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A high powered Washington attorney buys an apartment building in the heart of the city, hoping to create low income housing for good families. Instead he finds the building occupied by squatters: drug dealers, winos and hookers intent on staying in place. Hannibal Jones is hired to free the building from them, but the people holding crack pipes are backed up by people holding guns. Hannibal soon finds himself up against a local crime boss and his mob connected father. But Hannibal realizes that his success or failure will determine the fate of a neighborhood, and the future of one small boy.

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Susan says

Fast paced

Great book! I enjoyed the rollercoaster ride with Hannibal. Fast paced and kept me guessing how it was going to end. Can't wait to read the next one!

Betsy Ashton says

I was looking for a bad ass character when I picked up BLOOD AND BONE, the prequel to THE TROUBLESHOOTER. Camacho delivers.

Hannibal Jones, black, ex pretty much everything (military, CIA, you name it) bills himself as a troubleshooter willing to take on injustice to help the downtrodden. Homeless after a fire destroys his apartment, he takes on a client who wants to evict a group of squatters from a run-down building. The goal is to refit the building as low income housing, but the squatters and drug dealers have to leave first.

With a sizeable cast of secondary characters and a plot that will keep the reader flipping pages, Camacho renders the gritty inner-city of Washington, D.C. in broad strokes. The setting is as much a character as the people who live in the building.

You'll read until your eyes bleed and demand more Hannibal Jones books. Fortunately, there are at least four more.

Teresa Collins says

Loved this book!!! As anyone who has read any of my reviews knows, I'm a diehard murder mystery buff & this book meets all my requirements. It has a hero you can believe in, all his side-kicks, and of course, the woman he loves. The Troubleshooter is well written without a lot of gratuitous violence. The story moves along quickly and you can't wait to see what happens next. I have definitely become an Austin Camacho fan. I recommend this series for anyone who loves a good mystery.

Austin Camacho says

In this prequel to Blood and Bone, Hannibal Jones is hired to free a Washington crack house from the drug addicts and winos that hold it. A powerful drug lord nearly drives him off, until he realizes that his success or failure will determine the fate of a neighborhood, and the future of one small boy.

Daniel Munroe says

I'll leave it for others to talk about the actual plot etc, because I'm always scared I will reveal something of the story and spoil things for a reader. As far as I'm concerned - read the back of the book to find out what it's about.

To start, I will say I didn't like the book, based on the first couple of pages. The opening somehow felt hurried and a little glib. However, within the first chapter or so, I'd experienced a complete turnaround, and I found the characters growing on me, and the events becoming compelling.

By the end, I was thoroughly caught up in the central character's successes, as well as his failures and failings, plus the colorful crew he surrounded himself with.

All in all, a very enjoyable romp.

Melissa says

I picked this up after reading all three of Austin Camacho's Stark and O'Brien adventure series, I didn't think I'd love this more than those but I really did! I can't wait to get the next ones!

Great characters you really feel a connection to, and the action was exciting and clear, I could picture it all easily. Hannibal Jones is an Indiana Jones type in personality, just a different time and line of work. He is not unbelievably perfect, he gets beat up but still persists after justice, doesn't talk like a script but with slang of a real guy of his generation.

L.M. Preston says

I simply fell in love with Hannibal, the main character of this book. He had a heart of gold and a gun to back it up. This action packed mystery thriller had me glued and its a fun read that you won't want to put down.

B Swanginwebster says

i was given this book by the author because i had never read a mystery before...my comment at the time was, I don't like mysteries and after reading it.....

Boy was I wrong...dead wrong! I love mysteries..who knew?

But I immediately went and got the rest of this author's works and have not been disappointed.

Robbie says

I gave this one 4.5 stars, Jim gave it 4.

Bud Scott says

Hannibal Jones is what every crime fighter should aspire to. He never quits, he uses force only when necessary and he's a sharp dresser. In his wrap-around Oakley's and his white Volvo he is like the Lone Ranger. Much like the Lone Ranger, he like to keep a low profile, get the job done, get paid and move on. In The Troubleshooter he moves from situation to situation as the tension and the page turning increase. This was one book I had a hard time putting down and would loose myself in it till the wee hours of the morning. I highly recommend The Troubleshooter and eagerly await reading my next Austin Camacho story.

Sharon Michael says

Had a bit of the 'action movie' script type thing going, with the hero battling the bad guys around the day after a serious beating but after all, this is fiction, right? and entertainment. And I did find it entertaining.

Fairly standard plot with the good guys against the drug dealers in the bad part of town. A lot of stock characters but the author had a deft touch with them so they were well rounded enough that they were individuals on the page.

Some issues that kept this from being a 5 star rating for me. I found the reluctance of the hero to use 'deadly force' a little disconcerting when considering his supposed background. I also found the female interest not very believable, a driven, job oriented lawyer suddenly turning into "little miss housewife" is a stretch for me. I'm a character driven reader and the second part of that is I quite frankly don't like 'little miss housewife' types.

That said, I'm going to be looking for more in this series and hoping that 'little miss housewife' manages to get back to the driven lawyer with a mission and a work ethic in the next one or two of the series.

Will Decker says

I enjoyed this story even if the ending were a tad predictable. If it had a bit more descriptive sex and violence, I might have rated it higher. But you can't always get it your way. A few times I wondered how the author was going to continue the story when it appeared that the ending was in sight. Without fail, Camacho threw poor Hannibal back into the fray and the action would start all over again. I like that the hero is vulnerable and the characters believable. Spoiler Alert:::If you like the story of good guy gets whipped, good guy gets back up, good guy fights back, good guy gets girl, you will like this story. Predictable; don't say I didn't warn you.

Nancy says

A good mystery is hard to resist and Mr. Camacho's Hanibal Jones makes this book even more irresistible.

The book is a standard good guys vs. bad guys. But Hanibal definitely has depth which makes the story enjoyable.

I'm looking forward to reading more in the series.

Bob says

Ex cop, Secret Service agent and now A PI and self proclaimed troubleshooter teams up with a Washington Lawyer who owns a row house in South East DC that is empty and has been taken over by squatters and druggies. Hannibal Jones agrees to take on the job of ousting the unwelcome residents so that the place can be cleaned up for legitimate renters. He manages to get them out on his own, but in doing so runs afoul of the local drug lord and has a setback when the Drug lord's muscle drives him out. Read further to discover how he solves his problems. Starts out sounding some what like a green author but soon picks up and becomes a decent read.

mzbeastle says

Wonderful beginning to the Hannibal Jones series. Like just about everything about the books, so I'll keep reading this series.
