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Kill. . .Or Be Killed

Frank Quinn is a decorated ex-cop. A former homicide detective specializing in tracking serial killers. Now his niece, Carlie Hobbs, needs help. Someone is stalking her, and the NYPD can't stop him. A blonde, blue-eyed beauty, Carlie fits the victim type of the killer who's been terrorizing women--leaving them bound, gagged, and tortured with surgical precision. To win against the most personal adversary of his career, Quinn will have to set the perfect trap. All he needs is the perfect bait. . .

Twist Details

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Ricardo says

Pretty good book, entertaining and if you're a follower of the series, a good instalment for Quinn and his gang. However, I can't help but feel that the book would have been infinitely better if the author had explained why the villain hated the good guys so much. Without that key element, somehow all the rest, despite being good, did not have the punch it could have had

Plum-crazy says

This took me two weeks to read, & that's a long (very long!) time for me. About all I can say about this is that it was okay. There certainly wasn't anything wrong with the storyline & the characters were reasonably credible but I guess it just wasn't gripping enough for me...otherwise I wouldn't have kept putting it down would I?

Julie Szuster says

i would say it was the weakest of Lutz's books about Quinn. What is more, the ost naive one. There wasnt any 'twist' or whatsoever, everything was rather predictable.

Pam says

I have been a fa of Lutz since his "Night" series--but all his books are good and getting better as he goes. You can't say that for most authors!

Kelsey says

I have been a huge fan of the Frank Quinn series by John Lutz. I don't think I have read one that I didn't like, this being no exception. Lutz's way of creating the most disturbing serial killer makes me not want to be in this man's head...ever.

Quinn has a knack for finding creative ways to sniff out the most demented soul. Because of this the NYPD calls upon him and his agency Q&A frequently to assist them in open cases. This time the hunt is for the elusive Dred Gant. Twist takes us into the mind of this man hell bent on terrorizing woman (mommy issues at its finest) and Quinn's niece, Carlie, is a dead ringer for this killer's type. Now they must set the perfect trap for "The Liberty Lady Killer." After one failed attempt they know that the next trap has to be executed flawlessly or else.

As with all of Lutz's books, character development is continually happening and he even throws a few

monkey wrenches into the series leaving the reader wondering and waiting for the next book. For all thrill seekers and especially for those that love to dive into the mind of a serial killer, Twist is the book for you.

(Book provided by publisher for an honest review)

Leona says

Let me start out by saying that I really, really enjoy John Lutz's books. I had a real problem with this one, however, because I said to myself, "are women in NY this stupid?" There's a horrific serial killer going around killing women with names beginning with A-B-C-D-E, etc., yet, the killer easily gets the next in line with the right first name initial to go back to their apartment with him. I don't know any single thirty-somethings but do people hook up so easily - right out of a coffee shop, for example --these days? This wasn't all that unusual back in the 70s but with AIDS and all types of other STDs, is this really that common or did the author just get lazy in this one?

Ben says

"Twist", by John Lutz is a crime thriller. It is yet another entry into the crowded field of serial killer novels. However, Mr. Lutz is such an experienced author of thrillers of such best sellers as " Single White Female" (made into a good movie , btw) that he can craft a book that keeps even the jaded reader turning the pages.

The novel begins in Kansas, where a kidnapping, literally a unborn baby kidnapping, by an evil woman begins the horrible history of Dred Gant, who becomes a killer and mutilator of women who meet his special qualifications.

Most of the action occurs in NYC where Gant begins his odyssey of death. Kill he does, and he does it horribly and quite graphically. So--- Warning note here and now-- if you are bothered by graphic blood and gore, "Twist" is not the book for you.

Helping the NYPD in its pursuit of the " Lady Liberty Killer" so-called because of his calling card left behind on the bodies, is ex-cop PI Frank Quinn and his staff of investigators. Quinn's involvement with the case comes about because it seems that he has experienced in serial- killer crime sprees. (Me, I doubt that could happen in real life, but hey, it is not my novel and it works here. Quinn is evidently a continuing character of Mr. Lutz.)

Anyway, Mr. Lutz develops the plot very well ratcheting up tension to the thundering climax. He paints a really good portrait of the psychology/ motivation of the killer, and, while private detective Quinn certainly won't remind you of Sam Spade or Phillip Marlowe for charisma, he has a stolid doggedness needed in an investigator. Lutz does a good job with minor characters, e.g., witnesses, giving each a bit of personality and quirkiness. He could have left out the annoying chapters featuring the mother of one of the investigators who keeps phoning her daughter to encourage her to move to safer New Jersey where there was this a prosperous Doctor looking for a nice girl to marry. These interludes seemed out of sync and served only to slow the usual fast pace of the story.

Twist is a pretty good thriller, and an enjoyable read for fans, but bear in mind the warning that the murders are violently, graphic and gory. Give it three and a half stars.

Bella says

!st class as always Mr Lutz.

Danielle says

Once again, John Lutz wrote a broke that had me reading for hours. He's one of my favourite authors. I don't want to tell you anything about it, except that this is a killer who seems to be killing his mother over and over again. It kept me entertained to the last page. Read it!

?Susan? says

Twist was great and exciting all the way through. I liked how, Lutz, stayed focussed on the story without going into a lot of background, the characters just naturally developed while you got to know them. This is not a who done it, you are aware of who the killer is and are, at times, listening to his inner thoughts. The killings are gruesome and are explicitly described, so readers beware. As aberrant as the killer was I found myself somewhat sympathetic towards him while at the same time extremely disgusted.

I was happy that the characters personalities were not to over the top as some detective books tend to be. The narrative was done very well and I will be looking for another one in this series. Recommended but not for the squeamish.

Jeannie Walker says

Usually detectives have to play a cat and mouse game in order to catch a killer. The research done on serial killers suggest that they target one particular type of victim, and this serial killer is no different. Dred Gant has his eyes on Carlie Hobbs, a blue-eyed beauty, who is the niece of Frank Quinn, a decorated ex-police officer. "Twist" is a novel that has a lot of twists and turns with blood that has been shed, as a result of violence. That's what cops deal with: violence and brutality.

Can Frank Quinn help catch this killer by setting a trap? He knows how to sniff out demented individuals, but can he figure out what is the perfect trap for this sadistic killer?

John Lutz is an author who excels in brilliance by wrapping you around his finger and making you have to turn page after page to see what is going to happen next in his thrillers.

Jeannie Walker (Award-Winning Author)

Stephenee says

Another winner by John Lutz!! I love, love, love his books! Every one he writes has you at the edge of your seat wondering....and then I begin to wonder what type of person can come up with this stuff....but please don't stop! I loved Twist and am already looking forward to your new book for 2014!! This book was another Q&A book about Quinn and his associates, and it also leaves you wondering at the end about Sal, Jody and the rest....I highly recommend this book, but remember if you have a weak stomach Lutz may not be the author for you!!!

Graham says

A generous three stars. An ok read but a few niggles that irritated. We have a Carlie but very early on we have a chapter with a Connie. I was a good way in before I realised I had confused one for the other. A scene with the killer drinking at home, watching tv and a barman gets a mention. Quinn & co getting access to crime scenes. The killer taunted to come to Liberty Island which he duly does but isn't spotted by anyone. Taunted to visit his childhood home which he does without the trap having been set.

Not what I would expect from Mr Lutz.

Dave says

My first John Lutz book. It started off well and I thought 'cool'. But for some reason the further I got, the less interested I became. Not sure why, probably it went on for a touch longer than it should have. An ok read and I will be back for some more

Jane Rain says

To, že je v knize sériový vrah, ještě neznamená, že kniha musí vypadat, jako by autor kopíroval a jen m?nil jména :D. Do p?lky m? bavila, od p?lky už n?jak nebylo co odhalovat a konec byl velké zklamání.
