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## The End Game Details

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## From Reader Review The End Game for online ebook

### Linda Munro says

I love Catherine Coulter's FBI series; the Brit in the FBI series is good, but they definitely lack something in places throughout the book. I know there are two authors, and much of the series is a collaboration; it seems though that parts of each of these books must be written by J. T. Ellison without collaboration and they lack something? I have simply been unable to address what that something is. However, on the whole these books are awesome and for those not accustomed to Coulter's FBI series, they are definitely a 5 star read.

FBI agent (the Brit) Nicholas Drummond and his partner, Mike (since I can never spell her real name correctly, we can leave it at Mike) Caine, are investigating of COE—Celebrants of the Earth—a group known for widespread bombings of power grids and oil refineries across the globe. A tip about a possible bombing plot, leads Nicholas and Mike to the Bayway Refinery in New Jersey; where a secondary device explodes as the duo race to help victims, nearly taking their lives. One thing COE had been known for prior to this attack was not leaving dead bodies; now they have upped the ante, leaving 15 dead at the scene. The tipster and his three FBI guards are found murdered shortly thereafter. Reeling from the attack, their near death experience and the multiple murders, Mike and Nicholas are called to help stop a cyber attack which was initiated shortly thereafter, taking down several major oil companies while draining their financial and intellectual assets.

A witness near the apartment where the group had been staying gives Nicholas & Mike another lead, which allows them to discover a CIA plant within COE, as well as a militant assassin who has also joined them. Like a game of chess, the duo discovers that the end game is to take the king, or in this case the President & Vice President of the United States. The question is can Nicholas & Mike beat all of the sabotages and contingency plans that have already been activated to take down the U.S?

### Debbie says

Coulter and Ellison's #3 in their A Brit in the FBI series, The End Game is a nail-biting, timely tale of terrorists, both homegrown and foreign, political intrigue and battling government alphabet agencies, with her FBI stars and some fabulous co-stars both familiar and new front and center. The settings are perfect the narrative fitting for their highly addictive storyline and complex characters. It's a perfect marriage of both their unique and individual writing styles into an exceptional collaboration of expressions and forms that culminates into the ultimate page-turner. The adrenalin filled multiple payoffs at the end is the *pièce de résistance* of this incredible, unforgettable thriller.

FBI special agents Michaela, Mike, Cain and Nicholas Drummond are following a tip about a possible attack on an oil refinery in NJ by a homegrown terrorist group with international ties known as the COE, Celebrants of Earth, whose mission is to keep Middle Eastern oil from being imported by disabling oil refineries. But before they even get their feet wet investigating, the ground shakes and they know they're too late. This time the COE has upped the brutality ante and instead of keeping blood off their hands, countless innocent civilian lives have been lost at the refinery and also an informant and his FBI guards have been killed, execution style. Mike and Nicholas have a theory that there's a new, more dangerous player involved who

has convinced the group for whatever reason to escalate the violence. Then before the fires can be put out, the COE hacks all the major oil companies computer systems.

With some unexpected help from covert government agencies both at home and abroad, Nicholas and Mike are in a race against time to figure out what these radicals have planned next and stop them before it can be carried out.

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### **Darcy says**

Well, this one was filled with lots of action, most of it coming down to the last minutes/seconds with Nicholas and Mike swooping in to save the day. It was funny how everyone seemed to know about Nicholas and Mike and when the crap hit the fan called them in.

I loved how during the course of things Nicholas and Mike won over some powerful allies, ones who managed to change the course of their professional lives. I can't wait to see what they make of this new start, that and how they deal with the changes they made to their personal lives.

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### **Diane says**

Another great installment of A Brit in the FBI - this story centers around very lethal "gold coins", with references to the game of chess, in particular a very famous game (1956 The Game of the Century) between Bobby Fischer (13 years old) and Donald Byrne (26 years old). The main characters are very likeable and the bad guys are very dislikeable! Edge of your seat and action packed with stuff getting blown up, etc.

A must read for fans of espionage. 4.5 stars and 2 thumbs up.

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### **Sharyn says**

So far my least favorite. Did not like the story line and they are making Drummond almost super human. Did like how they will continue the story though. Always enjoy when Savitch and Sherlock show up, I do prefer straight Catherine Coulter! I really enjoyed the ending and only wish it was real!!! That is all I have to say. Just that I hope the next one is better.

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### **Maria Z says**

In a nutshell this book is stereotypes multiplied by 100000.

I would like to ask the author what she means by "Islamic Terrorism" because I swear I didn't know terrorism had a religion. That's like calling gays white gays because somehow most gays are white? The reason for one star is because the book was written to fuel stereotype and hatred for Middle East specifically Muslims overlooking the fact that most accomplices in Terror plots in the book were WHITE.

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## **Wendy says**

### **The End Game**

I didn't think I was going to care for this but I was wrong once again. If I think back to the last Brit in the FBI book in this series I know I liked it but I could have taken it or left it, it didn't matter either way but after reading this book I will be sticking with this series. I enjoyed how the authors are finally getting the main characters together instead of dragging their relationship on and on. It makes the series more interesting even though I'm not a romance reader.

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### **Nurse Lisa In Ohio (PRN Book Reviews) says**

I LOVE LOVE LOVE this series and ALL of the characters, including the overlaps from other stories (Savich, Sherlock et al).

this story was FABULOUS & WOW, so REAL! I totally felt invested from the get-go and even dreamed about the storyline, lol.

This book is a continuation in the "Brit in the FBI" series, a collaboration of two of my all time faves: Catherine Coulter and JT Ellison. I loved the roller coaster, no exaggeration, this plot dragged us on; so intricate with fascinating characters and the baddest of bad guys!

I'm totally pumped for the next book! Will it be titled "Covert Eyes" or "For Your Eyes Only", perhaps?!

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### **CD {Boulder Blvd} says**

4.5 Stars

I really like the FBI team of Nicholas Drummond and Michaela (Mike) Caine. They make a good team, both smart, quick on their feet and with very few annoying characteristics. I'm afraid I don't like Michaela being called Mike - I didn't read the first two books and she is being called Mike before her character is well-developed as female, so the first few times I read Mike - I thought male.

Even though I didn't read the first two books in the "A Brit in the FBI" series; it read easily as a stand alone with a few references to past cases from the prior two books. If you had read the first two books, I think the characters would probably be better fleshed out for you.

I really enjoyed the plot of this book with the tracking of a small anti-3rd world oil import terrorism group called COE that becomes involved in the assassination attempt on the President and Vice President of the US. The President of the US is trying to pull off a peace accord with the middle eastern countries. I really liked how the female Vice President was drawn as she comes off as competent, savvy and without rose colored glasses seeing the underlying motives of those engaged in the peace accord. I think there were some accurate and current 3rd world terrorism points touched on, but not necessarily depicted in too much

detail. The focus was capturing the group called COE and the assassin that had insinuated himself with the group for his own means.

There were a few items that I found off during parts of the book.

There was the needless incorporation of Savich & Sherlock which actually took away from the lead characters and didn't add anything to the book. I had actually stopped reading Catherine Coulter's books because I had gotten bored with and tired of S & S. By adding them to the book they created a scene which for me was ridiculous and definitely didn't seem realistic. A threat against the President, Vice Pres, and Oil Company VIPs is present and imminent and yet Savich, Sherlock, Caine and Drummond take the night off to have a home cooked lasagna dinner with Drummond playing four rounds of Super Spaceman Spiff with S & S's son, Sean. I find this hard to believe. This seemed so off...they would be working round the clock. (Knight to E4 (page 322)). I have to say, I wished the whole scene had been edited out.

I also found myself extremely irritated every time Michaela's mom was referred to as "the Gorgeous Rebecca". I'm not sure why her mom even needed any commentary in the book little lone the ridiculous moniker.

In trying to create down to the second rescue achievements, some of the scenes played a little too fantastical where I had a hard time imagining that the efforts involved could actually be done in such a small window of seconds even with Nicholas's genius computer skills.

I plan to add this series to my "to read" series and will go back and read the first two books in the series.

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### **Josie says**

The right wing politics ruined the novel for me. Will not be reading any more of the Brit in the FBI books.

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### **Sue says**

Story & Narration 4.5

James Bond factor 8.5

Improbable, impossible... absolutely it's James Bond working with the FBI. Without the so 60's sexism.

Smart, polished, brilliant, former British spy Nicholas, joins the FBI (book 1) and is partnered with equally smart and edgy Mackalya (Mike). These two have so much chemistry it leaps off the pages, but it's a slow to burn on the romance side. Mostly flirty in books 1,2 and most of book 3 until it wasn't.

The crime is worthy of any thriller, read the summary for that. It'll do a better job than my rambling. But seriously kick ass, complex and definitely with a touch of James Bond fighting Spectre panache.

Excellent because both Nicholas and Mike are excellent, this is not a one man show by any means.

Excellent fun, just love this series.

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### **Amy says**

After listening to the first couple of stories in this series, I almost gave up completely. I'm glad I stuck with it for one more book ... End Game is fabulous! The story is intriguing -- in more ways than one -- the politics of dealing with Iran and other countries in the Middle East hits very close to home.

The chemistry between Nicholas and Mike has finally heated up -- YAY! And, I loved the fact that Savich, Sherlock, and a few other familiar faces made appearances in this story.

On a side note, this book was developed as a chess match. At the beginning of each chapter was a move. I know enough about chess to recognize the names of the pieces and their movements, but that's about it. I could not visualize these actual movements on a chessboard to save my life, but this did not detract from the story, at all.

Excellent!

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### **Bookmom says**

FBI Special Agents Nicholas Drummond and Michaela (Mike) Caine are investigating a group that has been bombing refineries in an attempt to get America to stop getting their oil from countries that back terrorists when the stakes are upped and the bombings are bigger and now in the US.

The mystery contains plenty of action, high level politics—both foreign and domestic—tension, a little humor, sexual tension and some time spent with Savich and Sherlock as well as the CIA. The story is told from multiple points of view; both the good guys and the bad, for a well-rounded tale.

I have to say the beginning started off kind of slow for me, especially when a number of different foreign characters are being described and quickly forgotten about for a while. But the action begins soon afterward. Unlike the FBI series that has Savich and Sherlock in each story, the humor in these stories is limited and you don't have a couple du jour. And you only get one very involved case per book. This is a more action and international driven series.

I really like the main characters and the secondary ones have been growing on me. And to shake things up, changes at the FBI could provide an even larger story scope with the next book release.

If work hadn't gotten in the way I wouldn't have put it down. There is a lot to keep the reader involved.

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### **Alex is The Romance Fox says**

The End Game, 3rd book in Catherine Coulter & J.T. Ellison's A Brit in the FBI Series.

A small underground group known as the Celebrants of the Earth (COE) is determined to stop America from importing oil from the Middle East and has been bombing local power grids and oil refineries on a small scale without causing any deaths.

When one oil refinery in New Jersey is bombed causing multiple casualties, FBI agent Nicholas Drummond and his partner, Michaela "Mike" Caine race against time to find the perpetrators.

Bombings, cyber-attacks, hackers, action, undercover agents, mad scientists, ruthless assassins, a plot to kill world leaders....action packed car chases!!

I found the beginning of this book rather slow but it does pick up but never to the point of exciting me.

There were a lot of secondary characters that I thought made no sense to the plot. An interesting character introduced in this book - undercover CIA agent Vanessa Grace, who I look forward to seeing more of in the future.

It seems that there's some kind of build-up of a romance between Nicholas and Mike, which is probably going to be expanded in the next book.

I liked how the authors interwove the famous chess match in 1956 between Bobby Fischer and Donald Byrne that was dubbed The Game of the Century into the plot.

Not a WOW addition to the series, End Game is still an enjoyable read.

You can check out my reviews of Book #1-2 here.

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### **ObsessiveReader says**

I enjoy this spin-off series from Catherine Coulter's FBI Series. It seems more gritty and international than the original series. From tracking down a bombing group to saving the President and Vice-President from assassination, this book has a lot of action with Nicholas and Mike right in the middle of it. In addition is the beginning of Mike and Nicholas' personal relationship. Definitely worth reading!

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