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Judge Willa Carson returns in this chilling story from New York Times and USA Today Bestselling Author Diane Capri! "Full of thrills and tension - but smart and human too." —Lee Child, #1 World Wide Bestselling Author of Jack Reacher Thrillers Everyone needs a vacation, even hardworking, crime-fighting Federal Judges. Looking forward to a quiet week of stunning winter scenery, roaring fires, and warm companionship, Judge Willa Carson and her husband George head north to Pleasant Harbor, Michigan - and slam into murder. A car stranded in the road. A corpse slumped in the front seat. A gunshot wound to left temple. The scene is surreal, the execution ruthless, the victim far from innocent. Local authorities want this case put away fast because it's bad for their tourism business. Willa sees what the cops don't, and she is not about to play along to get along. The rugged, frozen landscape is not her beloved Tampa sunshine and palm trees, but Judge Willa Carson is always on the Hunt for Justice. "Intricate and ingenious - make some coffee, because you'll read all night." —Lee Child, #1 Worldwide Bestselling author of Jack Reacher thrillers

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Sister Joan C Stewart says

Too Short

I liked the book, but wanted more. I felt like it was too short a story. It ended abruptly after Willa got out of the tunnel.

Betsy says

Loved the story but way too short.

This Willa Carson book was way too short. The story continued the feelings, attitudes, and perceptions of the two main characters, but there wasn't enough filler to really appreciate what was happening with them and between them unless you're familiar with them already from the other stories. I became a fan of Willa in the first four books so I had no problem with Willa jumping in head first where she clearly is not appreciated and pursuing the matter to the very end. I think this book is great fun but do recommend that new readers grab a prior book, most especially book one to understand Willa and George.

Dana Myers says

At only 89 pages, this was a short story and for that I am glad because it was bad. Had this been longer I would have given up on about 40 pages in but since it was so short I stuck it out. Lots of holes which could have been avoided, even though it was so short, had we not had to read all the complaints about the weather. A lot of things just didn't make sense....and where did George go when he "disappeared? Was that ever explained?? Maybe I missed it because I was so eager to be done with it.

Laconicella58 says

Ended too quickly.... too short, felt like the author needed to finish up and move on to writing another book.

Sandra Holladay says

I read this as part of the Justice is Served short stories.

The story started off well enough with the anticipation of a long over-due vacation. A murder victim in a car in the middle of the road is discovered and analytical investigating/picture taking of evidence is done while waiting for the police. Then Willa does her usual getting insolent because she's dismissed (as a civilian), never bringing up the fact that she had taken pictures prior to the snow removing evidence. Once they reach

their destination and take a nap, Willa wakes to find George gone; no note (it seems he did leave a voice mail-after he left?). If he was as considerate of Willa as we are led to believe, he would have left a note; especially with weather conditions like they are and cell phone coverage spotty.

Willa questions Judge Trevor's premature involvement in the murder, as his role was not official since no one had been arrested. I guess she forgot who many times she's involved herself in similar things prior to an arrest being made.

David's gun had been reported stolen a year ago, but all the sudden Judge Trevor, and especially Willa, are assuming he is the guilty party. She questions whether she can trust Judge Trevor but buys into his explanations and is judge and jury to Mason.

Then, to top it off, because he has left in a huff and 'can't trust anybody' she's going to walk the three miles back to her cottage, in a blizzard that is dumping snow like crazy. Talk about being incredibly stupid. Her relenting after the officer's impassioned plea to get in the vehicle doesn't make her any less stupid. Then she states that she "see(s) a place where people get killed in their cars. And their killers get away with it." Because, again, she has bought into the story she was told and is judge and jury.

There are only two other vehicles in the restaurant parking lot, why did Officer Kemp park far enough away from the entrance that when they are about half-way across the parking lot he stops and admires the scenery? After traveling a few yards Willa looks around and spots two figures in the distance going to the locked entrance to the old hospital. Kemp is now fifty feet from her. Again, why park so far away? Just so Willa can see the other figures bash something heavy on the door and open it?

And the killer fires three shots (not in rapid succession) prior to the fourth shot hitting the intended victim and then there is struggling? The fifth shot resulted in the killer being hit (we are told by ricochet – the second shot resulted in a ricochet). Then we find that Mason struggled with the killer and he had the gun (no ricochet?).

As if I haven't given enough spoilers, why take Mason outside to the tunnels when the restaurant basement led to the tunnels? Though later we're told the exit closest to the restaurant would have put her just inside the Café entrance. Judge Trevor was in jail, but the two remaining sisters should have been there as well as accessories after the fact. Though they could have claimed self-defense initially and not had all this mess. Too much confusion, displaced anger, and blame by someone who should have been doing better.

Judie Dooley says

II won this book on good read. I enjoyed it. good believable characters and setting. a fast read. I didn't want to put it down. A Florida judge is not about to let a small Michigan town cover up a murder. A GOOD THRILLER THAT DOESN'T TAKE WEEKS TO FINISH.

John W. says

Diane Capri's sixth Judge Willa Carson book is a unique step into the Judge's past. Willa and George Carson

take their first long vacation traveling to Pleasant Harbor, Michigan a small community fifty miles north of Traverse City. They, plan to stay at a cottage of old friends. Both Willa and George lived in Detroit before moving to Tampa.

COLD JUSTICE is an action packed story with mystery, suspense and thrills on every page. The author places the readers in Willa and George's car driving north on a two lane road in a blinding snow storm. The winter storm makes the roads hazardous and visibility poor. Willa is keeping a close eye on the road and suddenly see a car stopped in the middle of the two lane road. Willa and George find the driver dead from a gunshot to the head.

After the Michigan State police arrive, Willa and George travel on to Pleasant Harbor, Michigan. The storyline changes direction at the turn of the page. George and Willa put their vacation on hold. Capri places Willa in the middle of a murder investigation outside of her federal jurisdiction. A local circuit court judge and law enforcement find Willa doesn't like taking orders. They feel Willa's stubbornness when they try and tell Willa what she can and can't do.

Readers see through Willa's eyes how the plot focuses on a law enforcement murder investigation. They see the storyline involving members of the community as part of investigations of missing persons and corrupt officials. It is normal for residents of small towns to know what is happening in their community and Pleasant Harbor is no exception. In COLD JUSTICE, the author keeps readers guessing who the good support characters are and who the bad support characters are. Capri introduces each character; their back story and their role in the ever changing plot.

Capri keeps readers on their toes with the changing direction and pace of the plot. The raging snow storm doesn't slow down the antagonist's actions. COLD JUSTICE provides a bone chilling solution to the challenges facing Willa and George. Readers see the development of clues leading to answers to the intriguing mystery.

Ongoing changes to the plot and Capri ease of keeping readers interest. She delivers skillful writing and developing of each of her characters. Readers won't find any reason for disappointment in Capri's unforgettable ending. COLD JUSTICE is the latest addition to Diane Capri's Judge Willa Carson series. The author writes several series creating unique characters for her readers to embrace. Diane Capri brings "COLD JUSTICE" to life creating a must read. The story earns 5 star ranking.

R.W. Rush says

A decent read...just a bit too sophomoric and brief! But, a nice lil' cozy read at bedtime to create a goodnight's sleep!

Night all,
Rolando

Rebecca Woitte says

What a disappointing book - only 89 pages. It was not stated this was a short story. Would not recommend it.

Dale Van says

Judge Will a does it again.

A strange murder, a family in turmoil and Willa and George on vacation in Michigan. It all adds up to a great read by Diane Capri.

Nancy Anderson says

Story

This was a short story versus a book. The description of the terrain and the effect of travel during a blizzard was spot on. The reader could easily envision the scene.

The story line was too quick. One got the feeling that the author was on deadline and concocted the content of the book.

Joan says

This short story/novella is a quick and reasonably interesting read. It is somewhat predictable and simplistic; but the author's writing style is mostly smooth and professional. I did spot one grammatical error (lay/laid) that the editor should have caught.

Linda says

I always enjoy the adventures of Judge Willa Carson. The stories are interesting, characters engaging and descriptions visually stirring.

The speed at which this story moved to conclusion stretched the imagination a bit. Busy gal.

Sonjie Outlaw says

Short but very good mystery.

Short and good reading. You had to wait to find out the outcome until the end. It has a good 4 rating . Enjoyed.

Anna Ballard says

Judge Willa Carson mystery
