



# Carrie's Run

*Andrew Kaplan*

Download now

Read Online ➔

# Carrie's Run

*Andrew Kaplan*

**Carrie's Run** Andrew Kaplan

An edge-of-your-seat original prequel based on Showtime's hit series Homeland

Beirut, 2006. CIA operations officer Carrie Mathison barely escapes an ambush while attempting a clandestine meeting with a new contact, code-name Nightingale. Suspicious that security has been compromised, she challenges the station chief in a heated confrontation that gets her booted back to Langley.

Expert in recognizing and anticipating behavioral patterns—a skill enhanced by her bipolar disorder she keeps secret to protect her career—Carrie is increasingly certain that a terrorist plot has been set in motion. She risks a shocking act of insubordination that helps her uncover secret evidence connecting Nightingale with Abu Nazir, the leader of Al Qaeda in Iraq. Determined to stop the terrorist mastermind, she embarks on an obsessive quest that will nearly destroy her.

Filled with the suspense and plot twists that have made Homeland a must-watch series, this riveting tale reveals the compelling untold backstories of the series' main characters and takes fans deeper into the life and mind of one brilliant female spy.

## Carrie's Run Details

Date : Published September 3rd 2013 by William Morrow (first published 2013)

ISBN :

Author : Andrew Kaplan

Format : Kindle Edition 368 pages

Genre : Thriller, Fiction, Mystery

 [Download Carrie's Run ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Carrie's Run ...pdf](#)

**Download and Read Free Online Carrie's Run Andrew Kaplan**

---

# From Reader Review Carrie's Run for online ebook

## Patricia Nascimento says

The book promised (for me) a reflection around what is Carrie's mind and why she is such a complex person to follow being absolutely outstanding at the same time. Although, the book is more like a sequence of action scenes not very well described and sort of disjointed. Maybe it's just my opinion, maybe the author just wanted to direct a Homeland season instead of writing a story indeed (hahaha).

---

## Michał says

[takitutaki.wordpress.com]

Kiedyś natrafiłem na serial Homeland. Lubie teorie spiskowe i thrillery Ludluma, który umiał namieszać tak, że aż buty spadały, a człowiek nie wiedział gdzie się urodził i kto z kim, dlaczego i za ile. Homeland mnie zaciekało. Niestety był to jakiś odcinek ze 3. sezonu i stwierdziłem, że kiedyś obejrzę całą serię. I tak się oglądam od jakiegoś czasu, a tu już ponoć trzeci sezon za pasem. Książka Andrew Kaplana poprzedzająca serialem okazuje się świetnym wprowadzeniem do serialu. Szczególnie dla takich osób jak ja, które nie oglądały wersji ekranowej.

Andrew Kaplan jest autorem serii thrillerów szpiegowskich ze Skorpionem. W naszym kraju póki co ukazały się dwie części tej serii, niestety są to odcinki 2,3 więc trzeba się zastanowić czy czekać na początek serii w naszym języku. Ja nie będę czekał. Homeland narobił mi chęci na sięgnięcie po kolejne książki Kaplana. Wniosek jeden. Prequel serialu to kawał dobrej książki.

Carrie (agentka CIA) poznajemy podczas akcji na Bliskim Wschodzie, gdy zostaje postawiona w trudnej sytuacji podczas spotkania z kontaktem wywiadu zamiast pójść gdzieś musi uciekać i zastanawiać kto ją wystawi. Tego problemu nie miał jej szef, który obwinia ją za całą akcję i dekonspirację rezydentury w Bejrucie. Carrie jak to ambitna dziewczyna nie chce tego tak zostawić i za wszelką cenę stara się wyjaśnić kto zdradził, no i o co w tym wszystkim chodzi. I się w tym temacie dużo dzieje. Oj dużo.

Są też dobrzy książkowi bohaterowie. Przeważnie ci tacy najbardziej charakterystyczni nie są normalni. Carrie jak najbardziej do nich należy. Cierpi na choroby zaburzeń dwubiegunowych przez co ma czasem niezłe odloty i zachwiania ocen sytuacji. Autor przedstawia nam losy jej rodziny i jak popieprzoną miała sytuację rodzinną. Ogólnie mimo całej sympatii dla Carrie nie mam jej czego zazdrościć, ale należy podziwiać za intuicję i zdolności dedukcyjne. Jej zdolność definiowania celu i zachowania przytomności umysłu w sytuacjach tego wymagających jest wzorowa.

Poza tym mamy tu naprawdę dużo zwrotów akcji i wszystko się bardzo szybko dzieje, że książka nad wyraz szybko się kończy. Powieść też czyta się naprawdę dobrze. Wszystkie określenia jakie związane z kontrwywiadami i tego typu sytuacjami konfliktowymi na Bliskim Wschodzie autor wyjaśnia w osobnym rozdziale na końcu książki. Możemy się dowiedzieć więcej o Al-Kaidzie, Hezbollahu czy szyitach i sunnitach. Myślę, że to ważne dla tych którzy nie zagłębiają się w te konfliktowe sprawy.

Wszystkim którzy nie mieli jeszcze styczności z thrillerami szpiegowskimi z ręką na sercu mogę polecić Homelanda, a tym którzy lubią te tematyki to tym bardziej, a oglądającym serial i lubiącym Carrie to

polecam skoczyć do księgarni/biblioteki i przeczytać?.

---

### **Katherine says**

Reading this book was an entirely different experience from watching the series on Showtime. Because I have seen the series I found this book much easier to visualize. One advantage to reading the book was to have a better glimpse into Carrie's internal dialogue. Having a tough female protagonist who is bipolar and taking meds on the down low creates a character already out of the mainstream. This prequel kept me engaged and I look forward to continue reading the series as it becomes available.

In this case I will say that the series and the book are on an equal footing. I usually prefer a book to the movie or series because it is hard to include so many details well. Andrew Kaplan has created a wonderful character in Carrie and reading this installment has left me wanting to read more.

---

### **Ellen says**

In a word? Awesome. If you love the hit show HOMELAND from Showtime, you'll love this book. It is so true to character, you'll think you're watching the prequel episode. Absolutely wonderful, thrilling, edge-of-your seat exciting. A great read to keep you going in between seasons.

---

### **Mark says**

There is Homeland the tv series that for the most of the first three series were situated in the good old US of A and a fourth series that brought Carrie Mathison to Afghanistan & Pakistan the birth-ground of the Taliban and some other organisations that proclaim to fight for the true faith. But even in the tv series were moments you wondered how Mathison got where she was today. The answer was written by Andrew Kaplan who got the prequels written.

Usually any book based upon a series tend to be less than the show they are trying to sell and tend to have far fetched and rosy plots to make the heroine or hero's look better. Andrew Kaplan has done something else he created a book that does credit to the tv show. If you read this book you probably want to see the tv show so in that sense this book is a slam-dunk.

Kaplan takes us to Beirut and an occupied Iraq and manages to give you a feel for the places Carrie visits and the madness of wartorn Iraq and the various parties that want to take power there. Kaplan writes a very good thriller with smart plot and Homeland worthy twists that makes Carrie work for who she is and what she does best. This book indeed gives us a view of life before the TV show and does so in an excellent way and manages to put a light upon the various factions and problems in that part of the world. I really enjoyed this book and can only tell people who fancy a modern day spy thriller read this and okay watch the show because both are excellent. I do hope Kaplan does manage to write a few more than the two he has published so far.

Well worth your time this very welcome addition to a well made and story scripted series about a smart female spy and how she does her work with her issues and strengths.

---

### **Emily May says**

As I said in the comment below: "It just completely lacked everything I love from the series. I felt it was far less character-driven than the TV show and the CIA operation (which is the entire plot) felt cold and uninteresting."

---

### **Susan Hillman says**

I love Homeland so I had no problem with knowing most of the story. Andrew Kaplan kept the story gripping and suspenseful! It left me wanting more. Great quick read.

---

### **Zoeytron says**

CIA operatives must be a breed set apart from the norm. Making life and death decisions on a daily basis is not for the faint of heart. They are spooks, they lie for a living. They put together vast amounts of information and decide what intel is actionable and what bears to be researched more deeply. Traps, double agents, triple agents, the intrigue is thick enough to cut with a knife.

The author's descriptions of the armor-plated Humvees' harrowing drives through areas known to be swarming with snipers and IED setups were truly terrifying. The guys who run these convoys (some military, some freelance) freely admit to being adrenaline junkies. They live not just day by day, but second by second. In the Middle East, the rules are not the same. One character worded it in a way that was chilling, mostly due to the matter-of-fact way in which he noted that the police were not in place to solve crime, but to destroy political enemies.

I have not watched the television program for which this novel is a prequel, so no idea if the characterizations are true to the series or not. What I do know is that it made for a riveting read. One of the parts that I cannot get out of my mind is the image of a deserted street in Ramadi - shattered buildings, rusting hulks of destroyed vehicles, and the only thing moving was a lone skeletal cat, delicately picking its way across a pile of garbage.

In the back of the book, there is a glossary and a cast of characters provided. My husband won this in a first-reads giveaway, but I clobbered it first. Thanks for the thrills.

---

## **Adriana says**

Nail-biting suspense and edge-of-your-seat action are the least of what makes this action packed thriller an excellent prequel to the HOMELAND TV show.

Carrie is at her bipolar best and this story really gives the TV show some backbone, giving the reader some background as to the many reasons why she's so obsessed with finding Abu Nazir. It also gives the reader some really good insight into her character and why she is the way she is.

All the characters are well thought out and their actions always contribute to the story's development. The twists and turns kept me guessing the whole way and the moments when Carrie is in the thick of the action made me feel like I was right there with her.

Props for the author for showing great respect for the military and everything that the troops have to live with while fighting in a hostile environment; there's no strong political statement, just the facts about the important work the troops do.

The only reason why I'm not giving it a five star rating is because I'm not sure a follower of the TV show would get as much enjoyment out of it as one who is already familiar with the character and her work at the CIA.

---

## **Lara says**

Haha, I felt like a little bit of a dork reading this one, but you know what? It's pretty fun! The beginning annoyed me at first because like three times in the space of about three pages we're told what's happening in the Harry Potter movie where Carrie is waiting to meet a contact. I just really didn't care what Hermione was doing, especially a little bit later when Carrie is running for her life, you know? But after that things improved. I think that Kaplan did a great job of describing the action and making the characters, for the most part, feel true to the way they're portrayed in the show. I did kind of feel like I could actually see it all.

There's some dialogue that felt a little off, and...yeah, there really isn't a whole lot of character development, but you get that from the show itself, right? It didn't bother me. I actually found myself pretty sucked in and ended up really enjoying the story. I'd read more!

Received this book through First Reads.

---

## **Sandy says**

Thank you First-Reads Giveaway!

I haven't watched the TV series Homeland, but I really enjoyed this book. I had a hard time with the Arabic words, but not complaining. I learned a lot about all the different groups in the Middle East. It was eye opening to think that's the way it is over there and people are just trying to survive to live another day. Not to mention trying to protect their families. I also have a new appreciation for all those who are serving to keep the United States safe. I felt the author portrayed the divisions between the field, Langley and intelligence divisions well. The book had a couple sex scenes and some mature language / content.

---

## **Alexandra Zaytseva says**

I have finally finished this book! Honestly, I can hardly believe that I did. It was given to me on Christmas two or three years ago and I kept putting it away, meaning to read it every month but then I wouldn't. I think one of the reasons that kept me away from this book is the fact that there is a series based on it and I never actually seen the series or had the will to watch it, it just wasn't that compelling to me.

Finally, I picked it up in the beginning of May... and fell in the huge reading slump...

However! I actually liked it quite a lot, so I have no idea where this slump came from. The only sad thing, that also doesn't work in favor of this novel, is that it didn't help me to get out from my reading slump! Hence I only gave it three stars.

Crime and thrillers are by far my most favourite genres, and this book lived up to all expectations you may have from these genres and more.

Carrie was an unusual character, not someone you would imagine leading a highly important operation, especially while suffering from mental illness severe enough that she had to hide from everyone otherwise it would mean the end of her career, struggling through the entire story. There were no other characters that stood out for me, but honestly I didn't need anyone else, Carrie's character was complex and unique enough.

(view spoiler)

The one question I always ask myself after finishing a book is "Do I want to continue on with the series? Is it a book I would like to reread?". In this case, I would say «No» to both of these questions, however now I feel like it is time for me to finally watch the series that has been pretty popular for few years now and see if the Carrie that I loved so much is just as complex and amazing on the screen.

---

## **Tilara says**

To begin with, I am a nut about the Showtime series "Homeland," so when I saw this on the shelf in Target I just couldn't resist. In two days I finished this 350 page book, and I have to say that I enjoyed every minute of this read!

This is not a book of high literary fiction, it is a book based upon the prequel years before the series. I have to say if you are a fan of the series you will certainly enjoy this book, and it certainly gives you insight into the life of Carrie "pre CIA."

Loved it...but I am bias! Hope there is more to come!!!!!!

---

## **Victor Flores says**

A fun read but not extraordinary. Recommended to read it while on the bus... or any other occasion with nothing else important to do. That's it.

---

## **Vickie says**

Even better than the Homeland TV Series

I've been anticipating the release of this book and it definitely does not disappoint. There are many parallels with the TV Series including characters, milieu and Carrie's mental state. The story explodes off the first page with Carrie escaping an assassination attempt in Beirut. Despite battling her psychological demons with her emotions on a never ending roller coaster, she is still portrayed as this clear headed analyst amongst all the chaos. Her search for the double agents who facilitated the assassinate attempt leads her hot on the trail of Abu Nazier in Lebanon and Iraq. Whilst there, she discovered a terrorist plot against New York City and shows characteristic Carrie determination in trying to prevent it. Estes and Saul also feature prominently in the book and Virgil remains her go to surveillance guy. We are introduced to a new player, Abu Ubaida, who is Abu Nazier's right hand man planning multiple terrorist attacks. In her search for Abu Nazier and Abu Ubaida, Carrie leaves a wake of collateral damage and tries to deal with it as best she can. This is an action filled, gruesome, thrilling read and perfectly compliments the TV Series. If you enjoyed the show, don't miss this book.

---