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Bestselling Legal Thriller from Edgar Nominee Paul Levine

The client admits he killed a man...

His lawyer doesn't believe him...

The truth is buried beneath a conspiracy of theft and murder.

Linebacker-turned-lawyer Jake Lassiter heads to Havana and untangles a deadly plot involving the CIA, Fidel Castro, and the Russian government.

"Realistic, gritty, fun."-- New York Times Book Review

False Dawn Details

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From Reader Review False Dawn for online ebook

Tulay says

You can't figure out who's the good guy, or who's the bad guy.

Pages full of fights and murders. Just as you figure out who is telling the truth, you'll find out you're wrong. Like the Charlie character and his knowledge of art amongst other things. Learned what kind of beer to drink with what food. Longest day celebration in Helsinki-June 20, Russian car Lada. Russian art and jewelry. What is in the news about Cuba, is in this book. Also some light hearted funny lines.

Steve Black says

Jake Lassiter is growing on me, as I get more comfortable with him and the other regulars. This one is less a legal story, more an international thriller, and the plot got very complicated at times, with the basic plot fairly far fetched. However, provided you're prepared to suspend disbelief it's a fast moving plot with many twists, and an enjoyable read. I'm now settled into the series and looking forward to the next.

Sambasivan says

An ok read. The author tries a story with international perspectives but finally turns out to be an average rendition. There is not much of a plot to keep the readers' interest till the end. Still 3 stars for the innovative idea.

Roy Pearman says

Another good one

I have a tough time putting down a Lassiter character story when I start one. The story is always complex but easy to follow. The characters are numerous but all interesting and have a vital role to the story. The best part is the end which with other writers is never much of a surprise but with LeVine, you better not think you know the ending, until the last page!

Mirella Kelly says

Skim milk masquerades as cream.

This is so much bigger than a normal fight between two workers leading to one's death and other behind bars. It was a political thriller and my first of those kind, and I LOVED it! "Just when you think that you know who's the good guy and who's the bad one, they change the players or the rules." Or something like that.

Loved it!

- Mirella

p.s. not for the weak hearted or ones who can't bear with loooong books ;)

Larry Griffiths says

Larry's Take

I thought Lassiter was suppose to be a lawyer. No court room drama in this one. Also the main character, Jake, gets beat up etc etc at every turn. Not good. I stopped reading another series for the same reason. The protagonist should not be taking a beating all the time.

Jim says

The third book in author Paul Levine's excellent series starring Jake Lassiter, "False Dawn", is a high octane read out of the gate. Lawyer Jake Lassiter's client Francisco Crespo is charged with the murder of fellow warehouse worker Vladimir Smorodinsky. Vlad had been impaled with a fork lift during an altercation with Crespo. However, Crespo is cleared in a fluky set of circumstances, then himself is murdered. Before long Lassiter is taking a crash course in fine art from retired M.E. Dr. Charlie Riggs. Lassiter must deal with a ruthless C.I.A. agent, Robert Foley who has it in for Jake. Jake also has local P.I Lourdes Soto continuing trying to lead him into dangerous predicaments. Everywhere Lassiter turns he's dealing with former KGB agents, or Cuban gangsters, and some really odd characters in general. Just when Jake thinks he's working for the good guys he's actually working for the bad guys. When Jake meets up with Jillian from Minnesota it turns out she's a Suppo agent (Finland Intelligence). Coming in at just over 360 pages this Lassiter tale has it's share of ups and downs. At times the story just couldn't get out of it's own way. The world of stealing fine art just doesn't work very well for a Lassiter tale. I read this book in just over 24 hours. At about the 60 % mark I decided I needed to get this one finished and out of my hair. It was a shame because the book came out of the blocks really well and looked like a winner. This Lassiter book being somewhat of a let down makes me hopeful the next book in series will rebound nicely. I gave, "False Dawn", three stars out of a possible five stars. Really it's a 2.50-2.75 book at best. If you're into reading this series give this one a go. Otherwise just move onto something else.

Terri says

I'm a huge Paul Levine fan...never read one of his books that I didn't love. So...I'm not sure what was wrong but I just never could get into this one. Seems as though the lighthearted nature and humour that he usually injects was just missing in this one. Sorry Paul, I just didn't care for this one.

Paul Levine says

Some background from the author: This is the new ebook version of my Jake Lassiter thriller, "False Dawn." The book was published in hardcover in 1993 and has been out of print for some time. Because of readers'

requests, I've re-published the novel as an ebook. Below are quotes from some of the hardcover reviews. Thanks for the opportunity to present the book to you.

Paul Levine
my link text

"Realistic, gritty, fun." – New York Times Book Review

"A highly entertaining yarn filled with wry humor." – Detroit Free Press

"Mystery writing at its very, very best." – Larry King, USA TODAY

WHAT'S THE VERDICT ON JAKE LASSITER?

"Irreverent...genuinely clever...great fun." – The New York Times Book Review

"Just the remedy for those who can't get enough Spenser and miss Travis McGee terribly." – St. Petersburg Times

"Jake Lassiter is attractive, funny, savvy, and brave." – Chicago Tribune

"Genuinely chilling." Washington Post Book World

"Wildly entertaining." – "St. Louis Post Dispatch

"Take one part John Grisham, two parts Carl Hiaasen, throw in a dash of John D. MacDonald, and voila! You've got Jake Lassiter." – Tulsa Sun

Craig Pittman says

The first half of this entry in Paul Levine's clever and often hilarious serious of novels about Miami lawyer Jake Lassiter is classic. Lassiter is defending a client charged with murder, a crime the client says he committed but Lassiter doesn't believe his story. In trying to get at the truth, he steps on the toes of a rich and powerful man who's paying his legal fees. He also winds up in bed with a beautiful private eye he doesn't quite trust (and rightfully so). There's even a great backstory about why Lassiter would defend this client for free if he had to, and plenty of nice old Florida touches to his descriptions.

But about halfway through the book, Levine switches gears, and suddenly the book isn't about a murder trial anymore. It's about a coalition of sticky-fingered spies and smugglers stealing valuable art from the former USSR and trying to get away with it. Lots of people make long, boring speeches about politics and art, Lassiter gets duped more than once, a major character has a major change of heart and somehow in the end the person who really committed the murder that got this all started gets away with it.

If the rest of the book had stayed to the high level of the first half, I would have found a way to give this book SIX stars. It was that good. Too bad the author couldn't maintain that level for the whole book.

Elaine Donadio says

I enjoyed most of the book, debated between 3 and 4 stars, but it was bogged down with too many irrelevant details. I found the constant wise-cracking distracted me from the plot development and character relationships. The story is set mostly in Miami which made it familiar and real for me. Interesting display of relationships among the super-powers and Cuba.

Susannah Carleton says

Not much courtroom action, but lots of bad guys with their own, conflicting agendas. To defend a friend, and to determine the truth, Jake has to sort the good guys from the bad ones...and stay out of jail and alive while doing it.

Mike French says

More of a thriller than the others I have read in this series. To me it was like one of his stand alone thrillers that I have read. This is not a bad thing, but didn't have as much humor that I have grown to love in this series.

Lorraine says

This was an AWESOME read!!

As a South Florida girl, it's always fun to read a book that takes place, anywhere in South Florida. Jake is an ex-Dolphin football player, turned Lawyer. Jake seems to manage to get himself tangled up in the weirdest cases, with equally weird clients. The descriptions, are so amazing that you feel like you are there with Jake.

Murder and mayhem revolve around stolen artwork. Follow the story from Miami all the way to Cuba and back!

Tony Sommer says

Awesome Story

This story was full of action and suspense. I loved it and can't wait to get the next book in the series. I was entertained throughout the story. What a surprise at the end.
