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"Seventeen years ago, Damian Walker abducted five women because the voices in his head told him to. Now he has been declared sane and is about to be released back onto Manchester's streets with a new identity.

But within hours, there is another attack similar to his previous ones. Walker has proof it's not him – but is he reliable, and, if so, who is trying to frame him?

DI Jessica Daniel and her chief are given a parallel task to the main investigation: Keep an eye on Walker – but that's not all Jessica has to do.

Rock star Blaine Banner is playing a series of homecoming gigs but is convinced someone's trying to kill him, while a bride-to-be is picketing the police station, demanding someone finds her missing fiancé.

All the while, faces from Jessica's past are watching and waiting. Someone wants a word . . ."

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Marj Ward says

Excellent continuation of this series. I don't know how Jessica copes! I don't know how the Author keeps writing such fabulous books. I want the next book NOW please! Sad but predictable event with Adam. Where is Bex? Thanks to NetGalley, Bookoutre and the Author for allowing me to read and review this book.

Hans says

Jessica Daniel is back! And it was worth the long wait! This is a very good addition to one of my favourite series. Well done!

Petula Darling says

[unless you count being in a coma for a year and then being unplugged after what must have been a between-the-books discussion about a decrease of brain wave activity (hide spoiler)]

Vicki - I Love Reading says

review to follow

Diane Hogg says

Kerry Wilkinson has gone and done it again, releasing the 12th book in the Jessica Daniels series, An Eye For An Eye, is there any more that Kerry can publish, a relentless series which just gets better and better the more Kerry writes. If you haven't read any of the books regarding Jessica Daniels, I would regard it as a must to obtain the full effect of the continuation of the series.

An Eye For An Eye opens with the release of a known serial murderer who killed women seventeen years previously, Walker spent his years incarcerated in a hospital where medication controlled his psychosis. Within a short after his release a murder is committed bearing all the hallmarks of his past crimes, is he stable and no longer a threat or has he committed another heinous crime. Jessica becomes embroiled in the case surrounding Walker supporting witness protection, but also investigating the possibilities that Walker may have pulled the wool over the experts eyes and is not reformed.

While Jessica tackles one investigation, she is compelled to examine another, a rocker Blaine Banner believes he is being targeted and someone is trying to kill him, if this wasn't enough Jessica's case load just intensifies, cumulating in three investigations including a missing fiance.

Jessica's personal life is still in a perpetual state of turmoil, but her gutsy and strength of character, is what pertains to get her through a day. Jessica in this series has decisions to make which will affect everyone surrounding her. Kerry has built strong characters into the plotline some I didn't care for but hey ho we can't all be perfect. If I'm truthful Blaine Banner was a character that don't sit well with me, maybe because of his childish antics in procuring the services of the police to pander to his insane revelations pertaining to the attempt on his life.

Kerry managed to build a plot which held my attention and had me gravitating to the main investigation but also as light relief the side plots facilitated a smooth transition of different investigative styles that Jessica portrayed according to the scenario.

An Eye For An Eye is a thoroughly captivating book which I couldn't leave alone, the intense and suspenseful narration had me literally begging for more, roll on the next in the series,

Thank you to Kerry Wilkinson for the advanced readers copy of An Eye For An Eye to read and review in exchange for my honest opinion.

Denise says

Oh, Kerry Wilkinson, how cruel you are to end your books with a cliffhanger and then force us to wait endlessly (it seems) for the next in the excellent Jessica Daniel series!

DI Jessica Daniel is as busy as ever! Based at the Longsight Police Station in the Manchester area, she has a caseload that keeps her working day and night. In this outing, Jessica teams up with DCI Lewis Topper as they monitor and work a bit behind the scenes while the rest of the team gets the groundwork on.

After the serial killer known as "Jaws" is released from a secure hospital after 17 years and is relocated in protective custody, the former Damian Walker who attacked 5 young women (only 4 died), is meant to be known as Eric Seasmith. Fitted with an ankle bracelet and monitored by 2 witness protection officers, Millie Evans and Clayton Gordon, Eric is set up in a house for his own safety as the public outcry escalates when it becomes known that he's been released. Supposedly well away and in the company of the two WPOs, the city goes nuts when 2 women are found killed in the same way as done by "Jaws". NO SPOILERS.

The second case Jessica becomes involved with has to do with a visiting rocker, Blaine Banner, who claims he is receiving death threats. In addition, a young woman named Ellie Scanlon, is picketing the station and clamoring for the police to find her missing fiancé. Whew! Jessica has a lot on her plate and it's just as well because she has to face some serious decisions in her personal life especially since she's back to living alone since Bex has gone.

As always, the author juggles all of the parallel plots and keeps the action moving forward. The great interplay between the team members, the snarky dialogue, and the personality of the characters is always entertaining. Jessica has calmed down with age and maturity no longer such a liability with her reactions and impulses. I love seeing how the team is changing and evolving. The police/crime elements are there as well, and I'll continue to eager await the next installment in this gripping series.

Thank you to NetGalley and Bookouture for the e-book ARC to read and review. Hey, when can I expect to see #13???????

Julie Lacey says

I love the Jessica Daniels series and this book is another great read.

Jess is faced with a gruesome murder just after another murderer, Walker, has been released. She thinks she's going to investigate it but the powers that be put her and Topper on a parallel investigation keeping an eye on Walker, who now has a new identity.

As well as this she is the point of contact for a rock group staying in a nearby hotel and she gets called out for threats against the lead singer, but all is not what it seems.

Bex is still missing and Jess is really struggling to cope as she doesn't know why she's gone or who may have took her.

This is a gripping read and I can't wait for the next book.

Monnie says

After reading several of the author's books featuring Jessica Daniel without really relating to the Greater Manchester, England, detective investigator, I think I've finally warmed up to her. To be clear, all the books I've read have been very good - it's just that Jessica herself wasn't a character I would be eager to sit down with at a bar and share drinks. This installment, though, won me over; so Jessica, if you ever cross the Pond and land in northeastern Ohio, I'm buying.

How that mental switcheroo came about is a sort of yin-yang thing, actually. There are so many different "plots" going on in this one that it's almost hard to keep the players straight (and the bits with the rock star who thinks a ghost is out to get him and bridezilla-to-be whose fiance has gone missing are, quite honestly, borderline silly). On the other side of the equation, all those story lines provide greater insights into Jessica's background and personality, thus allowing me to get to know, and like, her better - so all's well that ends well. And speaking of endings, as is the author's norm in this series, there's a cliffhanger - but it's not nearly as in-your-face as in previous books.

Jessica is still struggling with the loss of Adam, the love of her life and the victim of a car bombing meant for Jessica. He's been in a hospital in a coma from which he's not expected to recover for quite some time, pitting her hope against reality. She's also desperate to find her teenage friend Bex, a runaway who's been living with Jessica but suddenly went missing. The primary story, though, is the release from mental hospital custody of Damian Walker, who abducted and gruesomely murdered several women 17 years earlier. Deemed "safe" for society, he's been stashed in a sort of witness protection program under a new name. Not long afterward, another woman is murdered in a similar fashion, raising suspicions that Walker is neither safe nor sane. Problem is, he wears a leg monitor 24/7 and clearly never left his house. Among those most upset is Anne, one of Walker's years-ago targets who managed to survive with serious physical and mental injuries.

After yet another woman turns up dead, Jessica and her team are charged with finding out whether Walker is somehow escaping or someone else is trying to frame him. In between, she has to deal with that very annoying bride-to-be - who's managed to make a media spectacle of herself and the cops who aren't helping her - and that rock star who seems to have taken a shine to Jessica. Oh yes, and worry that Bex flew the coop because of something Jessica said or did.

All in all, another satisfying series entry. I thank the publisher, via NetGalley, for the opportunity to read and review it.

Luvtoread says

Impressive! Terrific new author for myself to follow. I have been looking at books by Kerry Washington for quite some time and finally have had the great pleasure to read this story. The book did not disappoint. The story revolves around a UK police department and follows the main character Jessica Daniel, who happens to be a hardworking detective and also she is working through a few personal traumas while investigating a serial killer's movements after a new murder shows similar signs of his m.o., although this man has been imprisoned 17 years for his crimes. The public is outraged at his release so the ex -convict is given a new identity and some police protective custody for a small amount of time, since there are too many people who would enjoy seeing this man's demise. There are many twists and turns within this story that kept me quickly turning page after page not wanting to stop reading. Every chapter had suspenseful situations and delightful interactions among the many likable and entertaining characters. This book is part 5 of a series and I felt this story stood strong as a stand-alone since it gave enough background history to enable me to understand everything that was taking place and not having a series of questions about the past books. I truly enjoyed this book and feel Kerry Wilkinson is a wonderful writer and I will certainly read more books by this author. I want to thank Netgally and the publisher Bookouture for allowing me to read this book for my honest and unbiased review. I highly recommend this book and given a rating of 5 Impressive ???? stars!! .

Michelle says

Eye for an Eye is the twelfth book in the Jessica Daniel series by Kerry Wilkinson, and after binge reading the series over December I couldn't wait to dive into this book, especially with the cliffhangers and unfinished events from the previous books.

After the long break between reading the first book, to catching up on the series, I had forgotten how much I love this world, and how 'real' it feels...it's up the motorway from me so it's pretty easy for me to imagine the accents, the tone of voice used, as well as any slang words used.

Eye for an Eye was everything I expected from the author, as well as the series itself, below are some key things that really stood out and made this a five star read.

- ◆ I loved seeing some old faces back with Jessica and working as part of a secret team, I really did miss the banter and in jokes.
- ◆ The addition of a new face to the team, Ruth Evesham, not only added another person to the mix, but also has you hoping she will be a new ally for Jessica.
- ◆ Jessica shows her tough side and how she's not a person to mess with, but also another side to her, one that has emotions and has to make tough decisions for the future.
- ◆ It had me in tears....a lot, especially over a tough decision.
- ◆ I missed Bex and her spark, how she gets along with Jessica so well and how mothering Jessica is towards her.
- ◆ I love the setting and how it all feels like a possibility

♦ I enjoy trying to solve the mystery before the end....which I never seem to succeed in doing :)

The Jessica Daniel series is one that never gets old, each new book bringing a whole new story as well as an underlying sub plot that continues through several books. I really don't want this series to end, but I also know an end is coming soon.

Memorable Quotes

'What did you do with the note?'
Banner shrugged. 'Ate it, dint I?'

Liz says

Kerry Wilkinson has done it again. The Jessica Daniels series are police procedural at their best. Well defined characters, an engaging plot and a dry sense of humor. The amazing thing is that at book 12, the series shows no sign on going slack.

Jessica's miserable week starts off with a rock star possibly being targeted, a serial rapist being released from a secure hospital under a new identity, and a bride-to-be picketing the police station over a missing fiancé.

Jessica's a complex soul. "Jessica was never sure who the real her was: the outgoing, confident person at work, or the introspective silent shadow that ghosted around the void she called home." DCI Topper is a great addition. He thinks like Jessica and has no stomach for the office politics that encompass police work.

Jessica is mellowing and there's not as much snarky humor as in past books. But I love how the team continues to grow and gel. In the end, all the different stories get tied up with neat bows.

My thanks to netgalley and Bookouture for an advance copy of this book.

Paul says

Eye for an Eye – Manchester's Finest Inspector

Those who do not know Detective Inspector Jessica Daniels, where have you been? This is one female detective, who having to fight her way up in the police, with enemies on the inside and out, certainly likes doing things her own way.

Daniels is based at Longsight Police Station, a couple of miles outside of the city centre, and is base to many of Greater Manchester Police's finest. When after a briefing Acting Chief Constable asks for her and her line

manager, DCI Topper to remain behind she is suspicious. Knowing nothing good ever comes from these sort of briefing, she knows she was correct when told their assignment.

Her and Topper have been given the job of backing up a witness protection team who have Damian Walker, a convicted killer to manage. A new name, a new house, a new area of Manchester, everything should be fine.

When bodies start appearing, that are similar to the crimes committed by Walker, Daniels and Topper have to run a parallel investigation. Little do they know what that will cost, especially as they can only ever be reactive, especially when Walker's new identity and house is announced on social media.

Walker is on the run and has taken a hostage of one of the protection officers, and nobody has a clue where he might go. At the same time there are reports that the officer's pregnant wife has been taken also. Daniels knows she is up against the clock for a successful outcome to come out of this disaster.

At the same time Daniels must deal with rock star Blaine Banner, who is playing a series of homecoming gigs at the Manchester Arena. At the same time, he is convinced that someone is trying to kill him, not that it helps that he spends most of his time out of his mind on drink and drugs.

While outside Longsight Police Station a bride-to-be is picketing them demanding that they find her fiancé and that the police are not doing enough. When the gossip sheets get involved, Daniels must ignore them and carry on.

Whether she can solve all the various investigations going on, as well as search for her room mate and keep her sanity is the big question. How will she be able to solve these alleged crimes and get on with the rest of her life, you will have to read to find out.

Once again Kerry Wilkinson has delivered a brilliant Daniels thriller that will keep you guessing all the way to the end.

Joyce says

5 stars

The police and his last victim – who miraculously survived an attack seventeen years earlier – learn that Damian Walker has been released from custody. He had murdered four women and was attempting to murder the fifth when she escaped and Walker was caught.

DI Jessica Daniel and her boss DCI Lewis Topper respond to the call of an eighteen-year old girl named Casey Graves who was murdered in an historic hall in a park. It is down pouring rain. The murder is remarkably similar to the ones that Damian Walker committed.

Topper and Jessica make a visit to Walker, who is in witness protection with a new name that he does not like and is uncooperative but his minders say that he did not leave the house, and he has an ankle monitor that backs this up. They next visit the hospital where Walker was incarcerated. The doctor assures them that Walker is cured and is no longer a danger to society. Only a very few know Walker's new identity and where

he now lives.

The police and the media are in a dither. Speculation is already rife in the media and the police have to begin an investigation of the young woman from scratch. The lead on the Graves case is given to another team led by Superintendent Deacon, but Topper and Jessica decide to run a little investigation of their own with very few trusted officers beneath them – DS's Izzy and Archie, DC's Dave Rowlands and Ruth Evensham.

Jess is also looking into the disappearance of Liam McGregor. His fiancé Ellie Scanlon has been all over the radio and television claiming that the police are doing nothing. She is picketing the police station on a daily basis. Jess also has had to deal with her feelings about her own fiancé Mark being in hospital in a coma. And let's don't forget her having to be at a rock star's beck and call, the paranoid and junkie Blaine Banner. He sees ghosts and claim that someone is trying to kill him, but there doesn't seem to be any evidence – he either eats it or forgets it.

Another woman is murdered and this puts Deacon's team in deeper and they have nothing. They have been told to stay away from Walker, that he was not involved. But was he? Did he manage to get out of the ankle monitor?

In a thoroughly surprising move, we learn the name of the murderer and the conspiracy surrounding the murders.

This is a very well written and plotted novel. I really like Jess and Topper, and the way they get along and also with their team. They are of a like mind and they get the job done. This novel has a painstaking police investigation with some action as well. I like police procedurals, especially the ones in which the investigating team get along well. The book is well thought-out and follows a linear path. That is to say one event logically follows another. Ms. Wilkinson has written a very good book and I await her next one. I have truly enjoyed all of the DI Jessica Daniel books, but this one surely tops them all!

I want to thank NetGalley and Bookouture for forwarding to me a copy of this absolutely great book for me to read, enjoy and review.

~ Cariad ~ says

BLOODY BRILLIANT!!!

Love Jessica Daniel, love her team, love the stories, love the writing, love the narrator...don't change anything KW, but, can we get the thirteenth book on Audible sooner PLEASE!!

Holy shit... FINALLY book 12's on Audible!!!

Diving straight into this badboy asap!

Els says

I have already read several books by this author and every time he surprises me with a different kind of story telling. It seems like he is like several writers living in one body. I never know what to expect, but he delivers time after time.

I totally love Jessica. She is my kind of girl the way she gives the impression of giving in but always coming out on top and she often made me smile.

I like the way the author mixes some jokes with the suspense. I had figured out a part of the secrets, but it did not disturb me. There was so much going on in this story that the author could keep me entertained.

I normally hate cliffhangers but when it is certain that a sequel will be written to explain everything then I don't mind. I hope from the bottom of my heart that we will know what happens next soon. 4 stars.

Thank you, Kerry Wilkinson, Bookouture and Netgalley.

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