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The President's daughter...

The women determined to save her...

The man with the power to betray a nation...

Melissa Riley arrives at her sister's isolated Virginia country home to find herself plunged into a deadly drama. There the renowned Dr. Jessica Riley is attempting to draw the daughter of the President of the United States out of a severe catatonic trauma. The last thing young Cassie Andreas saw was an organized team ruthlessly murder her nanny and the Secret Service agents sworn to protect her. But to free Cassie, Melissa and Jessica must trust a mysterious, charismatic man.

Michael Travis made his fortune in the international underworld. He risked everything to save Cassie during that terrible night of bloodshed. And he has entered into a secret bargain with the President. But is his show of concern all a treacherous charade? Melissa and Jessica have no choice but to accept Travis as their ally—and to follow a dangerous plan that will lead them into the world of a killer who'll destroy anyone standing between him and the...**Final Target.**

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Christine Kirchoff says

I read this awhile ago but forgot to post it here. Good book!

Cheri says

What can I say? I like to read IJ books. I realize this particular book was not a favorite of many but if I judged all books by bad reviews I'd probably never read. I read and judge for myself. Myself really liked this one. Yes, it goes off the grail and has some paranormal issues in it. Prior to reading this I had not read any of the previous books in this series. I can say it could be a stand alone also. Its not like IJ hasn't written a few others with the paranormal element in it. I liked all them as well. There was one part that I didn't see coming.

krin says

This book was a good thriller, but could have been better. I liked the character interaction, especially between Cassie and Melissa in the "tunnel" and between Travis and both Melissa and Jessica Riley. I didn't like that it took the author a long time to explain what Travis was involved in and why various people were after him.

Xan says

I basically very much enjoy Johansen's books, but the more of them I read, the more annoyed I find myself with her characters and writing style. I enjoyed the storyline, as I do with most of her stories, but as usual, I found the characters very immature and self-defeating. I feel more like I might be reading dialog for teenagers, not adults. It tends to make the characters a bit unlikeable, and the heroines in her stories rather weak and dependent upon the men to take care of them or save the day. It's unfortunate, because her plots are usually rather good. Perhaps she should consider a series of books for "young adults".

Margaret Yelton says

Decent book but didn't catch me like the first series of books I read from this author.

Amy "the book-bat" says

This was a good and interesting story. I thought the trauma-induced "psychic" abilities was a twist that sounded plausible and worked perfectly within the story. Who knows what all our brains and minds can do.

There was plenty of action and suspense to keep the pages turning. I was surprised at the number of characters that seemed to cross over between this series and the previous book I read from the Eve Duncan series. I'm not sure where this book falls in comparison to the other on the timeline within the world that Johansen has created. I will definitely look into reading some more by this author.

Rachael Uponen says

Isn't Iris Johansen embarrassed, writing the same story over and over again? Doesn't she have any pride as an author?

Really, those two questions should make it clear that I did not like this book. Really, prospective readers, stick to the Eve Duncan series. Read enough of the books to get an idea of Eve's character, then go ahead and read the final trilogy if you're interested in what happened to Bonnie. For the love of God, don't read any of her other series, stand-alone novels, or spin-offs. Once you've read one, you've read them all.

I thought this one would at least be interesting because there seemed to be two women and two love interests. Nope. Read more for spoilers.

(view spoiler)

Ron says

How boring can you get?

Aileen says

I am really liking this author's work!

Joan says

Wow! This book starts with the daughter, Cassie, of the President of the United States who witnesses brutal murders and retreats into a silent world and has horrible nightmares. Renowned Dr. Jessica Riley has pulled her sister, Melissa, out of the horrors of severe catatonic trauma. Now she is trying to do the same for Cassie but she will need her sisters help. This book is full of unexpected drama, international intrigue, deadly killers and the theft of a priceless statue. This book was so hard to put down. I highly recommend it.

Leia Kolet toledano says

I love it how at this stage of her writing, Iris kinda takes falling in love almost for granted. Almost as if you have no choice. The silly battle against love was never realistic to me (Well, except maybe in Eve Duncan's case) because the truth is NOBODY wants to be alone. Loved the characters, Loved the Wind Dancer (it is always cool to visit old friends). It was a cute book. Didn't rock my world, but a nice one to read.

thadine says

This book started off with potential. The president's seven year old daughter becomes catatonic. In comes Jessica, a doctor who specialises in treating this sort of PTSD. Then along comes her sister Melissa and it's all downhill from there. Melissa is an idiot. She spends all her time stressing out, and complains that Jessica won't believe or understand her. Well, that might be because she never explains herself to her, she just tries to manipulate Jessica into doing what she wants by getting all emotional and demanding. She becomes even more emotional and reactive as the book progresses (the excuse is that she experiences some traumatic events), but rather than sympathising with her, I wanted to take her outside and shoot her. She runs around needlessly complicating situations and making everything worse. The funniest moment was when she says, "I was the one making it difficult, which isn't like me." Really? As far as I can see, she is ALWAYS the one making it difficult. Anyway, Melissa is just the most annoying character in this book, but the others were pretty awful, too. There's a lot of unnecessary stuff happening just to make things more complex. I like a twist, but not when it doesn't make any sense, and there was a lot in this book that didn't really make any sense. Much of the action was there just for the sake of it, and characters either had to act like total idiots (like Melissa) or do things completely out of character for them to happen. Don't waste your time on this

one.

Aaron says

I was kind of let down by this one.

And, don't get me wrong, I realize that Iris Johansen novels are brain candy. They're not intended to be mind-blowing literature. But this one just didn't seem to be as well put together as other offerings from her.

Things I Liked: the character of Sean Galen. If Sean Galen has his own series, I will read them all. If he does not have his own series, then Iris Johansen needs to write one, because I promise that I will read them all. I also enjoyed the plotting: There are two deaths in this novel that were unexpected and broke my heart. There are also some really nice ideas presented about the state of the human mind when in one of the coma states the characters in this novel are either studying or experiencing.

Things I Did Not Like: This novel seemed choppy and rushed. The continual shifting from character point to view was unnecessary and not well put together. The plotting was good, but this novel's plot twists (a thing which Iris is usually a master of) seemed like cheating a few times. A good chunk of them narrowed down to "things the reader didn't know already" instead of "things the reader thought they would have already figured out."

In the end, this novel will stand out to me as the introduction of Sean Galen. Not much more.

Diane says

Amazing series! another action filled plotline that still had many surprises in store in the storyline left plus all the additional stuff that followed after ... well written. Admire this author's writing (paperback!)

Diane Hamilton says

As always, Iris Johansen wrote an intriguing mystery
