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Agent Maggie O'Dell and Assistant Director Cunningham believe they're responding to a threat made at Quantico. Instead they walk into a trap. Before they realize it, they've both been exposed to a killer who can strike at anyone, at any time, and no one can predict who might be next...until it's too late.

The killer's tactics suggest he's an aficionado of criminal minds. He uses bits and pieces from those he admires: a phrase from the Beltway Snipers, a clue from the Unabomber, a delivery method similar to the Anthrax Killer. His weapon is a deadly virus, virtually invisible and totally unexpected. His victims appear to be random but, in fact, they are chosen with a revengeful precision. The vaccine is limited and untested.

Maggie knows dangerous minds?from hauntingly perverse child predators to cunningly twisted serial killers. Now she faces a new opponent from inside an isolation ward at a biosafety containment hospital. Maggie must help Agent R. J. Tully find clues to catch the killer?while waiting to see if the deadly strain is already multiplying in her body. With every new exposure there's the potential for an epidemic. And Maggie knows she and Cunningham may not live long enough to discover who is the deadliest, most intelligent killer they've ever profiled.

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Marca says

Maggie O'Dell an FBI agent finds herself exposed to a deadly Ebola-like virus. The virus is being spread by an evil avenger. Mags finds herself quarantined and drives herself crazy. She apparently has some medical training, and her knowledge makes her situation scarier. Her partner R.J. Tully works outside the quarantine to find the killer. Clever mystery with twists and turns that keep one guessing til near the end. Maggie was kind of annoying, but she was also locked up for most of the book. I'd read another.

Marnie Krüger says

This was an excellent and well researched book. Especially with the Ebola outbreak that happened just now; again! Will people ever learn?

Linda Branham Greenwell says

Love Maggie O'dell. Gwen asks Maggie to check on a patient who seems to be missing. The person attended a funeral in Connecticut and has not been heard from since. While searching for the missing patient, barrels filled with bodies are uncovered

Tay says

Not my favorite O'Dell book but still enjoyable.

Diane says

A very scary subject matter makes up this book - quite intense the whole way through, a good puzzle to solve. This book is based on true events but fictionalized - and Alex Kava has done a great job once again delivering the goods.

I don't want to post any spoilers - there are twists and turns, who do you trust, who don't you trust and not everyone makes it out alive (which is something you can see coming).

"Elvan", the subject matter is right up your alley :)

2 thumbs up and 5 stars - onto "Black Friday"!

Ana T. says

I have been following Kava's Maggie O'Dell series from book 1 and I am happy to say that this sixth installment is one of the best I read.

Maggie and her boss receive an anonymous letter that leads them to a house where a woman is dying with a contagious disease. They all have to be quarantined and soon the virus threatening them has a name: Ebola Zaire. One of the deadliest viruses around.

Not only that but also several people across the country are receiving money packages infected with the virus. While some of the top officials are worried about keeping the disease a secret, others are trying to discover who is behind this horrifying attack. Maggie O'Dell is closed up in her quarantine room waiting for the symptoms to appear, or not, and the only thing she can do is a web search trying to make some sense of what clues they have.

Kava is very good at keeping the suspense, not only we are curious to know who the bad guy is but we are waiting to see who else is going to be infected and if Maggie and the little girl are doomed too. In fact, she writes it in a way that new characters are constantly appearing as possible victims. What we don't know is why so seemingly unrelated people are all being targeted. The book is very fast paced and an absolute page-turner.

Taking center stage beside O'Dell, Kava introduces another interesting character who may, or may not, be a love interest. In addition, for anyone who is curious we do have a glimpse of Nick Morrelli in this one.

I really enjoyed the book and found it very refreshing because it was so different to have the main character closed in a room for most of the action. And I liked the idea of the bioterrorism threat as a plot device.

Grade: 5/5

Elvan says

This may be my favourite Maggie O'Dell of the series. I enjoyed the fast pace of this well researched novel. She keeps the reader guessing and once again she threw enough bad guys in the air that I was not sure who the real psycho was until the last few chapters.

I was happy to see O'Dell and Tully get the chance to use their profiler skills to solve the mystery, even if that resolution comes a bit late. Too often these two key characters are reacting to events around them instead of acting on what their profiles reveal about the killers. Nice to see them earning their salaries.

I was also impressed at Kava's skill at drawing fully formed minor characters and storylines in such a short novel.

Excellent read.

Wendy says

I really enjoyed this 6th book in the Maggie O'Dell series

Darcy says

I found this one interesting, mostly because of the past crimes that came into play. I was a kid when a lot of them happened, I can remember them happening and it seemed to "change" things.

Maggie's role in this one was intriguing, mostly because she was so isolated, forcing her to come to some hard realities that she was really alone. It will be interesting to see if she makes any changes in her life.

Tully was more front and center in this book by default. I liked how he worked through things. Even better was how Emma playing, how she was able to bring the events of the past into play. I guessed pretty quickly who the letters weren't from. Knowing what I know now I really hate the ex, she didn't come off looking good at all. The only good thing is that Emma knows more what her mother is like.

Robin says

The FBI receives a mysterious note stating that there will be a crash today. FBI profiler Maggie O'Dell and Assistant Director Kyle Cunningham hurry to a family home to find a little girl left on her own...her mother in bed, deathly ill. Maggie soon discovers that they have been exposed to a virus; Something that could kill many people if left unchecked. Put in quarantine, Maggie discovers that the perpetrator has left clues that tie to some of the FBI's biggest cases, including the Anthrax murders, the Tylenol poisonings, and the Beltway Snipers.

This is the 6th book in the Maggie O'Dell series. The storyline certainly kept me interested. Both Maggie and Tully got to do their profiling which helped solve the mystery. I had a problem with the way Maggie handled one piece of evidence. If this were a real case, she would most likely be fired. It really threw me out of the story for a while. My rating: 4 Stars.

Lauren says

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4 Stars

Synopsis:

An act of terrorism or a personal vendetta...

On a seemingly routine morning at the FBI behavioral sciences unit, agent Maggie O'Dell and her superior find a threat hidden in the doughnut box and are subsequently exposed to a deadly virus. Is this the work of a

fanatic or someone with a grudge? How many will die before Maggie and her partner uncover the truth?

Review:

A thrilling premise delivered with style. A little different from the other books in the series, *Exposure* is more of a medical thriller than a serial killer novel. The plot is reminiscent of the 1995 film “Outbreak” with Dustin Hoffman, Morgan Freeman and Rene Russo in which a diseased monkey is smuggled into the US and ends up infecting a small town.

Characterization is definitely Kava's strong suit and she doesn't disappoint with the revelations about Tully's past. Maggie, on the other hand, is still a strong and intelligent heroine but does not seem able to learn from her mistakes either personally or professionally. The secondary characters are also well-developed and clever hints are included in the details so that the careful reader can work out the nature of the threat and the identity of the villain, whose motivation turns out to be very intriguing.

In general, the book is well written and I particularly enjoyed the true crime trivia interspersed throughout. Nevertheless, there are moments, particularly in the first half, where the plot lags and the suspense is lacking; it ultimately picks up and progresses rapidly in the second half and from then on becomes “unputdownable”. It must be noted that the story relies heavily on information provided in earlier installments and as such this is not the book to read if you are new to the Maggie O'Dell series.

The surprises in this book should make the next one even more interesting.

Sarah says

Alex Kava has written a number of thriller novels. *Exposed* is the sixth book in Kava's FBI profiler Maggie O'Dell series.

In this sixth installment of the Maggie O'Dell series, FBI expert-profiler Maggie is tracking down a killer who indirectly murders others using a strain of the Ebola virus. Maggie's latest case is extraordinary because she tracks the killer while being confined in a private lock-down cell - after already having been exposed to the virus.

Exposed is quick, fast-paced, and unquestionably suspenseful. Although each chapter is short, all have an impacting ending that will keep you fully rapt and turning the pages like an addict.

Kava keeps Maggie busy in all her novels - but the unique concept of having her track a killer while in solitary confinement is a fun, novel spin. Also enjoyable is the returning cast of supporting characters who help Maggie solve her latest case. Just like thriller masterminds Jeffery Deaver and Lee Child, Kava uses several red herrings to throw readers off the killer's path. In fact, the foe in *Exposed* uses such genius and strategic methods to target victims that even seasoned readers will be surprised and entertained.

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Kat Dietrich says

Exposed by Alex Kava is the 6th in the FBI Agent Maggie O'Dell Series.

This is one of the best, and not everyone survives.

Tully is late for the meeting....and the treats. So it is Maggie and her boss Assistant Director Cunningham who find the message in the bottom of the doughnut box. And it is Maggie and her boss who find the mother and daughter who are so sick. And it is Maggie and her boss who come into contact with a deadly virus, and end up quarantined under the watchful eyes of USAMRIID, and Colonel Benjamin Platt. Platt's boss wants to bury this, and perhaps the people who have been exposed.

When the virus appears in a Chicago Hospital, it becomes evident that this is not going to stay buried.

Tracking this killer, both Tully and Maggie do a lot of profiling. Links to the Tylenol poisonings, the Beltway Sniper, the Anthrax murders all come into play. Cunningham thinks this is personal, but maybe it is not "his" personal, that they should be tracking. Are the victims being specifically targeted? What do they have in common?

On a personal level, Nick Morelli is trying to get back into Maggie's life, but Maggie's romantic interest may lie elsewhere.

Alex Kava has done a lot of research on this one, and the true life acts of terrorism are spelled out very well. The fast-paced short chapters really added to the suspense, and the wide range of emotions felt by Maggie as well as Gwen and Tully seemed very real. With every book, the characters get deeper, and in this one, we learn more of Tully's backstory.

Really good read!

For more of my reviews, please visit my blog: <https://katlovesbooksblog.wordpress.com>

Alex is The Romance Fox says

4,5 stars

Maggie O'Dell is back in a chilling and terrifying story of bioterrorism in the 6th book in the series.

When Maggie and her team arrive at FBI offices in Quantico, Virginia to investigate the exposure to a deadly and unknown virus of two people, she and her boss, the FBI's Assistant Directorate placed in quarantine when they are exposed to the virus as well.

What happens next is a nerve-jangling and frightening time for the two, as they battle to finding the culprit

and a treatment to save their lives.

The plot contains twists and turns and some shocking and surprises revelations.

The character development continues at a good pace and we are learning more about Maggie and Tully's past history.

We do get a quick sight of Sheriff Nick Morelli, who was first introduced as Maggie's love interest in A Perfect Evil, the 1st book in the series. A new and very interesting character is introduced , who may be Maggie's new love interest..

This is, for me, the best book so far in the series.

Jonetta says

The Behavioral Science Unit (BSU) receives a cryptic note in a box of doughnuts that leads them to a biohazard scene. What happens next is truly chilling and represents only the beginning of terrible assaults involving a deadly virus.

This is the best story in the series to date with Maggie and Tully doing some serious profiling. We learn a lot more about Tully's history and there are a few shocking events before the end. I really liked how true life events were woven into this fictional tale, which only helped to heighten the tension and fear.

I enjoyed this installment, even though there are some heartbreakng moments. This is the first book where Maggie showed some profiling chops and used them. Now, if she'd only learn to wait for her partner!

Barbara ★ says

This one hits a little close to home with the whole Ebola scare last year. I found myself glued to my chair, flipping pages as fast as I could read them. What an exciting and scary as hell book!

I really like Maggie's new love interest and hope to see him in future installments.

Ayny says

Good story and interesting topic, there are references in the back regarding all the research and acknowledgments. Ms. Kava really did her homework for Exposed.

Bryan says

WOW! Quite probably my favorite book this year. A real page turner. Great series.

Phryynne says

This is the sixth Maggie O'Dell novel and probably the best so far. It was a very quick, easy read and certainly held my attention all the way through.

I still dislike the author's habit of pausing in the middle of events to tell us unimportant details about her character's thoughts or past lives. However she did reduce this somewhat in this particular book.

Maggie also seems to be getting a grip on life now and managed to come up with some actual constructive detective work. I do wish she would for once work out who the killer is and go to deal with him rather than accidentally falling into his deadly clutches and having to be saved each time. Shades of Kay Scarpetta.

I almost gave it four stars - but not quite.

Curlyhair says

Not the most suspenseful I've read from this author.

Just finished this for the second time and still not my fav in the series. Probably because not too much going on, after what happens to Maggie and her colleague.
