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Dr. Alexandra Blake's new job puts her at the forefront of her industry. As a geneticist at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology in Washington, D.C., Alex is charged with finding a vaccine against bioterrorism. But the institute's new director, bitter over losing a bid to head the FBI, decides to refocus the institute toward crime solving. Soon Alex is forced to put her research on hold and cover forensics on a gruesome series of murders.

Across the country, women near military bases are turning up dead, their corpses covered in strange tattoos. The more Alex studies the case, the more disturbing questions she has about the killer's motives. And when a new headline-making murder strikes particularly close to home, suddenly everyone around Alex--her boss, the Feds, even her congressman boyfriend--becomes suspect. Now it's up to her to succeed where forensics fail, and Alex will risk everything to trace the enemy…or die trying.

Sequence Details

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Kayel says

another book I've read before... at least this one was long enough ago that I only remembered as it was happening, rather than expecting stuff to happen. OK enough. Alex was too under-developed as a character; like: every once in awhile you think to yourself "Is this the same person? Am I still reading the same book?" that was kind of lame. I also thought the science in this was a little out-dated, so I prob liked it better the first time 'round. the mystery was good tho

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Jenni Lathrop says

Have this. Didn't bother to finish. Skimmed through. I usually love medical and science mysteries. But the main character was self-involved and the writing was terrible. Then add to this a branch of science that just isn't exciting enough to be the basis of a boiler-plate mystery. DNA sequencing of the Spanish Flu? Not so much. Good thing I got this book at a library sale!

Barbara ★ says

Dr. Alex Blake is trying to find her place in the medical community. As a DNA specialist working for the US government, she is working on a serial killer case. The Tattoo Killer is indiscriminately viscously murdering women near military bases. Alex is instrumental in solving this case and "Rosie's Flu" as well as FBI director Devon's troubles. She's a great multi-tasker. LOL

The pace is a little slow with false leads, political intrigue and backstabbing (it does take place in DC) and even a little romance. I enjoyed the convoluted mystery and the process to solve it even when it got too technical. This is my first book by Lori Andrews but I've already added her next one - Silent Assassin to my books to read list.

Amy Rogers says

3 star science thriller (top 50% of the genre). Some terrific, accurate use of forensic molecular biology as our doctor heroine tracks a serial killer and searches for love. For my full review, see ScienceThrillers.com

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Ivan says

I found "Sequence" a great novel. I first started reading the Sequence Trilogy (that's what I call it, as Sequence is the first book in the series and the trilogy doesn't seem well-known enough to have an official name) when I bought "Immunity"--the last book in the trilogy-- at a local bookstore. Dr. Alexandra Blake, the protagonist, became one of my favorite fictional characters. She's very smart, tough but fragile, and gets

to be around some seriously awesome gadgets. The DNA computer was pretty cool. I wish I had one of those.

The trilogy centers on Alex, a geneticist working at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. Although she's in the medical field, Alex does get to take part in some thrilling cases. The case in "Sequence" seems more fitting for investigators such as Nikki Heat or Aaron Hotchner and their respective teams. The cases in the next two books are much more suited for someone in the protagonist's position. In this first novel, Alex is forced to work on crime solving instead of medical and forensics work because the AFIP's new boss has ambitions to lead the FBI. Initially reluctant, Alex eventually begins gaining a stronger desire to solve the case, especially when even those close to her become suspects.

The Sequence Trilogy is so good, I'm amazed that it's not very well known and that there aren't any movies based on it yet. Talking about movies, sometimes when I read a novel I associate certain characters with movie stars that would fit the role. For some reason, I always visualize Alex Blake as Amber Heard. I think Amber would fit the role just about perfectly if she were cast as Alex.

If you like whodunits and suspense novels with some science and technology thrown in, I recommend the Sequence Trilogy. It is, alas, not available on the Kindle, so you'll have to make do with purchasing it in paperback or hardcover. I also admire Dr. Blake because she is what I hope to become in my field when I reach her age--an expert.

4.5 stars: Terrific page turner!

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eq says

I read this over the weekend and still managed to watch all of season 2 of 30Rock. Lame? I know. But so is this book.

Out of the entire investigation team, the GENETIST solves the serial killer murder. Really? Really?!

The dialogue was corny, the situation improbable, and the writing was lousy.

Give me a Janet Evanovich any day.

Yofish says

Murder mystery where I'm supposed to learn something about DNA analysis. I guess I did learn something, and it was OK when it stuck to that. But lord, way too much sex. The main character was supposed to be sympathetic, I guess, but I didn't like her taste in men, life, etc. I do not think the scientific life was captured well at all. And if all the genders had been reversed, we'd say it was misogynistic. (What's the right word here?) Author was Mom's 'mentor' in law school.

Amy says

I found this book interesting, as it had some historical fiction mixed with modern murder mystery with some romance and political dealings mixed in. I didn't find it too heavy on the romance to deter me from reading it. Since the book went in a lot of different directions with story details, it was interesting enough to distract me from some of the more predictable portions of the murder mystery that I saw coming from a long way

off.

Bethany says

Dr. Lori Andrews is a top-notch lawyer and biotechnology expert, who has a high profile because of her involvement in the government as regards genetics and things of that sort. She has written several non-fiction books that look quite interesting; *Sequence* is her first foray into the world of the novel. In it, a serial killer murders women near or on military bases in a seemingly random - but naturally not - pattern and Alexandra Blake, a fictional top-notch biotechnology expert, must use her wits, skills, and knowledge of genetics to track the killer down.

While the premise is engaging, the book itself is not. It could be that Andrews has not figured out yet how to write a novel, or that I felt talked down to because of her attempts to dumb down the science for the average consumer. Mostly, *Sequence* is just awkward. Hopefully with her second novel, Andrews will come into her own. Pick up a different book than this one.

Mary Havlovic says

Dr. Alexandra Blake works as a geneticist at the AFIP in Washington, D.C. She is employed by the agency to help find a vaccine to fight bioterrorism. Alex has to put her research on hold to help solve murders that are falling under the AFIP's jurisdiction. Alex is determined to catch the killer by viewing the crime scnes, studying the evidence presented and trying to piece together the victims last waking moments.

Priscilla Del Gesso says

I CAN'T READ THIS BOOK. I 'VE READ TO PAGE 15, AND ITS JUST NOT INTERESTERING. I DON'T CARE ABOUT THIS WOMEN. I CAN'T PICK UP THE BOOK TO READ IT.

Ivy says

This was actually a pretty good novel even though I don't go for government conspiracy stuff. The characters were lovable and I honestly didn't know who the villain was until towards the end. That was a surprising twist as I read so much I can usually tell who's who in plot lines. I think I may pick up another one of hers if I think about it...

Amber says

This is the first fiction book that famous Geneticist Lori Andrews has written, and it's good. It's easily readable, brings genetics down to as clear and concise a level as genetics can be. The plot is alright, the heroinea bit silly but nice. It's a good first mystery novel.

Mary says

Dr. Alexandra Blake is a cutting-edge geneticist at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology in Washington, D.C.---charged with using her research into the genetics of viruses to find a vaccine against bioterrorism. Alex is forced to put her research on hold so she can cover forensics on a case involving a killer who murders women near military bases across the country and then tattoos their corpses. Another murder strikes closer to home for Alex and her colleagues---and her boyfriend, a congressman from Texas

It's an OK story, a little far-fetched in spots, but not bad. I'll read the next one in the series.

Tammy Lorah barette says

For a nationally renowned expert on law and genetics, I am appalled at the author's descriptions of forensic science and crime scene applications in this novel. I cannot even excuse them as "just fiction" or "for entertainment only." Apparently, according to the actions described in this book, crime scene techs use "blue iridescent light" to find semen, UV light causes DNA to fluoresce, and plaster can be used to cast bite marks on human skin. If we are going to portray forensic sciences in works of fiction, is it too much to ask that the science portrayed is even a tiny bit accurate? Many authors in this genre go to great lengths to research and include factual scientific methods within the confines of a fictional story - and it works. This was just sad.