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Ben Singleton, a Marine veteran, had returned from a tour of duty in Afghanistan and was having difficulty adjusting to civilian life.

Fate, coincidence, or something else thrust him right into the heart of some of Walt and Ox's most difficult cases.

Our heroes find themselves knee-deep in trouble as they go undercover in a nursing home to smoke out practitioners of Medicaid fraud, meanwhile, Islamic terrorists with ties to the Taliban are plotting to attack one of Kansas City's most cherished institutions.

Join Walt and his band of senior sidekicks on another emotional roller coaster ride that will have you shedding tears of laughter one minute and sorrow the next.

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Christina Jones says

Just what is it about the Lady Justice mystery/comedy series that draws the reader back to the next adventure? Is it the fact that the protagonist, a senior citizen, retired real estate agent-turned cop, satisfies the Walter Mitty-like dreams we all share? Is it the cast of stereotypical supporting characters: Maggie, his real estate wife; Ox, his over-weight Kansas City police partner; John, the aging Lothario father he barely knew now living above him in his apartment building with Bernice, his 89 year old girlfriend; Willy, the former pimp who has underworld connections that sometimes appear to save Walt, and who now helps manage his properties; or perhaps, Mary Murphy, the feisty 70 something manager of his hotel/flophouse, who keeps peace with a baseball bat (and in this episode, a pickle fork)? Perhaps it is the timely story lines about issues which are disquieting: assassins; euthanasia; medical malfeasance; drugs; government over-reach; terrorism both at home and abroad; as well as the everyday crime which occurs daily in every town in America. Maybe it's all of them tied into a fast-paced thriller laced with humor that gives us a reason to cheer justice winning over the bad guys.

In LADY JUSTICE AND THE VET, the stage is set just after the bombing of the shopping mall in Kenya. Remember the reference to a participant that might have been from KC? Author Robert Thornhill picks up this thread and runs with it. He ties in four al-Shabab linked terrorists, one a disgruntled former American GI, and a couple of local wounded warriors and weaves a thrilling narrative around them. In between, we are treated to a home invader wielding an AK-47, nursing home fraud where Walt almost becomes compacted in a trash truck, a biker gang terrorizing picnickers at a park, and a romance brewing between Mary and one of the senior millionaires from the last book, LADY JUSTICE AND THE LOTTERY. As usual, there is laugh-aloud humor in some scenes, but watch out for the end. While I can't say I didn't see it coming, it still might be good to have a hanky handy to blot your misty eyes.

Perhaps the strongest message in this book was Thornhill's incorporating into the fabric of the narrative, the social tragedy of the problems faced by our veterans as they return home from war, wounded in body for some, and in their souls for many. At the end, we are left with as many questions as we started with.

Thornhill once again gives us some smiles and lots of action, coupled with another thought provoking look at our society today.

Christi says

Semper fi

I really enjoy the Lady Justice series. This installment was a little different than the others - but I was expecting that. There was still a little humor and some hijinks, of course - but this story had a purpose. The author wanted to shed light on our veterans and some of the things they go through upon returning home. I think a decent job was done in that regard. The story was a little scattered at times, but the good stuff was there. I'll look forward to reading more of these books!

Jan says

Received on kindle as a gift from the Author Robert Thornhill, thank you.

Just in time for Veterans Day and also November 10th, the Marine Birthday. Semper Fi to all our wonderful Marines, and thank you to all those that served and who are still serving.

Being a Blue Star Family, I had to delve into this book right away. Not many folks write about the military family and the struggles they go through. The long deployments, the returns, the funerals, and the PTSD. So kudos to the author for touching on these. The military family may be a Blue Star, Silver Star and Gold Star Family, and many of them are all three. I appreciate the mention in this book about the every day struggles a military family has to face.

However, back to the fun part of this book, and Lady Justice books will always give the reader a few laughs as they read along about the antics of Walt and his partner Ox. This time they go undercover in a Nursing home, they take down a terrorist plot, with the help of a Veteran who is suffering from PTSD, but is "Always Faithful" to the Corps, Semper Fi Marine, they save the day.

Walt and Ox take the reader to the seedy side of Kansas City. (Yes it is there, try taking the wrong turn, and ending up in the "Red Light District" of Kansas in the dawn hours of the morning. The dresses of the ladies of the night, and the outfits and hats of the pimps are something one will never forget). But Walt is welcome at the strip joints...he helps out everyone. What a guy!

Another good read from Bob Thornhill, nothing got done in my house until I finished it. Thank you.

Sharon Michael says

I've liked this series. As an older reader, I enjoy the 'senior citizen' characters, all of whom are well developed and interesting.

This particular book resonated with me as I worked a number of years at a VA hospital on the psych ward, with (primarily) Viet Nam veterans dealing with PTSD and the related drug and alcohol issues. The author presents the trauma veterans can face with accuracy and a definite feel of reality.

Heather says

I really like the Lady Justice series. Robert Thornhill has a true gift for telling a story. This series has it all: mystery, suspense, friendship, tears, loyalty, current events, and lots of laughs.

I was reminded yet again how much I like Mary. A good story as usual!

Marybeth says

I really enjoyed the characters themselves, especially some of the secondary characters who were so alive I could see them in my head. The use of an aging protagonist is unusual and done quite well. I understand the desire to pay tribute to all the veterans who've come home scarred, both mentally and physically, but the treatment of the subject seemed a bit too heavy handed and beating the reader over the head, although I

understand that's sometimes necessary to make people pay attention to things outside their own experience. This is the first book I've read by this author, and I'll probably try some of the others as well before I make a final decision on how much I enjoy his writing. But overall, I liked the plot and pacing of this one, as well as the general universe of the story.

Conny says

I got this book as a free download and I really enjoyed it. I have long been a fan of the Lady Justice series and Robert Thornhill did not disappoint with this one. I was touched by the photographs that were included in the book and it really struck a nerve with me. This book has the usual humor, friendship and action and it also shed the light on current events and our war Vets and all the struggles they face once they return home. Having worked in the medical field for a very long time I have met patients with PTSD and saw first hand how crippling it can be. I can't wait to see what trouble Walt and gang will get into next.

Grampy says

Reviewed by Lee Ashford for Readers' Favorite.

“Lady Justice and the Vet” by Robert Thornhill is a poignant, faithfully accurate story, which could have been taken from today’s headlines. Mr. Thornhill, with each new episode of the “Lady Justice” series, continues to surpass himself.

Within the pages of “Lady Justice and the Vet”, Robert Thornhill has presented a better, more realistic dissertation on the plight of ALL combat veterans, to whom we as a nation owe our all, than any I have seen anywhere else. Thornhill brilliantly has used a fictional comedic mystery story to force us to remove the blinders and take a peek at reality. “Lady Justice and the Vet” should be required reading for every politician.

“Lady Justice and the Vet” takes aim at the atrocious mistreatment of our veterans who require far more and far better access to both physical and psychological restoration. It focuses on the high unemployment rate, the nightmares, the disabilities, and the lack of respect. Mr. Thornhill has an uncanny talent for bringing our attention to a serious problem while also entertaining and amusing us.

Robert Thornhill’s house will one day be a National Monument! Okay, maybe that’s a little over the top, but he is a very good storyteller, and a very good writer. I anticipate with great relish each new release in his “Lady Justice” series. His writing is superlative, and his ability to inform and amuse, sometimes in the same sentence, makes him a consummate storyteller. However, don’t take my word for it; buy one of his “Lady Justice” stories – it doesn’t really matter which one – and see for yourself.

Sheri says

Lady Justice and the Vet (Lady Justice, #15) Robert Thornhill

Walt Williams is back and he is on several assignments. He must go under cover and help disband a medicare scheme. Also a terrorist group comes to Kansas City , Walt and Ox are on the job. While taking on these cases he meets a Veteran back from Afghanistan who has PTSD and is fighting off his war demons.

A fantastic story with some heartfelt photos, Mr. Thornhill really captures the spirit and traumas of deployed veterans. Left a lasting impression (on me) which has me feeling more respect, pride and thankfulness towards our military men and women. I highly recommend to all. I love the Lady Justice series and feel, mystery/comedy lovers will enjoy all of Robert Thornhill Books.

Gail says

Robert Thornhill has another hit. His books always make you stop and think about life but they are still filled with humor. This time he makes you think about all the veterans who have served our country and what it is like for them when they return to the USA. It is so sad what they have to go thru. They truly are heroes. Walt that guy has more lives than a cat. He has so many close calls and always manages to scrape by. I love Mary and her new love interest. Never a dull moment with Walt and the gang. Thanks Mr. Thornhill for reminding me of what our vets go thru to keep our country safe.

Barb Leister shaw says

Great read

This book is an enjoyable and easy read. This is my first time reading this author and I feel I will read all of the other books in the series.

John Podlaski says

I enjoyed reading Lady Justice and the Vet; my first book by this author, Robert Thornhill. The first few chapters tell the story of an Afghanistan War Vet and the changes he experiences upon his return home. Nightmares, tremors and changes in his personality are the result of PTSD, a debilitating mental disorder that follows many vets home after the war. Some warriors are able to keep it at bay and go on with life, others aren't as fortunate and suffer greatly, often turning to alcohol and drugs for solace. Ben's wife is very supportive and helps him through his nightly episodes, eventually, getting him into some of the treatment programs at the VA. There is no cure for PTSD, but the programs help vets to cope and interact with other vets, who share their stories within the group sessions. Ben was entitled to join an accounting firm in a high rise office complex. Instead, he found that he didn't want to be boxed up and feels more comfortable working outdoors with a landscaping company. "Triggers" like thunder, gunfire and even seeing certain ethnic people can cause momentary blackouts - taking veterans back to the war. Fortunately for our hero, Walt, Ben's actions saves him and his partner's lives on a couple of occasions.

Another vet from Afghanistan makes an error in judgment during the war which results him receiving a dishonorable discharge from the service. In his case, revenge drives him to become the leader of a terrorist cell within Kansas. His wish is to kill as many politicians and U.S. civilians as possible as pay back for what they did to him.

I found myself laughing out loud when Walt and his gang is on the loose...what a bad-ass group of seniors! Walt and Ox's undercover stint within a nursing home to identify Medicare fraud was hilarious. I especially like the older fellow who tutors him on the ways within...coaching him on how to not take pills, eat the food or drink the juice to avoid turning into a zoned out, unresponsive patient who doesn't bother anyone. The "underground" supply chain and scrounger within the nursing facility gets the patients pizza, soda and all the good stuff that is "medicine free".

There are tense moments within the story, but the gang of seniors get it done, even if their methods are wacky at times. A lot of fun, easy to read and recommended to all!

John Podlaski, author
Cherries - A Vietnam War Novel

David Richardson says

Another great "Lady Justice" book. I am going to try to read all of them (about 10 or 11 to go) This one was a little darker than the others I have read but was still funny and relevant to our modern problems.

Rhonda says

Thornhill writes about a subject that is near to my heart, the issue of Post Traumatic Stress. One thing which the writer does not make clear is that there is a difference between PTS and PTSD; not all cases, indeed most, are not a permanent disorder, even though cases may appear hopeless for years.

Still this book goes a long way in detailing some of the symptoms that a person may exhibit including the triggers that initiate the symptoms. Such symptoms are extremely troubling for not only the one experiencing the stress, but especially to his or her loved ones having to watch the person in pain. These experiences often leave the patient very much changed in any number of ways. Thornhill gives multiple very realistic examples of someone going through these symptoms and for this alone I salute him. Doing more to understand the realities facing veterans of war and conflict goes a long way towards making the populace realize the long term destruction we inflict upon our soldiers in war.

This story is a kind of detective novel in which there are more than a few oddball characters, no doubt some of which appear in his other novels. I have to admit that I guessed that the hero was going to be able to save the day at the end, but I also admit that the twists applied to the plot were far from ordinary. The writing was steady without being elegant. One tends to like most of the characters and identify with a kind of life which the protagonist lives. It was an easy read and, (especially because it was a free download,) I can heartily recommend this for anyone interested in either a good detective novel with quirky, funny action scenes as well as a very sympathetic but accurate of someone suffering from Post Traumatic Stress.

Jo-Ann Murphy says

Another great read from Robert Thornhill. I love how he gives a bit of current events and historical information in his very entertaining stories of the two old cops, Walt and Ox. There is action, adventure and plenty of humor as you learn a little about current social problems and events.

