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Eleri and Donovan are back!

NightShade's newest agents are in L.A. to bring down a burgeoning terrorist cell. To make things worse, it's not just one terrorist cell, it's two. Or is it three?

There is little to go on, only links between missing Army munitions and a veteran named Cooper Rollins. With his special ops training and severe PTSD, it's impossible to tell what kind of game Rollins is playing.

Eleri and Donovan will have to use their unique skills to stop the attack before it happens. But in the crowded city, there are too many people who might reveal what Donovan is if he dares to make the change. And Eleri is starting to show signs of powers she didn't know she had, and can't control.

On the surface the cells seem unrelated, each with separate perpetrators and different motives. But they are all linked by Rollins and the very disturbing passcode:

“Fracture Five.”

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Leon Rogson says

Interesting fast read.

I loved the first book and enjoyed this one. The pace, character development and tensions between the principals keep the book moving to a somewhat, but not excessive twist at the end. Looking forward for the next one.

Daniel Cox says

I will start by saying that "I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review." I realized starting a quarter of the way through the book that I had made a grievous error, I had not read the first book in this series before starting "Fracture Five." I say that, not because the book does not stand alone, because it does. Few authors can match Dean Koontz in the ability to make books in a series (Odd Thomas) also act effectively as a standalone read. AJ Scudiere is one of those few. I say that I made a mistake because I was enjoying the story so much, the references to the previous case made me want to read it immediately. The funny thing is, I don't normally read this kind of book, one where the characters have supernatural powers. Since I don't like to have to provide spoiler alerts, I try to stay away from the storyline as much as possible in a review. AJ does such a great job of writing that I am so caught up in story, the powers are more an aspect of the character's persona, causing the unbelievable to become a possibility, so it never becomes a problem. You could take away the character's enhancements and it would not detract from a great police/crime story read.

In an era when many authors think running their novel through Word's Spelling and Grammar Checker constitutes editing, this book is well-written and it shows the attention to detail of a good editor and proof reader.

The main characters have solid back stories and are well-developed. We root for the good guys and boo the villains, though at times, we are as unsure of who some of the bad guys are as the other characters are. Taking place in present day Los Angeles, there are enough twists and turns in the plot that keep the book from being predictable and it is written in a way that the reader does not have to suspend disbelief in order to read and enjoy it.

Linda says

Excellent

D. Starr says

Intrigue, Action and the Unusual

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No sex

Strong language

Action violence - some disturbing, but no more than a TV episode of NCIS or Bones

Special agents Eleri and Donovan, who possess unusual gifts and are therefore part of the FBI's Nightshade division, are called to LA to check out suspicious activities among homeless vets.

Soon they find themselves tracking possible terrorists.

Well-done character development. Plot is well developed with believable twists and the right amount of tension.

Excellent and respectful explanation of PTSD.

2nd in series. Could be read before reading the first, especially since it contains no spoilers about the first. Better, however if read in order.

Recommended

Black Butterfly says

ELERI & DONAVAN CAN SURE EAT, GUESS THEY MUST HAVE TO REPLACE ALL THAT THINKING ENERGY BURNS UP. I FOUND BK#2 IS NOT AS ENJOYABLE AS BK#1 IT WAS KIND OF HARD TO FOLLOW THIS STORYLINE (hummm). I TOTALLY AGREED WITH ELERİ "A GOOD SERIAL KILLER", WOULD BE NICE. I WAS HOPING TO LEARN MORE ABOUT JUST WHAT ARE THEIR CAPABILITIES, WHAT MORE CAN THEY DO (I only got a peek) ? I WISH I HAD A VISUAL NEAR THE ENDING BECAUSE IT BECAME TOOOO CONFUSING (as hell for me) TO READ. THIS NEEDED TO BE A MOVIE!!

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Dorothy Wilhite says

Love this series

I chose this rating because this book had the usual forensics which I love. But A.J. made the characters so different. Loved how they made their special gifts so real. I tried to pick out my favorite. I really loved Walter. Her life went on in spite of her disabilities.

Clyde says

really like this series.

Darlene Bye says**I'm hooked!**

I love that these are not your typical murder stories! A believable fantasy! I will be reading the entire series!

Janis says

Our agents are back and in the City of Angels to bring down a terrorist cell group. In this book there is less paranormal and a whole lot more FBI work. I kept waiting to find another new skill or better yet another new agent to add to Nightshade division - I was wondering if those were really cherry flavored sodas agent Vasques was drinking or some other red colored drink. And she did all her best work at night..... I know its only two books into the series but I really want them to solve the case of Ellery's missing sister.

Linda says**The NightShade Forensic Files: Fracture Five**

I thoroughly enjoyed reading the adventures of Eleri and Donovan. A totally different take on CHI exploits. I am looking forward to reading the next book in the series.

Jamie says

The case in this book is not like the case in book one at all. This was a pay attention book because you never know what is waiting on the next page!! I welled up with tears when Donovan got hurt..... Like he was real..... thats how great A.J is at bringing these characters to life!! I cant wait to read the 3rd installment.

D.B. says

The stakes are higher as the tension mounts in this second installment. No rest for the weary, Eleri and Donovan are back and this time they're on a case that could threaten national security as a series of strange, unexplained murders lead to a terror cell.

Make that terror cells, as in more than one. They're all somehow connected to a troubled Iraq war veteran and a covert mission gone horribly wrong. Is he friend or foe? To find out, Eleri and Donovan team up with an ambitious local agent and a homeless female veteran, nicknamed Walter Reed, who makes the Terminator look like a pansy. The Nightshade agents continue to use and hone their 'unique' abilities during their investigation, but Donovan's cover is threatened when he encounters his own kind, and Eleri's powers

become more frightening and uncontrollable by the hour.

And the clock is ticking.

Will the agents be able to stop the most deadly attack on U.S. soil since 9/11? Grab a copy and find out!

Can't wait for more!

Craig says

I found Fracture Five to be nearly impossible to put down. Right from the beginning you are drawn into the story. The pace never really lets up until the very end.

I especially loved how the story kept me guessing as to the final outcome. I never knew who to trust. Several times I thought secondary characters were betraying their side only to find out differently. I also thought a group of characters were going to play a bigger part in the story than they did. I am left wondering if they will make a bigger appearance in the third book.

I would highly recommend Fracture Five to all fans of Scudiere. I would also highly recommend it to fans of action/suspense stories. They will not be disappointed and I believe they will become instant fans of Scudiere as well.

Wanda Maynard says

A very intense read! The title alone is enough to make the reader think about why and where things are happening, and how these things are being constructed, and through whom. THE NIGHTSHADE FORENSIC FILES: FRACTURE FIVE: Book 2 is also very addictive. I didn't want to stop reading. This uniquely interesting book kept this reader hopping from page to page, trying to keep up with what was going down, and trying to keep up with the amazing characters that were so uniquely different. Eleri and Donovan seemed to love, and were very thorough in their work. Donovan had a nose that could smell out things that would make a blood-hound jealous, and the tougher the case the better. Eleri always seemed to take the time to think things through, most of the time. She didn't like to jump in with both feet, yet she loved a good challenge. She also knew when to be bossy and when to back away.

I love the spot-on plot with plenty of non-stop action and suspense. As our story opens, Cooper Rollins is trying to find a special way to say goodbye, especially to his son Christopher, who didn't know exactly how to let go. And, Eleri Eames, who had had her vacation cut short, was on a plane, along with Donovan Heath, landing at LAX, awaiting another assignment. Will the two of them come through this one alive? One part that stayed in my mind long after I read it was when Cooper was thinking about deaths by betrayal. Was he talking about himself, or someone else he thought of as a friend?

Loy says

Enjoyed this second in the series -

It is slight sci fi the two FBI agents are in a special section called nightshade - they have special talents.

The head agent is developed more on this book. She and her partner with help from others go after ' fracture five ' in Los Angeles.

I have read all of this authors books and this was did not disappoint.
Different and good.
