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*"Larry Kahn has managed to create a cast of unforgettable characters, throwing in a bit of sex and misadventure, while infusing it with legal, moral, and ethical dilemmas. To say that I thought the King of Paine was brilliantly written would be an understatement. I sat down to read the book in the morning and was unable to put it down until I read the very last page!"* -**The Write To Make A Living**

*"The writing is perfect...Plus, that plot? Holy hell! I never could have seen the twists and turns coming."* -**Owl Tell You About It**

*..".a roller coaster ride of who done it, oops, no they didn't. But it's not just that, the story makes you think and ask yourself some really important questions."* -**Forbidden Reviews**

A desperate patient. A rumored cure. How far would you go to find the fountain of youth?

King of Paine is a sexy, fast-paced suspense novel filled with characters who grapple with a range of intriguing end-of-life issues while everything they care about is at stake. The story follows two investigations, Special Agent Frank Paine's pursuit of a stalker committing a series of kinky Internet crimes and a reporter tracking the disappearance of wealthy senior citizens across the nation. Both paths lead to a hidden enclave where a brilliant biochemist harbors a deadly secret. Somebody is going to die there, and it may be Frank Paine's soulmate. Or him.

Readers who liked *The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo* or the novels of Greg Iles will enjoy settling in with *King of Paine* for a sexy, thought-provoking ride.

*"I have to admit I've heard the comparison between The Girl and the Dragon Tattoo and King of Paine and in my opinion, Kahn is better. I was never bored, in fact I hung onto every word in this story."* -**Boekie's Book Reviews**

*"King of Paine is a tautly written, absorbing page-turner. I usually can guess the ending to a police procedural by about the third chapter. This is not the case with Mr. Kahn's wonderful new book...I highly recommend this book."* -**Hampton Reviews**

*"King of Paine is the second book I have read this year that I thought would make a great movie... I definitely recommend this one. Once I started reading, I couldn't walk away from it."* -**From the TBR Pile**

## King of Paine Details

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## From Reader Review King of Paine for online ebook

### Kathy LaMee says

King of Paine by Larry Kahn is an exciting fast paced read. Frank, the main character is fresh out of Quantico and ready to take down some criminals. Frank is an actor turned FBI agent who also has a penchant for kinky online role-play rooms. After failing to help the one person who needed him, Frank changed careers and started a twelve step program to leave the past behind. But, before he can truly get started, his past catches up to him. Somehow, someone in Atlanta knows his secret and is using it to get revenge, and a chance at a miracle drug. Now, he has to find the UNSUB and make peace with his past.

Kahn's writing is well paced and his character development is superb. I found the character Roger Martin, a washed up reporter, to be easy to identify with and easily my favorite. Angela was a complex character who was exciting and mysterious. While Frank's extracurricular activities are not something I would normally choose to read about, I enjoyed Kahn's storytelling and became caught up in Frank's plight. The chat-room style conversations also added to the authenticity of the novel. I'm looking forward to more of Kahn's books to come.

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Reviewed on Tracy Riva Books and Reviews

### Stacey Donaldson says

Frank Paine was once an actor, in fact he was a sex symbol. But now he's traded in close-ups for a badge and a gun. The actor turned Federal Agent finds himself at the heart of an investigation that puts his past center stage. When the clues point back to a scorned love (who maybe the love of his life), Frank is forced to face the indiscretions of his past head on.

King of Paine is more than a suspense novel. It's a story that asks hard questions, it makes you think about who you are and what you stand for, and it's an all around great read! The cast of characters will keep you guessing, the thought provoking story line will have you wondering, and the fast pace will keep you turning the pages.

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One of the best novels I've read this year, hands down!

### Thomas Drinkard says

When I begin a new book and see that the author has structured the story as parallel narratives, I know that I'm going to either be intrigued or frustrated. Writing a successful novel using the technique requires a deft hand. Larry Kahn has succeeded in making each of the two elements enjoyable while incrementally bringing them together to reach the final conclusion.

The characters, major and minor, in "King of Paine" are well drawn and interesting. Frank Paine has a unique background and current profession. He is an FBI agent who was once a movie star. He has also been, on the Internet, the King of Paine. Frank has been trying to leave his passion for BDSM (Bondage,

Dominance, Submission and Masochism) roleplaying on the Internet behind--not a good hobby for a Federal Agent. As a rookie, however, he is immediately drawn into a scene filled with echoes of his past in that murky world.

The book's second story line is from the point of view of a former Pulitzer Prize winning journalist, Roger Martin. The reporter has, however, become soaked in Scotch and turns out only insipid columns. Probably the only reason he has a job is his former brilliance.

Paine is in Atlanta. Martin is in New York. The events that draw their stories, and them, together form a fascinating book. Readers will find subplots of lost and rediscovered love and a thoughtful leitmotif of how society deals with elderly citizens.

Highly recommended.

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### **A.B. Shepherd says**

This is a novel for adults and if you are squeamish about the realm of BDSM it might not be for you. That said, however, the novel is not about BDSM - although it does play a part in this story of an ex-Hollywood-actor-turned-FBI agent, the woman he did wrong, and a conscienceless murderer who needs to be caught.

Larry Kahn follows the formula of a good suspense novel - he doles out little bits of clues that keep you hanging on and wanting to keep reading until you have solved the riddles he has created along with his characters.

I thoroughly enjoyed this.

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### **Lori says**

Before I had heard of this novel, I had just finished reading THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO. A novel I had not heard of either but that had been given to me by a friend. I wasn't quite sure what to think of the title (girl with a dragon tattoo) and really had no idea exactly what it was about. Let me just say that I enjoyed it GREATLY. Only days after finishing that novel, author Larry Kahn was offering some free copies of his novel -- KING OF PAIN -- here on Goodreads of where I was greatly obliged to receive a copy. A very strange coincidence indeed. Another novel with a peculiar name and a very elusive description. With some trepidation, I decided to begin reading KING OF PAIN right away and am so glad I did!

It was only after that whereby I read that those who had read and enjoyed the novel THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO would also really like the novel KING OF PAIN. While I can see how some people find similarities between the two novels, both books are extremely unique in their storylines and both in a great way! Learning from my own ignorance, don't let a novel's title sway you away from reading it!!!

I applaud those on Amazon who have given great reviews and summations of KING OF PAIN but, alas, I will try to write up my own review/summation of this great novel. My summary of the novel is included only because there is not a great number of summaries about it and one more can't hurt for this newer author. Yet

I feel that it pales greatly in comparison to READING this supercharged suspense novel!

PLEASE don't let the sexual content of this novel scare you away because, for me, it only made up about 2% of the novel and only because it was necessary to provide a creative, unique plot with wonderful heroic, moral and ethical characters! Ultimately, the novel is about true love and what great lengths many GOOD MEN will go and how much they will risk to find and save their soul mates.

Special Agent Frank Paine sacrificed everything to join the FBI. Nonetheless, those sacrifices landed him a job with the Bureau and he was assigned to the Atlanta Field Office. Frank's first "bust" as the FBI "new guy" led to coming across a scene that Frank was all-too-familiar with (via the Internet). The FBI, with Frank at the forefront, was showing up at a hotel room prepared with force to take down a suspected pedophile after receiving a anonymous tip that the "adult male" subject would be found in a room on the 10th floor with a 13-year-old girl. What they found, instead, was a young lady and an older man playing out a BDSM charade but looked like a rape. It had been a set up (rape by proxy). Someone had set up both of these innocent individuals to make it look like a rape was taking place. An unknown predator with "yet unknown" relentless future plans had these two people set up and it was only the beginning. NOT the beginning of focusing on that subject alone (online and in-person adult entertainment) but using or murdering anyone who got in an unidentified subject's way of finding a deep-seated need -- saving his or her own life (literally).

Frank had just cast away (for good) a long-term addiction that the Bureau was not aware of. It took three years and therapy but Frank Paine turned his life around regaining his personal integrity and moral principles. And hoping some day to win back the love of his life --Jolynn Decker. He knew their loving but painful past may never have her forgiving him but there is always his hope for that. Jolynn is also a woman who becomes a secondary character in the novel and who also has some pieces of information that may unravel the mystery that has eluded so many in this novel.

Frank Paine had been an online King of "Real-Time" role-playing sexual adventures -- specifically Bondage, Dominance, Submission and Masochism. But he never, NEVER did anything "sick". Limits were set by both online parties and respect came first. Staying committed to a 12 step program to put a permanent end to his kinky past, leaving a lucrative career of Hollywood acting, spending every penny he had to join the Bureau and losing the love of his life... Frank finds himself having to use his kinky knowledge of online skills to try to find and bring down a perpetrator bent on ruining the reputations of dominate men, killing two innocent people who were simply in the way, putting fear into many and going to beyond extreme means to find his or her own ends. That being -- what the psycho wants and what he or she NEEDS.

This may sound like your average novel but I can only say NOT BY FAR! When the young lady in the hotel room uses the phrase "Take Me to My River" much of the rest of the novel is a rabid chase to find out what and where "The River" is and why. The first recognition of the phrase is recognized by a Bureau member and says that "Take Me to My River" is part of a poem. A New York Pulitzer Prize winning reporter was known for its popularity. This very reporter, Roger Martin, is becoming somewhat desperate for new material and Roger has a deadline to come up with something good before getting canned. Roger Martin is the second main character in this novel.

This is where author Larry Kahn alternates chapters in his novels; one chapter devoted to Frank Paine's mission to find an out of control perpetrator and solve the case and opposite chapters devoted to Roger Martin's mission to bring more news to the front page. Roger uncovers, one by one, popular or wealthy people (or both) who just seem to disappear off the face of the earth for no apparent reason. They become "The Missing."

Like Frank (and so many men) Roger is not alone when trying to find, and keep, the woman he loves. Roger's love is known literally and figuratively as his "Angel" (Angela). Angela is nothing less than Roger's true 'Angel' and a woman who literally lives up to her name not only to Roger but to anyone who comes in contact with her. Her personality beams with light, compassion and love. But Angel has her own secrets and her private life is kept from Roger for a long time. Angela's secrets capture the reader at the same time. Is she harboring good secrets or bad secrets?

It would be no surprise that Frank's efforts and Roger's efforts eventually have something in common. I really enjoyed how the author revealed the separate efforts in separate chapters and then slowly blended the separate, yet common, missions and how they thread together for the perpetrator to be captured and the mystery in the novel solved. The mystery in this novel is just as exciting as the suspense!

Using the most unlikely events and keeping in mind that "people know people who know people" ... author Larry Kahn delivers a story that is so real and so intense that I felt I couldn't put the novel down -- even when I had to. Besides getting to know Frank, Roger, Angela and Jolynn (and so many others in this tale of suspense and intrigue) I was on a physical and emotional roller coaster taking me one way and then another keeping me glued to each character and each situation at every turn. Mr. Kahn is easily able to get you into the hearts and minds of several other characters in a way that I have not seen done before. I felt like I knew each and every one of them!

For those who may think the novel is about erotica... it does not fall into that category. Erotica, in this novel, is uniquely used by this author because, like it not, it does exist and it is used as a tool in this novel to show how certain activities (no matter what they be) have consequences. Good or bad. I think it was a great idea to tell a story describing people's uninhibited actions and not put blinders on when broaching the subject of online (or off-line) sexual fantasies.

I am glad to see on Mr. Kahn's website that he is planning to continue to write more fiction and I am so glad to hear that! His prose is perfect and makes reading a breeze. KING OF PAIN is a complex novel of sorts but not so much whereas to lose the reader.

\*\*\*\* Semi-spoiler from this point on :

Without spoiling where the novel eventually leads... it leads to a place (a physical place) that was created by people and FOR PEOPLE with similar circumstances. And it has NOTHING to do with sex! The place in this novel takes an extraordinary amount of revenue, people and resources but it is not without the realm of possibility. It hit home with me on a deep level because I tried to create a similar place about five years ago but lacked (and still lack) the resources to be able to do so. The place in this novel, along with its residents, are completely different than what I have in mind but, at the same time, have many of the same needs when all is said and done. There is also always the hope for many such "places" to actually exist.

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### **Sue Owen says**

This novel held a few surprises for me. I, of course, was aware of the practice of BDSM but never put much thought to the role discretion played. Absolute trust even beyond that called for in normal sexual

relationships is paramount. If that trust were broken it very well could mean a life. I never know what I'm going to get into when I start a new book. The author moved me to a new expectation for suspense.

He builds his case from many directions and it just seemed that around each corner was a new surprise. But it wasn't overwhelming like it can be in some books. The lead character Frank Paine is likeable despite himself. I very much enjoyed finding that out.

Paine's motives for discovering the truth are obvious throughout and he uses a dogged determination to pursue the end of the trail, which was suspenseful and surprising. The author used every trick in the book to hide, deceive and suspend each turn and angle. It was a wonderful trail of discovery I was lead on and I am very happy to recommend this book.

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## **Todd Fonseca says**

The King of Paine - Great Mystery/Thriller at Steal of a Price

Rating: 4.5 of 5 stars

Author: Larry Kahn

Format: Kindle, Paperback

Busting open the hotel door, Frank Paine finds a woman gagged and bound to the bed as a black-masked man stands over her while a tripod mounted camera records the rape. The masked man claims the entire affair is a role play they had both agreed to through an online BDSM chat room. The girl, however, thought she was simply living out a non-contact encounter. In reality, both were setup by a third party stalking them online. Worse, Frank learns his own former online personality - the King of Paine - is potentially be used as a part of these crimes. Meanwhile, Roger Martin, a washed-up former Pulitzer Prize winning journalist follows a series of leads regarding the recent disappearance of several elderly chronically ill high profile individuals. Though they don't know each other, Frank and Roger's lives are about to be thrown together as both work to solve two mysteries linked at their core.

“The King of Paine” by Larry Kahn is a complex, compelling, fast paced and intriguing thriller that will have you turning the pages well into the early morning. The writing is crisp and pops off the page. This novel is not, however, not for the prudish. Online sex chat rooms and alternative BDSM lifestyles are a focal point for most of the book. In fact, this facet overshadows the book's other central theme regarding end-of-life illness management and elderly respect issues. An odd combination for sure but Kahn makes the story work because of his great characters and ability to keep readers guessing throughout.

This was almost a five star book for me. My holdout was that I felt the fatal disease management theme was not as well developed as I would have liked. Having said that, at \$0.99 on Kindle this book is an incredible deal. For a good mystery/thriller, readers can't go wrong with The King of Paine at this amazing price.

Note: A complimentary copy of this work was provided in return for a review.

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### **Micheale says**

This is a great book with multiple characters, murder, and redemption.

The other reviewers have mentioned all of the important "pieces" to the story so I won't go into those.

However, I will say that I like Larry Kahn's writing style. It has a nice flow page after page. The story itself kept me guessing and while I usually have no qualms about reading the ending first, I did not do that with this one! The story line was fast paced enough that I did not feel like jumping ahead.

The descriptions of the characters, their environments, and their thoughts were just right for me. Not too detailed to be boring but enough to give me a picture of what was going on.

I would have liked a little more romance between the two main characters, but that is not really a negative for this book, just my own personal preference.

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### **Mason Canyon says**

Frank Paine is far from your typical FBI Special Agent. An ex-Hollywood stud, he's on a mission to clean up his act and make up for his wrong doings. Sometimes, however, it's hard to take the actor out of the agent.

The newest member of the FBI's Atlanta Field Office, Paine's world takes a hard hit when an e-mail comes in. The Innocent Images Unit, a small team of cyber agents, is working to catch a suspected pedophile, but the e-mail is directed at Paine. It uses phrases from his dark past that only one person knows and it's the one person Paine has wronged the most.

The agents, acting on information in the e-mail, are drawn into a world of BDSM - bondage, dominance, submission and masochism. It's a world where Paine's alter-ego ruled and if he's not careful, all of his kinky secrets are going to be revealed or get him killed.

KING OF PAIN is filled with suspense, intrigue and murder. It's a fast-pace adventure that will hold readers spellbound. The writing is smooth and flows easily from one scene to the next.

Author Larry Kahn has created interesting characters with flaws that make them realistic. Kahn takes readers into the cyber world showing bits of the darker side. He also looks at how far some people would go to hold on to their youth.

Paine takes on his sorted past and finds a new beginning.

Author Larry Kahn's website is <http://www.larrykahn.com>.

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FTC Full Disclosure - This book was sent to me by the author as part of a blog tour in hopes I would review it. However, receiving the complimentary copy did not influence my review.

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### **KyBunnies says**

I finished Larry's new book "King of Paine" last night. I will have to say it is an amazing book. I really enjoyed reading it. Larry has wrote a wonderful book with well developed characters with a very interesting plot. Beware this review may contain spoilers.

The book starts out with an ex-actor that has completed his training at Quantico. Frank Paine is a rookie agent new to the job and everything about law enforcement. He learns that life in law enforcement is totally different than law enforcement life on the big screen.

Paine is contacted by email about a man that is a pedophile. Paine later learns that is not the truth. He learns that he is being used by the UNSUB to get something. It is a long road for Paine. His girlfriend (who he hurt very badly) is kidnapped, his new boss is murdered in his apartment, and there are a couple of other murders. But Paine manages to over come everything and figure out who the UNSUB actually is.

This is a great story with the FBI involved. I will admit I have not read many book about the FBI but this one was great. Larry also has a great price on the book since he self published the book. I support him in his efforts and will purchase his past book "The Jinx" and any other books he published in the future.

Larry will be an author to watch with his style of writing and the intriguing plot.

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### **Kari says**

King of Paine is the second book I have read this year that I thought would make a great movie. Where else could you find a story about a Hollywood actor who turns his back on fame and becomes a real FBI agent? It's one of those stories where things seem a bit disjointed and unrelated in the beginning. But, if you just trust in the author, things slowly begin to fit together. The plot of this book was very well laid out and was not what I was suspecting. Honestly, to talk too much about the plot would give it away.

The characters were well fleshed out. I loved Frank and wanted him to succeed in his quest for redemption and forgiveness. I liked how he kept writing headlines for himself to capture the situations he found himself in. I did think that Jolynn forgave him a little to quickly, but that is my opinion.

I definitely recommend this one. Once I started reading, I couldn't walk away from it.

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### **Larry Kahn says**

I wrote it, so naturally I think it's worth a read!

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## L.A. says

Article first published as Book Review: King of Paine by Larry Kahn on Blogcritics.

The internet offers a cloak of invisibility, a chance to be someone you are not. But the cloak doesn't really offer the safety of anonymity. It only hides the bearer for a short time, and the consequences of being de-cloaked are often much worse than one would think.

In King of Paine by Larry Kahn, we are taken into the back stages of internet chat rooms, in an effort to find a killer. Frank Paine is not just a newbie FBI agent; he is also an ex-Hollywood actor, and a man with a dark and secret past. When he finds himself dragged back into the games of his past, by a stalker who seems quite aware of his indiscretions from his recent and erotic past, Paine must find a way to delve into the darkness one more time, in an effort to snare a killer.

Knowing he must find forgiveness from the only woman he has ever loved, Frank is unnerved when he finds that she is a suspect. Can he prove her innocence? In an effort to solve the crime before anyone else is murdered, Frank must develop some trust in his new job. Sharing a bit of his past with one of the agents, Frank is able to set up a chat to lure the killer out of hiding. When his agent friend is killed in Frank's apartment, while Frank is in the other room, he realizes he is now in the killers sights. As he continues to look for ways to assure Jolynn's innocence, she too is dragged into the dangerous game of cat and mouse. Can he save her before it is too late, or is she truly the killer after all?

Kahn has written a thriller with teeth. His characters are quite jaded and yet also very likable. They have their flaws as well as their dark side. Kahn delves into the internet chat rooms like a pro and drags you along for the ride. Frank Paine is a strong character, yet he has to prove himself to the very people he works with. Having made mistakes in his life, he understands why his credibility is not as strong as he would like it. Known for his acting, his new job puts him at a disadvantage with those who have a more realistic past. Having been instrumental in his own girlfriends down fall and down word slide from the business, he struggles to find his way back into her life. He is charismatic and dangerous with a rebelliousness that draws you in.

Jolynn is a beautiful and sassy counterpart, smart but very angry and hurt at Frank's lack of action when she needed him the most. The heat between them sizzles and her knack of internet game playing brings her into the picture in a way that becomes very dangerous. When all clues begin to point at Jolynn and her past, Frank finds himself trying to direct the traffic. Is she the killer or the target of the killer? Frank must find the answers before it is too late.

Within and weaved throughout the book are issues that are also twisted into the work, those that deal with death and dignity. There is a story behind the story and yet entwined, twisting the reader in directions unimagined.

I would recommend this book for those who enjoy a good thriller. Be prepared for vicarious and sexual game playing and role playing. The forays into the internet are well thought out and just a bit creepy, and the thrill of the chase is what draws you in. Technology and medicine set the backdrop to this work, and the context of meaning leaves you wondering. Kahn has done an excellent job with red herrings, and the twists and machinations of the killer send you in directions you never see coming.

This book was received free from the author. All opinions are my own based off my reading and

understanding of the material.

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### **The TBR Pile \*Book review site\* says**

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This is a highly enjoyable and engaging thriller that grips you very early on and refuses to let go! Don't let yourself be put off by the mentions of BDSM either because there is nothing very explicit in the text and in fact much of what Mr. Kahn mentioned is very tame, carrying only the merest hint of eroticism. The characters are well conceived too and the way the two plot threads eventually string together is very cleverly done. I'll be honest, this wasn't my first choice of book to review but in hind sight, this was a mistake on my part as I found myself enjoying this far more than I ever expected to! Within only a few chapters, I was hooked and couldn't stop reading right up until the end!

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### **Vanessa Booke says**

Larry Kahn's King of Paine is a well written story full of action pack suspense. This is the kind of book where you can open it on ANY page and the story just pulls you in. It's that good! I can honestly say I was hooked from beginning to end. Although I lost a bit of sleep, I had a blast reading it! There's definitely some saucy scenes in this book, so I only recommend this for adults. I have to say one of my favorite things about Kahn's writing is every chapter has a fantastic opening. This is definitely part of the magic of this book. His characters, in particular Joylnn are well thought out and masterfully crafted. I have to admit i've heard the comparison between The Girl and the Dragon Tattoo and King of Paine and in my opinion, Kahn is better. I was never bored, in fact I hung onto every word in this story. Some of my favorite chapters were the chatroom scenes. I thought Kahn did a wonderful job building the story and propelling the plot forward with them. The chapters themselves were quick and left no room for "fluff," which I thought was great. Overall, I thought this book was fantastic! I hope to read more from Larry Kahn and I hope he continues writing suspense novels.

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