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Wayne, scarred physically and emotionally, has a background in special-ops he's trying to forget. But he gets his arm twisted into helping a quirky group of seniors who've been scammed out of their retirement.

Breaching the con man's high-security island estate, Wayne recovers the stolen money in an action sequence worthy of a Hollywood blockbuster. Case closed.

A savvy young lawyer, though, is intrigued by Wayne's success and wants to hire him to crack another puzzling case. Tatyana's wealthy employer thinks he's been visited by...an angel? Did a messenger from God in a pinstripe suit truly bring a divine warning, or is this merely another cruel hoax?

As the two battle unknown enemies within and without, Tatyana fears for her boss's life. She must trust Wayne to solve the mystery, but can she trust him with her heart? Wayne's cynical veneer begins to crack as Tatyana's confidence allows a chance to glimpse himself in a new light. What if he were visited by an angel? With a whispered message, a world of possibilities unfolds.

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Teri says

All Through the Night was difficult to follow at first - at least the first dozen or so chapters. It seemed initially to be all over the place and I was having trouble following what was going on. Having said all that, about a 1/4 of the way through it did get decidedly better and ended up being a good story. I'm glad I hung in there. However, because of the lack of clarity at the beginning, I'm only giving it three stars.

LadyCalico says

[the book started with a complex mystery, but then focused on the smaller, personal story involving hostage rescue and stopping the crime while the questions of who was involved in the extortion plot and wrapping up the larger mystery was just left to the police, so in the end, the story focused on the

Sara says

This is the first book I've read by Davis Bunn, and I plan to read more in the future. It was suspenseful, yet had a bit of romance and humor (the main character is living in a retirement community with people 30+ years older than him). Wayne is such a flawed character, who doesn't realize how that he is an actual hero, until he meets Tatyana and the old folks at the community, and then of course, saves the day.

Ruth says

Quite a bit of action and a fast read with an interesting collection of characters. The message of the Gospel comes through loud and clear and if you pay attention you will be hit with profound thoughts. I have quoted the two that affected me the most.

"We spent four years in the war zone. It was an awful place. I saw things you can't imagine." She paused, "Well, perhaps you can." I tell you this because I want you to understand where I am coming from. I can't say I have been where you are. But I've been close enough to speak as a kindred spirit. I'd like you to take two things away with you. The first is this. The worst kinds of addiction, the very worst, are those of the heart. Anger and bitterness don't wound the body like drugs. They gnaw down deep, where the lie can be hidden from almost everyone. The addict even lies to himself and claims no one knows. Outsiders might not be able to name what they see. But the truth is visible just the same. And the truth is this: the addiction hollow out your soul.

And your second takeaway is no matter what you carry with you, no matter what dark night that brought you to where you are, the Lord can make something good of this, if you let Him.

"I know your father's ways all too well. Religion becomes another word for oppression and coercion.

Religion specializes in shame and blame, a lot of energy and no inspiration."

"I probably deserved it."

"Son, listen to me. We all deserve it. Each and every one of us." She gave him a minute. "You weren't allowed to live your own life, but instead were expected to conform to someone else's concept of order. No wonder the old-time religion failed you." She leaned forward. "Jesus loves you son. Deal with it."

Stephanie Downing says

This was a long read in that I was constantly putting it down. I rented it from the library and it took me the full 14 days to finish, this is very strange for me. I like the premise, but the reading felt like a job...and I don't read books to have a part time job!! Characters were well developed and likable, storyline was difficult to stay involved with?!

Reepacheep says

The opening was a little disorienting. There was just enough to keep me interested, but I felt like I came in to a movie and missed the first couple minutes--and I hate missing part of a movie.

Once I settled into the story and got my bearings I enjoyed the story tremendously. One of the lessons learned by various characters in this book (primarily Wayne & Tatyana) is "perfect people" dealing with the realization that they aren't perfect.

Crys Harris says

Not my cup of tea. I'm not partial to 'Christian fiction' as a genre, although I've read a few books that were quite good. This one isn't one of them. The hero is appropriately troubled, but still comes off as too good to be true. Little old ladies fasting and praying? Angels? Uhh... not for me.

The writing is also strangely disjointed. A lot of sentence fragments and thoughts that go down a path, only to end. It has a staccato rhythm that works really well in hard boiled detective novels, but not here.

Did not finish.

Sandra says

I guess this was meant to be a suspense thriller. And that part of the plot was nice. White-collar crime, intrigue and betrayal...not a bad mix.

Unfortunately, that wasn't all of it. There are themes of God and faith, of possible angels, there's romantic interest that's never resolved or actually even really addressed, and it results in a hodgepodge of a story that just didn't do it for me.

What I did like is the undertones of redemption and being loved/liked for who you are, not for where you came from.

It did keep me interested enough to finish. *shrugs*

Philip says

This is a very well-written novel, I thought. I have little bad to say about it, yet for some reason I didn't find myself as affected by it as other novels. I start this review with that because I rated it only three stars to fit the rest of the ratings for my books, yet it could easily hold a higher rating, I think. I read it quickly, staying interested enough to not be distracted by other things, yet once it finished I felt like "oh, ok then", which is a weird combination for me.

But anyway, about the novel. It starts in a way that - with seeing that a bible was cited on the copyright page for quotes - I was sure it was going to be a prison conversion type story which I seem to be reading a lot of lately. Well, it wasn't. Not really even close. And although faith/religion did play a not-insignificant role in the story, I wouldn't describe it as a focus of the story.

What the story was, though, was really quite interesting. While I don't exactly seek them out so to speak, I have read a number of novels of the crime/crime mystery genre. It is probably just a matter of not happening across the right books, but this is the first time that the focus was white-collar crime. Mostly. Unfortunately, the author didn't feel like going into details about the accounting that went on. Which is too bad; though probably good for the most part as that very well may have bogged down the story. Towards the end of the story, a detective from the white collar department is involved and it is her questions that are used as a foil to explain things to the audience. Which seemed weird to me as I would have thought she should have known about these things if it was her job. But oh well. And again the descriptions/explanations felt rather simplified and glossed over to some extent. Which, again, is probably in the best interest of most readers.

Enough about the plot, as I never like to review/mention that anyway. The characters are very engaging and written in a way that makes me really like them and really makes me interested in them. They are all very likable (except for the ones who aren't supposed to be) and almost clichéd in some regards (Think of a stereotypical conversation two old, retired men who have best friends for ages would have. That is Foster and Jerry.) yet I wasn't bothered by that at all. Although Wayne describes himself in the beginning as more or less a failure at everything, he really isn't. There are times when it becomes annoying when a character can do nearly anything he/she wants (a Mary/Marty Sue, if you will) and Wayne is well on his way to becoming this. And yet, as seems to be a common occurrence with this novel, it wasn't enough to be aggravating or anything.

In fact, something about the writing - or maybe just something about today - made me not feel particularly strongly about anything in the novel. Nothing I found particularly powerful or moving or involving or annoying or frustrating or what-have-you. Perhaps the strongest feeling I had was thinking how unrealistic the conversations between Tatyana and Wayne were yet how nice it would be to have someone with whom such interactions occurred. And probably they do occur for some people; just not me, so that's really not too much of a complaint. And the first conversation with Mahen seemed really elementary to me; maybe I missed something but it seemed like they told him too much, too directly without having a reason to trust him. Like when Encyclopedia Brown has this scrap of "evidence" that Bugs did something which he presents smugly to adults assuming from the get go that they'll be on his side. I actually haven't read Encyclopedia

Brown in a really long time but that's what came to mind for some reason as I was reading.

One thing I feel like noting (and it definitely isn't a feeling started by this book, but it's a not completely inappropriate place for this rant) is how annoying it is when more or less reasonable men become completely distracted by a beautiful woman that they lose track of what they're doing (and the narrative spends entirely too long talking about this woman that it generates an image of the guy being in some awkward trance with lots of staring that wouldn't fit anywhere yet nobody ever notices too much). Perhaps there's just something with me or I've had a lot of practice hiding it, but it seems dumb that someone can't stay focused on what they're doing, despite how important it might be (and it often is, it seems). I don't get completely distracted by every stunningly handsome man with whom I interact and I find it annoying when it happens to male characters when the narrative is from their point of view.

Admittedly it wasn't as bad in this book as in others I've read, but still enough to exasperate me slightly.

Overall, this was a pretty straight-forward, easy read that is rather action-based without too much character development (and what there is is mostly people "being saved" (which I always thought is a dumb expression)), rather likable - though I didn't find them to be relateable or even too involving - characters doing interesting and entertaining stuff. It's a fun read; though hardly anything spectacular.

Jenna says

Just kind of odd and a bit disjointed. While seeking to spread a Christian message, it skirted some decidedly non-Christian behavior. I guess the main character did those things before finding God, but it still felt very unresolved somehow. Probably didn't help that I had just read The Client by Grisham, too, which is much better in terms of the suspense thriller aspect.

Cookie says

I'm officially hooked. Davis Bunn writes in such a way as to keep me engaged all the way to the end. I started out with him on a whim - picked up a different book of his at a used book sale at my local library (I figured for a buck, how could I go wrong? *LOL*). I had actually bought the book intending to send it to my Mom. Then I figured while I had it, might as well read it before I sent it. I've enjoyed a goodly number since that first lark, and am so glad I did (added bonus - Mom loved the book, as well). This is all my opinion, obviously. And clearly, I don't get caught up in massive character development (although I feel as though he comes through in that regard), nor motives, etc. His plot lines have kept me reading, not scratching my head. I'm not reading to review his books, I'm reading for personal enjoyment. And I have definitely done that.

Kseniya says

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Jerry says

Another great one from award-winning author Davis Bunn.

Lisa says

As Christian fiction goes, this one is a winner. We read it for my church book club and I thoroughly enjoyed it, even staying up very late one night to finish it. A great mystery about white collar crime, and an engaging main character with realistic flaws and temptations. The Christian part of the book is nicely woven in and doesn't become the whole story or get in the way of the story. A nice quick mystery read, with a bit of romance thrown in.

Nora St Laurent says

Wayne Grusza is a Special Forces trained military man, who just so happens to be a CPA. Weird combination, but Wayne has the best of both worlds. He'd seen enough action in the war to last him a lifetime when his sister, woman pastor, Eilene Belote, wants him to help solve a case for Hattie Blount Community - a place she calls home. Wayne really has no place to go or any place to call home, so he checks out their financial books. It's the least he could do for the sister who had always been there for him.

In this investigation, Wayne uncovers a scam and reports to the board that the community is about to lose everything. This was a retirement home and no one could afford to lose a dime. After all, these people were on fixed incomes. Wayne hated this kind of thing, and had little patience for a man that would prey on the innocent and abuse people's trust. He would get their money back the best way he knew how. He wasn't going to lose this community to a con man; not on his watch. This was now personal.

As Wayne plots to save the community, he is asked to check out another similar case. He is brought in as a consultant to check out what has happened. He's seen this before. He thinks it's strange to have two similar scams take place so close together. This was a small town...there had to be a connection. Wayne soon discovers that Mr. Easton, the President of this big corporation, has been visited by an angel. He isn't sure he wants to get involved in this one. He wasn't much on religion. His father was a pastor and so was his sister – he'd heard more than enough about religion. Wayne lived life on his own terms - thank you very much. "I don't want to talk to angels or a man who has talked to angels."

Wayne meets an older woman named Victoria, who lives in Hattie Blount Community, tells him that she is praying for him. He knows his sister and father had been praying for him for years. A lot of good that has done him. But this woman seems to look into his soul and says "Worst kinds of addiction, the very worst, are those of the heart. Anger and bitterness don't wound the body like a drug. They gnaw down deep, where the lie can be hidden from almost everyone. The truth is this: the addiction hollows out your soul. No matter what you carry with you, no matter what dark night brought you to where you are, the Lord can make something good of this, if you let Him." Great! That's the last thing he wanted to hear. But deep down to the core of his being he knew she was right. What was he supposed to do with this information?

Wayne has battles raging on all fronts; on the outside with these scams, murders and bad guys trying to kill him and on the inside of his soul. He is facing things he thought he never would - thought they were gone but

their back and in living color. He wasn't a man that would run and hide. Now what to do? He needed a strength beyond what he had to survive.

This story takes place in Florida, where I lived for many years. It was fun to hear about all the places that I had been and all the things I remembered about Florida living. I love how Davis Bunn tells a story that gets to the heart of the matter. In the middle of the fighting, drama and action, Bunn deals with heart issues. Wayne is one lean-mean-fighting-machine. This story is filled with adventure, love and second chances, but not just for Wayne. If you love Davis Bunn, you will totally enjoy this story. If you are new to this author, this is the book to jump into and be totally engaged in his exciting story style.

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