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Alex Cross isn't the only detective in D.C.

When a calculating sniper takes aim on top of a nine story building and pulls the trigger, homicide detective, Jacob Hayden, must rush to find the killer before he flees the city.

As the intensity of the manhunt increases, a trusted informant leads Jacob's along another path to a corrupt D.C. Superior Court judge.

Follow Jacob Hayden's investigations and see how the sniper and the judge are linked to an underground operation that ultimately changes Jacob's life forever.

The suspense is nail biting.

## **The Avenged Details**

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## From Reader Review The Avenged for online ebook

### Colleen Bratley says

The Avenged, by Charles Prandy -The Book That Could Be a Good Movie.

I am not joking about the title. When I first started reading this book, I just thought this story was going to be another one of "those" stories, no big deal, no excitement, no glad I read it, no what else has the author written. How wrong I was on all of them.

The lead character Jacob Hayden was a stand up guy that I think would have loved to be a hero, a superman, but didn't seek such a role. He was happy and content with his life and his work just the way it was. He thought he had the perfect life. The author really didn't get you too into his mind, which by the way, was exactly how most men think. They don't. They don't over think details and events the way women do, and he was true to that character. It showed he was human, just a regular guy like everyone else, doing his job, and became embroiled in an unbelievable situation because of it.

When a person is a really good person, they get a reputation for that. People love them. They are respected, revered. This guy knew it, but didn't put himself up on a pedestal because of it. Jacob just tried to do the right thing. The author made you feel the same thing for this guy. You loved him, respected him, and wanted to help him do the right thing. So when others came out of their shells, their hiding, or their fears to help him, you cheered. You wanted to shout "Yes, that's what I'm talking about". I feel like I would be a very good friend to this guy, and love to hang out with him.

Getting your audience to feel such connection to the characters is a conquest we all seek. Accomplishing it is masterful. This was a job very, very well done.

I said before that I thought this would be just another "one of those stories". This is far from that. In my mind I saw this as a movie, with Vin Diesel playing the lead. Yes, I know in the book Jacob Hayden is black, but I don't see people that way. I see what kind of person, or character they are, and I thought Vin would be perfect for the character. Give him a spray tan, if his color bothers you.

Yet again, I contemplated the ending as being the good guy usually wins, and the story ends neatly and smoothly. I wasn't expecting this set up in the ending. Wow, that was surprising. I wondered what he thought about that. I wanted more answers, at least to what Jacob the 'do the right thing' guy was thinking in the end. I want to know what the other characters are doing too, but now I need to know what is going to happen next.

There better be a sequel to this. Sometimes you just have to have answers.

Great work Charles Prandy, thanks for letting me read it. Send me the sequel!! Others will love this story, and if this is any indication, all his other works.

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### Vicki - I Love Reading says

### **The Avenged (Kindle Edition)**

After reading another book reviewers review on this, I really wanted to give it a try. And i'm glad i did.

Homicide Detective Jacob Hayden from the third district and partner Charlie Evans set out to deal with what looks like a drug related street murder.

Things soon take a turn and the story really gets going. The plot is fast paced and keeps you needing to read on.

Jacob ends up dealing with not only his own demons, but a bent judge- Bent coppers - Drug dealers - Snipers - death - death - and more death.

It's hard to tell as you get through the book who is and who isn't Bent/corrupt. And just who can and can't be trusted.

A great read with plenty happening with twist and turns all the way through.

But will Detective Jacob Hayden survive this investigation with so much against him. You better read the book to find out.

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### **Linda Strong says**

Another new author for me .... more characters to meet and greet. This is a terrific crime story. There's the detective, an honorable man, also a recovering alcoholic. There are cops on the take, a priest who is being blackmailed, a dishonest judge, a call girl with her own agenda, and a sniper.

There's also illegal guns in crates, money laundering, and people winding up dead all over the place.

Detective Jacob Hayden and his partner Detective Stephen Carter think they're going to break open a drug operation. They think wrong .... they find guns, a whole lot of guns. One of his confidential informants puts him in the path of a sniper who may or may not be working for a dishonest judge.

When he gets too close to the truth, his wife is killed. The detective throws everything out the window and goes to avenge his wife's death.

There are a couple of major twists ... ones I absolutely did not see coming. The vernacular rings true. The characters are fleshed out and even though there are many players in this 'game', they are all easy to follow. The storyline is fast paced.

This is the first of many starring Detective Hayden. I can hardly wait to see what the author has in store for him after this.

4.5 stars

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### **bonnie kirchner says**

#### **The Avenged**

This was a good thriller. It was hard to take a break from this book. I really couldn't put the book down . I recommend this book . This is a excellent suspense thriller. Worth reading.

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## **WiLoveBooks says**

The prologue opens right into the action and caught my attention. Chapter one jumps back five months to the beginning of a murder investigation and the whole time I kept thinking back to the prologue, wondering how Detective Jacob Hayden ended up where he did. The story is fast-paced and the mystery is complex. There are some surprising twists that kept me reading, anticipating where the story was going. I definitely recommend this for mystery and thriller lovers. I also suspect a sequel.

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## **Amanda says**

I enjoyed the book. and felt like the author did a really good job of developing the characters along with the story line. sometimes characters jump to actions against their character without any build up as to why they make those decisions. that was not the case here. overall a good balance of you guessing who then why then how the events take place.

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## **Tracey Lampley says**

The Avenged shocks and surprises in all the right places. It truly is a page-turner. The author weaves a masterful plot. Overlooking the editing and formatting snafus, I rate this book a five-star read.

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## **Best Crime Books & More says**

I liked the synopsis and was looking forward to reading Charles Prandy's debut novel featuring Detective Jacob Hayden. I must say that the story starts off pretty fast paced and it didn't take me long to like Hayden. He's a solid cop with a great career and home life. However, as most fictional Detectives know, that status doesn't normally last long and the same must be said for Jacob.

The chapters are short and sharp and I couldn't help drawing comparisons with James Patterson's Alex Cross series. I can only assume that Prandy has been heavily influenced by these sorts of books. That said, he has also delivered an incredibly good book. It only took me a day to finish and I instantly went on to purchase the second book in the series (both of which were under £1 on Kindle). Hayden is likeable, the story and plot involving what starts out as a simple murder, turns into something much more complex and had various elements which adds to the suspense.

Characters that heavily feature in the story such as Judge Frank Peter's were sometimes verging on the clichéd, but it certainly didn't detract from my enjoyment of the story. There were certain elements which were a little too close to the 'far fetched' side of the line, but again it's Prandy's debut and I can only see his books improving over time. Although the story and characters are nothing new, there is a certain likeability factor here and the writing also kept me focused and attentive. I think a solid 4 out of 5 is deserved for this book and think the majority of people will really like it. All in all, I really enjoyed this and think it won't take long for Prandy to gain quite a big following. I can only hope that he continues with a good series and doesn't become too predictable. This book is certainly for fans of the Patterson type of book and for the price it's a bargain as well.

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### **Susan says**

Detective Jacob Hayden is witness to a killing by a sniper, but what is the connection to the recent information he had received about a corrupt Judge. Also is there a link to the death of a young man, and his storage shed.

An interesting thriller

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### **Rick Boyer says**

#### **The Avenged**

This was a good read from an author I had not read anything from. Characters are described well. Some good twists and turns. Some foreseen, others a surprise. Holds the attention to keep reading late into the night. Highly recommend.

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### **Shaniqua Harris says**

The avenged written by Charles Prandy is a book that tells of love, betrayal, deceit, and revenge. In the world of detective Jacob Hayden is great until he hears the name that turns his world upside down; Judge Frank Peters. The book asks questions that I would never want to answer. What would you do if you were a cop and you were told that cops in your precinct were dirty? What would you do if someone you trusted set you up? Would you try to bring a well respected judge down if you knew he was dirty? Would you kill your wife's killer? Jacob Hayden unfortunately answers all these questions.

The Avenged is about detective Jacob Hayden is married to doctor Teresa Hayden, and is partnered to detective Charles. Jacob's life is nearly perfect. He has the perfect wife, the perfect partner, and the perfect relationship with his in laws but every dream must eventually come to an end and Jacob's does when his informant Turtle tells him he knows who killed Gimmick and needs protection from the same criminals in exchange for his testimony. I thought this was a decent book. I thought that some of the characters were a bit unrealistic, but overall I am looking forward to read more books from Charles Prandy. According to ftc regulations I must say that I received a free eBook review copy but this in no way affected my review or my views of the book.

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### **Joanne Armstrong says**

Love that cover!

The Avenged is Prandy's first novel in the Jacob Hayden series, and was published in 2012. It follows a homicide detective (Hayden) as he works a case that begins with the murder of a young man. The case spirals out of control as he uncovers corruption that reaches from the top of the high court right down into Hayden's own precinct. It becomes very clear that the bad guys are bad enough and desperate enough to do

anything in order to maintain a low profile, but how desperate is Hayden to catch them? Will he risk everything?

I felt that Prandy's novel was well written. Fast paced, with just the right amount of description to keep the stakes high and the pages turning. There are some issues with tense, but I'm finding this more and more common recently, so maybe it's simply seen as colloquialism to mix them around; I'm not sure.

At first I could hear a 1950s Bogart telling the story; all except for the blonde dame walking into his office and begging for his help. I wasn't sure what to make of this; the detective seemed to be scene-setting in present tense but then switching to past for the action. I don't think it mattered overmuch. I may well have been overthinking the whole thing when I was trying to work out whether the author was laying hints with tense. (eg "Theresa's parents have the kind of love that my parents had." Does this mean that statement is still current at the end of the book... that they are still alive and love each other? "Theresa was their only child." Does this mean she is no longer?)

I think it worked though. The main character is likeable and observant – everything you'd want in a good detective. He tends to voice every small musing, which gets a little tiring, but I can understand that Prandy wants to make sure he is being understood very clearly by his reader. He's also very careful, almost tending towards the cautious, "by-the-book" type of cop, and I have to admit that I felt the best parts of the novel where when he threw the rulebook away. Hayden's descent into his personal hell is well-planned and well-timed, and the avenging angel who emerges is a lot of fun to follow.

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### **Rayne says**

It was an ok book. It warmed up right towards the end. Detective Hayden was a very confusing character. He was very unsure of himself a lot of the time. At times when he was stronger he was awesome but his insecurities and second guessing nature had me frustrated. This was a great criminal case, and so personal. I think this was a good set up for future books with this detective. I'm just not sure I'm going to be rushing to continue though.

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### **Heidi says**

The Avenged is the first Jacob Hayden novel. I quite enjoyed it, despite the rather poor editing/proofreading. The action was extremely fast-paced; I liked the very short chapters (reminiscent of James Patterson). There were a number of unexpected plot twists.

Jacob is a successful police detective, living happily with a wife he adores. After starting to work on a seemingly routine murder case, he suddenly finds himself on the run, his pleasant life brutally shattered. There is a prologue in which we see Jacob violently bringing the case to an end. What has happened to him? Who is he talking to? We'll soon find out.

At the end, a bizarre letter written to Jacob sets up another novel. As much as I'm looking forward to reading this next installment, I couldn't help but feel that Jacob has suffered enough and deserves a long period of rest and relaxation!

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**LordOfTheReads says**

A great read. Some minor gripes, a few wants for thicker plots around secondary characters but overall a fantastic action packed thriller that brings around a fantastic plot twist at the end.

Well worth getting.

Full review here - <http://www.thenovelreviewer.com/the-a...>

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