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Jason McDeere has lost his wife and family, but he's not losing his job without a fight. His struggle to right the wrongs done to the hundreds of workers outsourced by software giant, Softek, lands him in the middle of a battle he's ill prepared to fight. When Jason instigates a class action lawsuit against his ex-employer, it becomes apparent that Softek has much more to hide than their manipulation of a few employment laws. As things start to heat up, Jason discovers bugging devices in his house and a private investigator on his tail. Putting his super-nerd-hacker skills to work Jason uncovers the dirty secrets of the private investigator, Softek, and a powerful national politician. A ruthless political strategist fighting for his candidate's reelection has a lot to lose...and he is not about to let anything or anyone get in his way. If Jason and his conscience prove to be an obstacle, he knows a very effective way to getting rid of him--permanently. Now Jason's family is in jeopardy, and he must run fast to save his children's lives and his own. Praises for Tainted Justice "A fantastic story...I love it! Just to make sure, I reread Tainted Justice... the ending is so satisfying. New kind of book...a must-read for thriller lovers" -Whitney Miller "I am finding your book very interesting. I keep turning the pages (scrolling down, in this case) because I want to know what is going to happen next... you have a winner!" -Bonnie Heidema ..".good story about reality, the way the world is going." -Maddie Wingett "Great premise for a book...It reflects problems people are definitely talking and thinking about." - Laura Austin "The first chapter certainly did jolt me at the end! ...wonderful tension there, and had me hooked once I saw Brian put the revolver in his pocket. Very well done! ... promising a great story" - Annemarie Kline "Good story...engrossing...intriguing political manipulations...getting more involved with the story and liking it...lots of suspense" -Shelley Dibble "Very exciting. The author has captured the sense of depression and panic of the characters who face what they think of as economic extinction...The story is powerful." -David Decarlo ABOUT THE AUTHOR V. M. Gopaul loves fiction writing. It's his new passion. As a software and database specialist, Gopaul wrote seven books for IT professionals. He then turned his attention to writing two books on spirituality, which paved the way for a hidden passion to emerge. When crafting and completing Tainted Justice, a lifelong dream of Gopaul has now become reality. He also wanted to be different; only time will tell if he is successful. One thing is for sure: everyday life struggle and triumph that all of us face come alive in this first novel. He is bent on giving his readers a satisfying experience. As this books goes into print, Gopaul is planning to write three more thrillers. Stay tuned at <http://www.vmgopaul.com> Gopaul, married and father of two children, lives in Newmarket, Ontario, Canada.

## **Tainted Justice Details**

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## Nanci Pattenden says

The start was slightly slow for me, but the pace picked up quickly. The book has many twists and turns to keep the reader on their toes.

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## M.J. Moores says

Tainted Justice is the first work of fiction written by V. M. Gopaul, a 9 time non-fiction seasoned author. Tainted Justice is the story of one man fighting for his convictions against all odds. Gopaul's background in the tech industry, and thorough understanding of the American political system, heightens the believability of a classic story that could easily be ripped from the headlines. Gopaul's in depth look at the secret machinations of the corporate big-boys and the games they play with government officials brings a modern spin to the well-known Watergate Issue.

Gopaul excels at delivering realism within his fiction. This is clearly a case where the author is pulling directly from experience and giving readers an inside glimpse into bureaucracy at its most sinister moments. Remaining true to the craft, Gopaul keeps the action and suspense rising throughout the entire book.

My favourite character is Terrence, a former hacker turned corporate lap-dog, and only life-line to Jason at his new high-security job. The combination of whimsical rule-breaker and geek gives credence to Terrence's hacker origins and ingrained need to 'stuff it to the man' – even if he's now working for 'the man.' Gopaul has further developed this character's believability through his interactions with Jason. Even though these two men work together to figure out who is spying on Jason, their friendship is not strained and remains realistic within the confines of the plot and their background.

The book falters in two areas though: the sub-plot revolving around Jason's family, and the conclusiveness of one particular plot element. While Gopaul has Jason interact with his estranged wife and teenage children, he simply 'talks' about how Jason cares for them. I'm never completely convinced of this love – even when their lives are in danger. Here, Gopaul does not use enough emotional attachment and insight to allow the connection among these characters to flourish. We know Jason loves his family, we know he would do anything for them, but we don't always see this during his interactions with them or in the quiet moments of his thoughts.

My other concern revolves around the inciting incident – the murders at Softek. The characters are never told what happened. A reporter tries to find out and has her own suspicions, Jason hears that a good friend of his is the catalyst for the crime and may or may not have killed himself and several others. It is never identified, throughout the entire book, as to whether the public crime is a murder-suicide, a mass-murder, or some variation in between.

That being said, I have read several interviews and blog postings by V. M. Gopaul and I know that he intends to turn Tainted Justice into a trilogy. He has even hinted that the question around the media suspicions gets answered in the following books. My only concern as a reader and a fellow writer is that he has left this so open ended and ambiguous that I feel cheated. Even if I don't get to know the answer right now, I'd like to know that the question hasn't been forgotten about by the main characters.

I guess we can only wait for book 2 to find out what is truly going on.

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### **Vimal Kodai says**

V. M. Gopaul's *Tainted Justice* is a novel which has truly fascinated me, whereby I have enjoyed slaving through it: "*I was entertained and my curiosity was quenched with a sigh of soothing comfort – as I put the book on my office desk, I felt that I had really read something out of ordinary.*" The novel is of high calibre. There is an original story in play. A reader, who goes through the author's first fiction novel, would definitely depict realistic challenges faced by those working for private companies. Mr. Gopaul acknowledges the many facets caricatured by today's job market through the eyes of his protagonist, Jason McDeere. How politics may have ties to privately run firms, and how their invaluable support to the private sector, erodes the rights of those belonging to the working-class. There is an amalgam of events which are taken upon in the story, as we come to terms with issues related to *lay-offs at the workplace, friendship, love, romance, family-ties, hard-work, a struggle for a rightful cause; and finally, a remarkable attempt to settle for a better lifestyle within the society.* In his quest for setting things straight and rightfully, the protagonist goes the distance to prove that his being a truthful, honest and a dedicated Senior Software Engineer (*a software analyst*) at a certain computer firm (*Softek*) was worth fighting for. The pathway chosen by Jason McDeere, takes him on a road that leads to *dignity and self-respect*. He challenges his superiors, and he is determined that he will be victorious at the end.

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### **Gary McGugan says**

V.M. Gopaul tells a fascinating story of suspense, set in the Western USA, with the main characters a displaced technologist, a journalist, and a powerful politician. Starting with an all-too-common layoff due to technology outsourcing at a large multinational corporation, Gopaul build and maintains interest as his technologist unwittingly becomes entrapped in surveillance, American defense, money-laundering, and politics.

Gopaul's background in technology serves him well as he weaves his tale through hacking incidents, missile defense systems and company security systems. A great read!

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### **Varsha Ghurbhurrundun says**

I thoroughly enjoyed reading *Tainted Justice*. I found it to be a very captivating story.

A fascinating page-turner with great insights in the Political, Social, Corporate and Legal ventures of the Characters' journey throughout...

A story so vivid..it kept me on my toes until the end.

I await for 'Justice Denied' and wishes you all the best in your writings.

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**Susan Charney says**

I loved this book—very suspenseful. The reference to the name of the work place in this book was very familiar to me. It bore a name very similar to a company my husband worked for. This intrigued me. I am going to read more of Gopaul's works.

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**Nilesh Mohabeer says**

Hooked from the first few till the last chapter and quickly forgot that it was VM Gopaul's first thriller. I really liked the way the story was woven with a humane approach than most thrillers. Would definitely look forward to future books by VM. That would be money well spent for a Kindle or EPub version.

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