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A *Wall Street Journal* bestseller

All Detective Mason Callahan wanted was a quiet fishing trip with the guys—a chance to get away and unwind before Halloween.

Until he finds the body of his boss, Denny Schefte, near their remote Oregon cabin. Now all he wants is to catch the sadist who slit Denny's throat and covered his face with a mask. Mason was the last person to see him alive and will stop at nothing to find his friend's murderer.

When the FBI learns of the mask left at the scene, they realize they have a serial killer on their hands—one who is targeting cops. They assign the case to Special Agent Ava McLane, despite her engagement to Mason. Barely recovered from her own nearly fatal injury and her sister's attempted suicide, Ava hopes she is ready to chase another killer.

But as she delves into the increasingly disturbing case, the killer may be closer than expected—dangerously close.

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Diana says

4.5 stars

Targeted is book 4 in the Callahan & McLane series, and probably my favorite so far.

FBI Special Agent Ava McLane and Detective Mason Callahan, are not only trying to maneuver their relationship and personal lives, they are trying to find a cop killer. With no suspects in sight, they killer is getting too close for comfort.

If you like police procedurals, I highly recommend this series. It is light in the romance department, like no sex scenes at all, but it worked for me because I thought it Ava & Mason's relationship was very realistic.

I really enjoyed this one and I am thrilled that there is another book in the works. Plus, on the author's website, it mentions that Ava's partner, Zander, will get his own book. We do get to see more of him in *Targeted* and learn a little about his past, but I am greedy and want more.

Diane says

Another great read by Kendra Elliot. Cops are the target in this book also, but it's the male species this time. A red herring or two thrown in just for fun when you are trying to solve this serial killing. Male cops are the victims and are left with different "Hallowe'en" masks on them and a mysterious finger print thrown in!

The first "known" victim is found by Mason when a group of his fellow cop buddies are on a fishing vacation - just happens to be one of the buddies who is also their boss. This all happens within the first couple of pages, so really no spoiler here.

I encourage anyone who enjoys a fast paced, police procedural to read this series, you won't be disappointed.

5 stars and 2 thumbs up!

CD {Boulder Blvd} says

This is the 4th book in this series, but the first book in the series for me. I was a little worried about starting with book #4, but received an ARC from NetGalley in exchange for an honest review...so I dived in.

The Callahan & McLane series feature Mason Callahan, a detective in the Portland Police Department and Special Agent Ava McLane with the FBI. In the first book they meet and develop a relationship and then their relationship continues to develop in the next books in the series. Each book has a standalone suspense plot that is the focus of the book. In book 4, Ava and Mason are trying to discover who is murdering law

enforcement officers.

The story starts out strong as Mason discovers a fellow police officer and good friend murdered during a fishing vacation with other officers. The plot paces well as the investigation begins only to find a similarity to a recent suicide of an FBI officer. As they start looking closer at the two cases, another murder occurs and now they know they have a serial killer, but they don't know what ties the cases together.

I really enjoyed the premise of the plot and thought it was well thought out and the characters (good and bad) were developed well. Suspense plots are one of the primary reasons I read and I definitely liked this one.

We also get to know each of the recurring characters a little bit more which I really liked. Mason and Ava show that communication in a relationship is important and you can't just assume you know your partner. I thought this book had a really good mix of primary and supporting characters.

Do I recommend Targeted? Definitely, I really enjoyed this one.

Anita says

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I am enjoying the Callahan & McLane series immensely. In addition to a new mystery to solve with each book, you have the ongoing relationship of Ava and Mason and the problems that Ave has with the mental illness of her twin sister, Jayne. Kendra Elliot writes Ave and Mason as real people with real ongoing issues. Not your typical Romantic-Suspense series.

While on a fishing trip with his four OSP buddies, Mason discovery the body of his friend, Denny. The scene is set with a horror movie mask over Denny's face. As a witness, Mason can't take part in solving the case, like that is going to actually stop him.

When the particulars of Denny's murder turn up another case with a horror mask, this one the suicide of an FBI Agent, Ava is assigned to a Joint Tank Force. Two more bodies are found and a push is on to find a connection between the men as the murders just don't appear to be random attacks on law enforcement personal, but well planned and executed murders.

Debby "Piene Raven" says

Wondering if there would be a 5th book to really round out the somewhat way the story ended. I enjoyed the first three and the 4th did not create a big dent or climax other than Denny Scheffe, the boss being killed at his fishing cabin in the woods. There was literally no romance/sex scenes in this one, although I thought it would have expounded on Zander hooking up with the wedding planner friend.

Callahan and McLane try to get their wedding plans in order but are stalled when a serial cop killer runs rampant disposing of police officers linked to a Boys & Girls Club. As it happens, Mason gets entangled in the middle of everything. Mason becomes one of the targeted individuals as the FBI and OSP go through the motion of trying to find out who is killing and why as he leaves his calling card of masks from well-known

horror movie killers. All the characters are well written and played their parts although I thought it was a little eerie and almost crossing the line in one of the back stories of the mother and son. (view spoiler)

Terri ♥ (aka Mrs. Christian Grey) says

[If a person of interest hasn't responded to call, why not go check out their home. She did that with Zander. But no. She couldn't have them check out their home because Mason would be found. So she ignored that option in favor of a search warrant for computer equipment. And it was so damn obvious. (hide spoiler)]

Paige Bookdragon says

It's a very good thing Targeted was a great read because it would have sucked to have a terrible read on my birthday.

(In case you didn't get that, it's my birthday!!!PARTY HAAAARD!!)

I wasn't able to read the 3rd book of the series but that doesn't mean it lessens the wow factor of the book. Granted, there's some spoilers for the 3rd book but it really didn't bother me at all. Targeted is so much better than the 2nd book of the series (which I gave 3 stars).

I love how Elliot puts her readers on a suspense for such a long time. She didn't reveal any name or any thing that can lead the readers to guess who the murdering bastard is.

She also didn't dwell much on the romance part of the book which I am thankful. Some of authors in the romantic suspense/ thriller genre feels like it's a necessity to include sex scenes between the h and the H in order for it to appeal to the readers. I love how she highlights Ava and Mason's relationship (which is certainly **#goals**) but at the same time, she still manages to do it in a non-smutty way.

P.S: Don't get me wrong. I love smut. But when it comes to my thrillers and crime books, I want more blood and grit rather than the ooh and aaah.

Dee says

Two-haiku review:

Cops are being killed
Must be connected, but how?
Twisted path to perp

Couldn't guess bad guy
Characters developing
Really like series

Diane Saul says

I have been reading Kendra since her first book, Hidden. She just keeps getting better! Mason and some of his detective friends have gone on a vacation together. One of the detectives is brutally murdered at the remote cabin where they are staying. His body is found with a Halloween mask on his face. Mason's fiancé Ava is brought in to help with the investigation. When another law enforcement officer is found murdered, also with a Halloween mask on, they realize they have a killer targeting law enforcement officers. Kendra does an excellent job of keeping the suspense throughout the book. She lets us hear the voice of the killer without revealing who it is. This book is extremely well written. You won't be able to stop turning the pages to see what will happen next. I can't wait for her next book. Thank you to net galley for an advanced copy for a fair and honest review.

Elvan says

Great read. A cop killer with a theatrical horror movie slant. Elliot continues to expand on the back stories on some of the secondary characters we've come to know in this series. Other than a few TSTL decisions by our favourite investigators to help make a thriller ending, this fast paced read was entertaining from beginning to end.

* I don't always read the acknowledgments by the author at the end of each read but got a kick out of her comment saying her readers had demanded she not injure Ava four books in a row.

I hope she comes back to this series and these characters. I feel like I am just getting to know them all and look forward to more investigations by Ava and Mason.

Mo says

I enjoyed the first three in the series and this was no exception. I had to go back and read my reviews to see if there was any romance/sex in the previous books. I think there was. Nada in this one. But I didn't really care. I like Mason and Ava.

Mason and his buddies are on a fishing trip. Time for rest and relaxation but then one of the party ends up dead.

Mason hoped his own death wouldn't leave stains for a stranger to remove. He'd rather die under a fir tree, his blood soaking into the earth.

Kept me guessing to the end. Nice to meet other characters who might feature prominently in future books.

Set in Portland, which I hope to visit soon.

For years they'd harassed their boss about his taste in beer when he lived in one of the craft beer capitals of the nation ...

Gotta love those craft beers. Much nicer than pissy Budweiser, Heineken, Carling etc.

All books have been solid four stars and I am looking forward to the next installment.

Petra says

The fourth book about Detective Mason Callahan and FBI special agent Ava McLane and these keep getting better and better. The case, this time, hits close to home as law enforcement officers are being targeted by a serial killer. The ongoing relationship between Mason and Ava is further developed while Ava continues to worry about her twin sister's mental health issues.

Addictive romantic suspense with the emphasis on suspense in this one. I love how each case they are working on has been different. There's none of the same old, same old here. This was real edge-of-your-seat stuff.

My personal plea: I would love for Zander to get a story with an HEA, pretty please, Ms. Elliot.

There was a different male narrator this time, which took me a bit by surprise. However, I absolutely love the dual narration with Amy Mc Fadden doing the female voices and Alexander Cedese the male. It makes the whole listening experience much more authentic.

Highly recommended series for romantic suspense fans, but should be read in order.

Sandy *The world could end while I was reading and I would never notice* says

3.5 stars for Targeted, a very slickly written novel from Kendra Elliot. The plot flows well but lacks that certain something that keeps me reading to the exclusion of everything else.

In defence of the book, this is #4 in a series, but I don't feel that I have missed anything that would have added to my enjoyment by not reading the previous 3 books.

It seems to all have started with the murder of Denny Schefte at a remote fishing cabin where he was on a trip with his buddies and workmates. But did it? It certainly didn't stop there.

Detective Mason Callahan was one of the people on that fishing trip and is determined to uncover the person responsible for his friend's murder. The case is assigned to Special Agent Ava McLane, despite the fact that she is engaged to Callahan.

More deaths follow, all with the same disturbing signature, and an earlier case, deemed at the time to be suicide, needs to be re-examined in the light of mounting evidence.

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Jennifer says

Sufficiently mysterious and the family and relationship drama didn't bother me. This one was better than the last. On a side note, Zander seriously needs to have a spin off series.

Cindy ~ SnS Reviews says

Tight suspense thriller that had me turning the pages as fast as I could to find out who was killing Oregon's law enforcement. The author did a great job of keeping you guessing almost till the end along with some great murder scene descriptions (yes I'm morbid) with references to some of my favorite horror movies.

Throughout this series poor Ava has not had an easy time of it with the havoc her twin sister has wrecked all her life. I was happy to see that Ava is finally cutting the emotional cord and is working on healing from all the damage her sister has caused her. I've always personally related to some of what Ava's gone through and was glad to see she is finally taking the steps needed to work on herself and realizing there is nothing she can do to change her sister. I love that Mason has stepped into the roll to be the buffer – first point of contact – on news about Jayne. His and Ava's love for each other is strong and they are each other's rock.

There was also great ensemble cast of characters in this book that all come together to try and find the killer. Each book I'm left with more characters I would love to see in future books. Another great story from this author and I look forward to what's next.
