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An Internet stalker turned serial killer...

Jake Lassiter follows clues from Miami to London...

And gets framed for murder himself.

"Paul Levine is one of Florida's great writers, and Jake Lassiter is his greatest creation." -- Dave Barry

Night Vision Details

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Dr T says

This is a very weak entry in the Jake Lassiter series. The author spends much too much effort on introspection and pseudo-psychobabble at the expense of trying to solve the set mystery. The last third of the book finally gets around to addressing the crimes and, after a number of semi-interesting plot twists, finally resolves everything. There's a lot of humor injected, but much of it seems to be there to delay getting to the point of the mystery. The author has done much better.

Steve Black says

A bit disappointing. After reading the first Jake Lassiter book I thought the character had potential. Now I'm not so sure. This just seems to be a mash-mash. The pace is very uneven, dragging in places and fast moving in others. It goes off on tangents that don't move the plot forward, and seems almost like the author is just trying to get his word count up. There are outbursts of environmental polemic as if the author is trying to be Carl Hiaasen, but they have no relationship to the plot.

Most annoying is Lassiter himself. He manages to get just about everything wrong, including the old cliché of someone starting to warn him he's making a mistake but Lassiter going ahead without letting them finish-happens at least twice.

It's frustrating because there are some good bits and a potentially interesting character, but they start to get lost in the uneven writing. I really want to like Lassiter, but I don't yet.

Muriel says

The second in the Jake Lassiter series. Did not read the first one but I didn't need to. Another good mystery.

Beverly E. McWhirk says

Not Impressed

I've read several of Levine's books and really enjoyed them. I thought this one would NEVER come to an end. What I missed most was Lassiter's timely and witty humor. Although it was not missing entirely, I never got the belly laughs as I usually do. Perhaps Levine refined the character in subsequent books.

Margaret says

The first in this series was OK. The protagonist is an affable lunk coasting along on his charm - in the style of Magnum PI as played by Tom Selleck - with a supporting cast of lovable eccentrics.

This one is hampered by a severely dated plot concerning a computer dating application from the dark ages

and the author's tin ear.

There's a character who is supposed to be English and our hero zips off to London to see her, along with his trusty father-figure. Everyone in England speaks with the same voice as all the American characters including wincingly inappropriate colloquialisms.

He stays in a London hotel where the valets apparently dress like Guardsmen and is given a brief tour of London showing him Buckingham Palace on the opposite side of Trafalgar Square to the National Gallery! He visits a prison where high-profile murderers are having a little chat session very close to where someone is giving a lecture open to the general public - and there is pretty much zero security. The inmates wear their own clothes - required for a telegraphed plot twist - and 30 years ago we not only had a transgender serial killer but also no problem at all providing healthcare for gender transition to a convicted murderer - weren't we ahead of the curve? These prisoners are serial killers (naturally, we have a plentiful supply of those) supposedly being held somewhere in central London in a facility where basically anybody can walk in with no prior clearance & absolutely no valid reason for being there.

Our hero becomes embroiled in a case of mistaken identity leading to a brawl and serious assault but luckily his new English friend can smooth that over with no effort. Then it's off to the family home - obviously her mother lives in something akin to Downton Abbey - complete with a "kitchen maid in uniform" who thinks that drinking tea with lemon is some bizarre habit of "the Yanks". She provides high tea with an array of sweetmeats including "mincemeat cake with brandy-butter sauce" - wtf is that? Is this woman serving cold Christmas pudding in the middle of July?

This woman and her offspring (a graduate of Cheltenham Ladies College) are clearly supposed to be extremely posh if not actually aristocratic yet feel it perfectly appropriate to behave appallingly rudely to each other and their guests.

The daughter behaves like a schizophrenic - she ignores the hero then decides she fancies him; throws herself at him and then has a meltdown when he falls asleep instead of proposing afterwards. I seem to remember something very similar going on with the woman in the first book who found him irresistible.

I think I'm not even halfway through this waste of time but I don't see how it can redeem itself. I can't bear to read more than a chapter at a time because of the steam issuing from my ears. The first book had the benefit of readability.

LJ says

NIGHT VISION - VG

Levine, Paul - 2nd in Jake Lassiter series

Ex-pro football player and maverick lawyer Jake Lassiter stalks a psychopathic killer who's terrorizing Miami.

Well written and suspenseful. An enjoyable read.

Jim says

Jake Lassiter the irreverent and all around good guy lawyer,(Oxymoron ?), returns in the second book of author Paul Levine's series entitled, "Night Vision". The usually jovial defense attorney, Lassiter gets tapped by Assistant State's Attorney Nick Fox to act as a special prosecutor in the gruesome murder of investigative TV reporter Marsha Diamond. Diamond a paramour of Fox was investigating a long forgotten

incident from the Viet Nam war several decades prior. Marsha also "enjoyed" trolling in a graphic adult hook- up chat room. She was found with her head smashed into her computer screen, and brutally beaten/stabbed. Also arriving at the crime scene is writer and renowned psychiatrist Dr. Pam Maxson. Jake is immediately suspicious as to why Fox is bringing in Maxson. Fox decides to partner Jake with Detective Alejandro "Alex" Rodriguez, to decipher this somewhat odd crime scene complete with it's cryptic lipstick message referring to Whitechapel's "Jack The Ripper". While Lassister and Fox bump heads and barbs to each other, a second victim is found. Similarly beaten/ stabbed along with an odd Alfred Tennyson quote is 27 year old flight attendant Mary Rosendahl, laying dead under her computer. As the case shifts towards Compu-Mate chat room owners Bobbie and Max Blinderman, Lassister continues to be hampered by Fox. The Blinderman's are a very unique couple and team up to stymie Jake at several turns. Luckily Jake has his long time best friend retired medical examiner Charlie Riggs to bounce theory and logic off of. As the case makes it's way to London and back, progress seems to be nonexistent day after day. At times it seems Fox may fire Jake from case rather than cooperate with him. Fox was quick to appoint Jake and now at times he's itchy to fire him. Soon the first real suspect in these murders turns out to be a drunken college professor who uses the handle "Passion Prince" in the hook-up chat room. As Jake and Dr. Maxson seem to get comfortable with each other the third victim turns out to be Fox's ex-wife Priscilla. Jake certainly has his hands full every where he seems to turn. In a plot with some heart palpitating suspense, and really clever banter, "Night Vision", roars out from the first page into a decidedly intricate who- done- it. Just when you seem to think how this case will turn, it does a U-turn time after time. Reading at times made me feel like I'd tapped into an old 40's B-movie complete with some very shady characters not usually seen. Unluckily for Jake he rarely has time to catch his breath with a Grolsche's beer and fishing with Charlie. For me at times this one was very difficult to put down as the suspense heightened again and again. At 340 some odd pages there are no dead pages or passages holding down this thriller. I'm really looking forward to the third book in this series. "Night Vision", gets five stars out of a possible five stars. The first two Lassister books from author Paul Levine are without a doubt - Do not miss reads. This is a series to jump into asap.

Karen Clagett says

I Didn't Finish

I got to around 60%...the story was such a key down from the debut book. I couldn't waste anymore time on it. The story just seemed to be going nowhere. I'll read the next one because there's got to be more to this author, and this character that so many people like.

Jim Fromm says

Over the top.

I am a Paul Levine fan. This book was not up to his standards. Way too much, hit first and ask questions later, crazy scenes. The ending had a couple of nice twists, but the whole storyline required a substantial suspension of disbelief. Looking forward to the next Lassiter adventure, anticipating a return to the quality of his early work.

Alexes Hourigan says

Must be good. 2nd read

Susannah Carleton says

Jake is appointed as a special prosecutor in this story because the Miami State Attorney had a relationship with a woman who was recently killed. Jake's job is to try the case when the police find the killer. The State Attorney is very involved in the police's search, and he knows everything they do. More than Jake knows, for certain. Then two other women, who used the same computer dating company as the first woman, are killed in an almost identical manner, one of them the State Attorney's wife, whom he was in the process of divorcing. Will Jake find the killer before the killer finds him?

Scott says

This is the 1st book I read that Paul wrote which instantly transformed him into one of my favorite authors! I truly enjoy the Jake Lassiter character and the way Paul brings the settings to life! I also love how he always works a reference to Penn State and/or Joe Paterno into his Lassiter story lines.

Steve says

I am re-reading this series on Kindle. Another fun courtroom drama, with Florida scenery and interesting character revelations and plot turns. Fun reading.

Joe says

#2 in the Paul Lassiter series. Twists and Turns galore in this second outing of ex-linebacker turned maverick Miami trial lawyer. Along with his buddy, retired Miami, FL coroner Dr. Charlie Riggs, they stumble into a bewildering maze of computerized sex, lies, corruption and murder. You gotta LOVE south Florida stories!

Mike French says

Once again Paul Levine proves why he is one of my favorite authors! If you haven't read either his Solomon vs Lord or Jake Lassiter series, you owe it to yourself to start reading one ASAP!
