's world. We need powerful role models to show us that we cannot sit idly by and have evil destroy the religious ideals and humanity of man. Throughout this story I was reminded of how deceitful, powerful people exist. And that they take great glee in twisting the law to achieve their end results even if people are hurt, or die. That's why it was comforting to have justice prevail in this story. All in all, it was an action packed drama with interesting characters, and I found it hard to put it down.

Kendall L. Mann says

Mr.singer is a master spinner of tales.

Probably three times I have let myself skip to the last page of a book, but 3/4's of the way through, I just had to know who the bad guys were. But, ok, it was a loooong book. Good long.

You feel the pain and gain admiration for the Muslims who accept Jesus Christ, and put their lives and those of their families in the line.

Brad's law office is full of quirky, strong and determined women. Courageous to a fault. They are a match for his renegade personality.

Hoping for another book extending our friendship with our imaginary friends.

Hank Pharis says

This was again a very entertaining and intriguing legal mystery. It deals with the murder of a Christian missionary couple by Saudi police. When a suit is brought against Saudi Arabia as a result they do anything they can to prevent a verdict against them.

Sharon Clark says

This book was one of the best legal stories that I've read in a very long time. The plot was so complex and compelling that I couldn't put it down. For the most part, the characters were intriguing, with the conflicts between the women within Brad's firm having an authentic ring. The romance between Brad and Leslie, on the other hand, seemed sterilized. Don't get me wrong - I don't expect graphic and steamy sex. But a date with supper, hot chocolate and a movie where both fall asleep.....really? Not likely.

But that small criticism aside, this book was well thought out. It was fascinating, not only for its legal arguments, but also for the numerous twists and turns that left the reader wondering what was going on - right to the end.

This is the first book that I've read by Randy Singer, but it won't be the last. In fact, I will read this book again at a later date, just to absorb all of the nuances of the plot. I highly recommend this book! It is now on my list of one of my all time favourites.

Loraine says

Randy Singer has done it once again. He has penned a Christian legal thriller that will keep you riveted from beginning to end. Lawyer, Brad Carson, plus his secretary and two legal aides, Bella, Leslie and Nikki, find themselves representing a Christian missionary in a civil case who was abused and her husband killed at the hands of the Saudi religious police. With twists and turns you never expect that make you wonder who is on the side of good and who is on the side of evil, this story is very apropos of today's times.
