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Kendra Michaels, formerly blind and now a hired gun for law enforcement agencies who relies on her razor-sharp powers of observation, is reluctant to help the FBI with the most recent case they've brought to her. But then she hears the details: the body was found just blocks away from Kendra's condo. The young woman was carrying an envelope with Kendra's name on it, and inside was an SD card with what appears to be an innocuous video of a wedding reception. The woman died trying to get the video to Kendra, but for what purpose? Before Kendra and the FBI can answer that question, the bride is abducted from her suburban home.

And so the hunt is on for a killer whose nightmarish plan is slowly becoming clear. A plan that involves a powerful law firm and a multi-billion dollar corporation. As the body count rises, Kendra joins forces with private investigator Jessie Mercado and agent-for-hire Adam Lynch to stop the plot as it grows ever closer to its terrifying conclusion.

In *Double Blind*, Iris and Roy Johansen deliver an emotional, gripping new entry in the bestselling Kendra Michaels series.

Double Blind Details

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Felicia says

I'll preface this review by saying that this is my first book by these authors and it is exactly what I was expecting. I felt like I was reading a soft core superhero story. I found the characters to be unbelievable and not engaging enough for my tastes. That being said, I can see the appeal of this series for readers that enjoy a light read with a strong female lead. The last couple of chapters were really good, I only wish the rest of the novel had followed suit.

I was provided an ARC of this book by the publisher in exchange for an honest review.

Magdalena aka A Bookaholic Swede says

It's just a couple of years ago that I read my first Iris Johansen book. It was an Eve Duncan book and I just loved it since then have I read several from that series and some from this the Kendra Michael series.

Kendra Michaels was born blind, but she got her sight back as an adult and she has a keen sense for details that other miss which help a lot when FBI needs her help. Like this time when a woman is killed just a couple of blocks from Kendra's Condo. A woman carrying an envelope with Kendra's name on it.

The beginning of the book was intriguing. Kendra was given a video of a wedding and she has no clues as to why since she doesn't know who the woman who was killed. Nor does she recognize anyone at the wedding. So, first, must they figure out who the people at the wedding are.

Beside the case is Kendra dealing with her "relationship" with Adam Lynch. The attraction is there, but she has trouble giving in to him. Perhaps this case will bring them together. I love that private investigator Jessie Mercado has a part in this story. I would love to see her get her own book (or series) someday.

The case was the best when everything was still unknown. The reason for the death of the woman (and the later ones killed) was a bit of a disappointment. I was hoping for a more conspiratorial angle rather than the one that the book presented. Still, I liked the book and I'm looking forward to the next one!

I want to thank St. Martin's Press for providing me with a free copy through NetGalley for an honest review!

Carla Johnson-Hicks says

If you are a fan of Iris Johansen, you will enjoy this story. If you have read any of the Kendra Michaels books, this is another suspenseful story involving her well-honed senses that she developed while she was blind and trained after her successful stem cell surgery. There is not as much of her life dealing with music therapy in this book, which I missed. Once again, Michael Griffin, Special Agent in charge of the San Diego FBI office, draws Kendra into a case involving dead and missing women. A woman has purposely run into traffic and been killed a few blocks from Kendra's home. The police have found an envelope containing a

memory stick with Kendra's name on it. Luckily she has Lynch, the man called upon by governments or their agencies for special jobs. Lynch stays at Kendra's side while she is consulting on this case. As usual, she becomes a target from the psychopath that she and the FBI are trying to find.

Jessie Mercado, a private detective and friend to Kendra, also makes an appearance to help Kendra with some surveillance. Olivia, Kendra's best friend is also important to the story in both the hero and victim role. The women in this story are strong, smart, have amazing skills, are determined and close to fearless. They are also loyal to one another and their true friends. The pacing and plot kept me turning the pages to see what was going to happen next. I am finding that these books are still enjoyable, but not necessarily as heart pounding as they were when I started reading them. The writing and story are still good, it is my interest that is waning somewhat. This is a series that does not have to be read in order, but as characters have been added to it, it will help you understand about the relationships if you do. The publisher, St. Martin's Press, provided me with a copy of this book to read. The opinions stated are my own.

Erin says

Thanks to Netgalley for an ARC in exchange for an honest review.

A huge fan of Iris Johansen's Eve Duncan books, this is my first foray into her Kendra Michaels series. *Double Blind* is just as intricate as any of her previous plots with plenty of government coverups and advances in science technology. But maybe because this is book 6 and I am just encountering the characters now that I have this feeling that I just "liked" it enough for it to be a 3.0 star, but I began to skim around the 67% mark. However, I really liked the relationship between Kendra and Lynch and the epilogue left me very intrigued into what comes next for the duo.

Charlotte Lynn says

Oh my... another winner from Iris Johansen and Roy Johansen. I started the Kendra Michaels series about 2 books back and have not been able to pass up reading them. They are books that I know will entertain, keep my attention, and make me think while reading them.

With *Double Blind* we find Kendra pulled into another FBI investigation where someone is targeting guests at a wedding. A video of the wedding is given to Kendra and that is her only clue to start the investigation. While it was never really shared how Kendra had anything to do with the wedding, I came to the conclusion that her reputation was the reason that she was given the video with the assumption that her amazing skills to solve crimes would be put to use. Of course, this is exactly what Kendra does.

The crime part was interesting and I can easily see how it will feed into future books in this series but what I really enjoyed was the relationship between Kendra and Lynch. They circled each other, pushed each other, and never really confessed their feelings. I feel like they trust and like each other a lot but they don't know how to open their hearts and lives to allow them to accept each other in their everyday lives. *Double Blind*'s ending set it up for there to be much more to come for these wonderful characters and I am excited to see where it will lead.

Micky Cox says

Kendra Michaels is once again drawn into a FBI investigation although this time by the murder victim. Kendra relies heavily on her heightened senses to pick up on clues that the average investigator doesn't. In this case, the murder victim was murdered trying to get to Kendra's apartment. The interesting twist is that Kendra has no idea who the woman is or why she would want to get to Kendra. We see many of the former characters that we have met in the Kendra Michaels series and it is great to have them back in the mix. If you are looking for an interesting and entertaining read this one will definitely do the job.

Danielle Urban says

Double Blind by both Iris and Roy Johansen is an exciting thriller. A deadly game that could end up worse if not stopped soon. A serial killer is hired by a company to handle problems for them only that the killer goes off the edge and blackmails them. The killer is then able to get away with a lot more than planned. Murders are now being traced to the company and the company can't control their hired hired any longer. FBI is introduced into the case when a dead woman has something for someone they know...that's when the chase really begins...

Kendra Michaels is the lead female character. She is the one the FBI like to work with because of her ability to notice the smallest details quickly. Kendra cannot handle working on cases like the FBI does, because she hates seeing victims' families suffer. Death is never easy to handle. But now, a dead woman is found with a USB drive containing damaging evidence for her. Only she never knew the victim. It is only a matter of time before the FBI bring her in on the case. Kendra feels obligated to help since the dead woman tried to reach out to her. Other than that she wants noting to do with the case. But that's where it starts to get complicated. Her former FBI friend that she is attracted to, handles deadly crime stuff. She feels something more for him but she isn't allowing herself to fall in love. Adam Lynch wants Kendra Michaels as his woman. However, he knows it will be difficult to get to agree. She likes him just as much as he likes her but she won't open up. Instead, she pushes away from him. The new case is provides a tug of war in their relationship.

Overall, this new novel was suspenseful. I was deeply engaged from the start. Both Iris and Roy Johansen have caught my attention with Kendra Michaels. She is a detective for the FBI in a way. The personality was easy to latch onto as well as like. Kendra is a strong independent woman who won't let anyone or anything bring her down...Adam Lynch is a cocky good looking man who is smart and deadly to mess with. But when it comes to Kendra he makes mistakes and doesn't know how to approach her. I felt their push/pull relationship. It was intriguing and sad to follow. Double Blind was fast-paced. It kept me guessing the whole way. I highly recommend it to all.

I received this copy from the publisher. This is my voluntary review.

Dave says

Double Blind is the sixth novel in the Johansen's Kendra Michaels series and is a fast-paced thriller that is

sure to have wide appeal. The main concept is that Kendra, like the superhero Daredevil, grew up blind and thus developed super-senses which allow almost Sherlock Holmesian powers of deduction. Those supersenses are featured at the start, but that focus should have continued throughout. Black ops, a Mack Bolan style warrior buddy, and mysterious murders round out the tale. Overall, a decent escape, but not exceptional.

Linda Munro says

I received this ARC copy of Double Blind via a goodreads giveaway.

A friend introduced me to the Eve Duncan series quite some time ago; but, I find the new characters, introduced via that series to be just as intriguing. This is another novel in the Kendra Michaels series.

Kendra was born blind and her best friend, Olivia was blinded by an accident. Kendra's sight was restored via an experimental stem cell operation in another country and this gave Kendra a new and wild life. Determined to continue honing her already acute senses, Kendra outlives her wild times and settles as a music therapy teacher for autistic children; but her honed senses have become a gift to the FBI in solving cases, even though Kendra would rather not be involved in another grizzly murder investigation.

This time, Kendra had no option to stray from the investigation, a woman was killed when she hurtled herself into traffic; but there were two things strange about this incident; first, the woman had been shot prior to killing herself and second she had an envelope addressed to Kendra in her pocket. Inside the envelope was a flash drive of a seemingly innocuous wedding reception; but as usual, there is more than the eyes can see going on here.

First, the woman was only blocks away from Kendra's home. Second, the groom in the video had been murdered the week prior. Kendra, Lynch, Jessie Mercado and the FBI must learn what they can about the woman, the video and why a sadistic serial killer has targeted the wedding group before the victim list grows to include Kendra's own friends!

As usual, an awesome read. Easily a stand alone book!

Nickole H says

Love the books in this series!

Darinda says

Kendra Michaels is not too happy about working with the FBI again, but this case has her name on it. Literally. A woman is killed, and on her body they find an envelope addressed to Kendra. Inside the envelope is a wedding video that no one seems to be able to make heads or tails of. As Kendra gets involved, the body count rises and Kendra herself is in danger.

The 6th book in the Kenra Michaels series by Iris Johansen. I haven't read all of the previous books, but, from the few I have read, this is a fun and exciting series. I need to go back and read the ones I somehow missed.

Kendra was blind and had enhanced abilities with her other senses, making her great at the power of deduction. She is no longer blind, but still has an incredible critical thinking abilities. A strong female protagonist who is smart, brave, and honest.

Double Blind is a fast-paced, light, and entertaining read. Plenty of suspense and a little romance. A good read for fans of Iris Johansen.

I received an ARC of this book from St. Martin's Press and Netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

Pam says

I have come to like Kendra Michaels more than Eve Duncan but this book falls short on action and suspense and has too much relationship stuff which I don't want in a mystery novel. But thanks to Goodreads for the ARC.

Rebecca says

LOVED having more Adam/Kendra moments but missed the stronger suspense element I've come to expect in this series. Of course, last time I was complaining about not having enough Adam. Overall, a great installment to the series and left me wanting book 7 even more!

This remains one of my favorite romantic suspense series.

Sarah says

Thank you NetGalley for the ARC of *Double Blind* by Iris and Roy Johansen that I read and reviewed. This is the sixth book in the Kendra Michaels series and I can honestly say I think this series gets better with each book. This book took me on an emotional rollercoaster. I was actually in tears at one point because I am so invested in these characters and I was feeling Kendra's pain at one point. I love it and I can't wait to see where the authors take the series next.

This book had a great story and was packed full of information about the Kendra Michaels and Adam Lynch story which I love in itself. This book was the full package and I highly recommend it.

Needless to say *Double Blind* gets five out of five stars.

Maureen Carden says

Kendra Michaels was blind from birth. Until she wasn't; due to a rare, successful stem cell surgery. While she was blind, her determined, brilliant mother decided that Kendra was going to grow up extraordinary.

Kendra thought this was a fine idea, and in furtherance of this goal developed her other senses to an almost otherworldly degree. Even when Kendra gained her sight, she still honed this talent of noticing what most of us have always missed.

This ability did not go unnoticed by the FBI, and they have often made use of her talents. As Kendra remarks upon during a self-defense lesson with Adam Lynch, there have been 26 attempts on her life; which might be a record for a well known musical therapist working with autistic kids. Not surprisingly, Kendra is not always pleased to be drawn into their cases as a consultant. Luckily she always has Lynch, the man called upon by governments or their agencies for special jobs.

Lynch is almost always at Kendra's side or at her back when she is consulting.

Special Agent in Charge of the San Diego office FBI office, Michael Griffin personally recruits Kendra into an hours old case. A woman has purposely run into traffic and been killed a few blocks from Kendra's home. The police have found an envelope containing a memory stick with Kendra's name on it. (This would really be one the very few reason the FBI would be called to a non-terrorist murder scene, unless it was a known a known part of a series or a hate crime. You are welcome). The memory stick contains a video of a lovely wedding reception. Nothing overtly remarkable about the video, until members of the wedding party begin to disappear. Kendra and best friend Olivia use their skills to unravel and try to stop the upcoming deaths the video portends.

Adam Lynch and Jessie Mercado, a private detective and friend to Kendra, are also determined to stay involved with Kendra's case when they discover the presence of a quasi-government security agency. Both Mercado and Lynch have experiences with this company.

Kendra and Olivia are intriguing, strong women. They are super-women of the realistic kind, not the comic book variety. They live their lives to the fullest, and show extraordinary skill, grace and determination.

Double Blind is darker than previous books in the series. Stretched to her limits by heartbreak, Kendra is forced to understand she can't always protect her loved ones, a circle wider than previously she previously admits.

Pacing and a plot that makes the book hard to put down, *Double Blind* is a terrific addition to the Kendra Michael series. I always suggest reading an entire series so as not to miss out, but its fine to start with this one because of the stellar summation in my first two paragraphs.

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