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**Perfect for fans of Jeff Lindsay's Dexter thrillers and the novels of Lisa Gardner and Karin Slaughter, the gritty, action-packed Justice series continues as a depraved mind taunts those who seek retribution on both sides of the law.**

*I become whatever they want. Whatever they need.*

Seattle Chief of Detectives Mort Grant is still reeling from losing his daughter—again. When Allie first walked back into his life, breaking years of silence, he could hardly believe his luck. And after hearing her story, Mort tried to do everything in his power to keep her safe. The only person he trusted with Allie's life was The Fixer. But, for the first time, The Fixer let him down.

Now Mort has been called in on a gruesome murder case: a beautiful young woman found in a ravine, her body riddled with stab wounds. Within twenty-four hours, the police uncover a snuff film depicting her murder, the killer's face always just out of shot. When a second body and video are discovered, Mort knows this is no ordinary case.

From a chain of sleazy payday loan shops to the dark underworld of the sex-slave trade, Mort's chasing a twisted menace to hell and back. But he's not the only one. Once again, The Fixer is on the hunt—and she's desperate to make things right.

## Praise for *The Fixer*

“Hot and unpredictable, this debut hurls you down the curvy gray avenues of right and wrong at about a hundred and fifty miles per hour. Strap yourself in!”—**Amanda Kyle Williams, author of *The Stranger You Seek***

“Pitch-perfect . . . solid characters, unpredictable twists and excellent plotting; a must-read for those who enjoy crime fiction.”—**Kirkus Reviews**

## Fixed in Blood Details

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## From Reader Review Fixed in Blood for online ebook

### Dianne says

Snuff films, prostitution rings, loan sharks, mutilated bodies, pompous movie stars and an estranged daughter, welcome to the life of Seattle Chief Detective Mort Grant's world. Young women are being mutilated and murdered and Mort has no suspect, no leads and nothing to connect the murders except the MO. Enter psychologist Lydia Corriger, a woman with a deadly secret of her own, one that only Mort knows and steadfastly keeps. Together they begin to piece together this brutal puzzle, unaware that the missing pieces will lead them to a shared past filled with pain and loss.

**Fixed in Blood** by T.E. Woods is a masterful mystery with more thorns than a prized rose. Told with grit, this maze filled with murder and mayhem is riveting on its own, but will probably truly dazzle the Sherlock Holmes of the readers' world when read as part of its intended series.

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### Devin says

If I asked you to take away one thing from review of Eeny Meeny after reading it, I would hope would be that I enjoyed how sick and twisted it was. The same goes for *Fixed in Blood*. It wasn't your typical murder read, this one was far more than that.

In this novel there's some young dead prostitutes turning up, with videos of their murder - snuff films, as they're called, being uploaded to the internet to websites that host such content. (*Side note: I really hope such a thing doesn't exist :c*) They're not amateur videos, either - they're high quality, professionally done, and the murderer's face/body is \*just\* out of view, so it's difficult for the police to come up with any leads.

That's the main plot. The sub-plot is that a lot of the characters have baggage and drama within their families, drama and emotional baggage that I probably would have had a much better understanding of if I read the other three books in the series first. So while the story is standalone, you'd definitely connect better with the characters if you read the other books to better understand who they are, where they came from, and why they are now. I did have a little bit of trouble keeping track of who's who since there's a lot of characters and I'm not always the best on remembering who's who when there's a lot of people.

The main plot and sub-plot were suspenseful and grasping to me as a reader, not to mention there's some plot twists in the story. Not everyone is exactly who they seem to be, and a lot of things end up being linked

together, some of which I didn't expect at all!

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### **Jennifer McLean says**

This will be my second T.E. Woods mystery that I've reviewed. I loved "The Unforgivable Fix" so I was looking forward to reading "Fixed In Blood". I certainly was not disappointed. This was a spectacular read, the thrilling mystery held me tight until the very last page.

Here's the gist of the book. The Fixer is on the hunt again. Psychologist Lydia Corriger is helping a young woman try to make a better life. The young woman comes to her office complaining that she's sick of working dead end jobs and fulfilling her parents' low expectations of her. She wanted to be different so Dr. Corriger began an intensive bit of behavior changing therapy. When Dr. Corriger got a late night call from her distraught patient, saying she was being forced to work off a debt by using her body, the doctor tries to intervene. She's shocked to find that Detective Mort Grant, her former friend, is also on the hunt for same people. What Dr. Corriger doesn't know yet is that two women are dead and all of these cases are connected. Is Dr. Corriger's patient the next slated to die?

Mort and Lydia (Dr. Corriger) decide to pool their resources because Mort knows Lydia's secret. She used to be The Fixer, an assassin who helped people with no other recourse. Mort is leery to trust Lydia again, he is unsure if she has really left "The Fixer" behind. Lydia's past is what shattered their friendship before and Mort isn't eager to reestablish any kind of relationship, even if it's professional.

This book was certainly a knock it out of the park, five out of five kind of thriller. I have one caveat. READ THE PREVIOUS BOOKS FIRST. Without the incredible history and background between Mort and Lydia, the reader would lose the meat of this book. As Denise, another reviewer said... "it would have been better had I been able to read those intervening stories first". She's right, go read "The Fixer", "Red Hot Fix" and "The Unforgivable Fix" first, you won't regret it. T.E. Woods has written a truly spectacular series here with heroes and villains that knock your socks off. Believe me, you'll thank me later.

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### **Julie says**

Fixed in Blood by T.E Woods is a 2015 Random House/ Alibi publication. I was provided a copy of this book by the publisher and Netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

Finally! It's been a long wait between books and I have been dying to know what would become of the relationship between Mort and Lydia, which ended on a very sour note in the last installment.

As the story opens we find things have not gotten better between the two, but when a young mother is found murdered and the bodies keep piling up, Mort and Lydia find themselves once more working on a disturbing murder case. How did Lydia get involved ? When one of her patients calls in obvious distress and promptly disappears, she does a little investigating of her own and runs right into Mort in the process. So, for Auld Lang Syne the two are back together again working to find a murderer, and hopefully Lydia can refrain from sliding off the wagon, so to speak.

And of course we will get an update on Allie and it's not a positive update, as she has gone from bad to worse, causing Mort and his son great distress.

This series is one my favorites. I love the dark themes and Lydia is always a unique character study, and is an interesting parallel to Mort. Allie is out of total control now having completely given herself over to evil, drawing yet another interesting parallel between these two women. One of which is pure sociopath and the other well... I'm not really sure how to define Lydia, and the two are connected by Mort.

Snuff films, something we have all come to believe is really a urban legend, seems to be given some credence with this story as young women are forced into prostitution to pay off debts, then found murdered, then for kick and giggles a recording of the murders surfaces. It is of utmost urgency that Mort find this sick killer, never in his wildest dreams thinking he could somehow be connected to the case in a personal way.

This installment was worth the long wait. There are hairpin turns, huge and shocking developments, very atmospheric, and a truly twisted story.

This series has everything a good thriller should have with a psychological angle that sucks you in and keeps you entrenched in the drama as much as you are in the crime solving element. I love that the main female protagonist, Lydia, has this calm professional exterior but hides an impulse that sets her apart, making her character border on the anti-hero side of things. "The Fixer" is most assuredly controversial, but I can't help but cheer for her and I even understand her brand of justice, even if I might not actually condone it.

I was happy to see Mort and Lydia working together as a team again, putting their issues in the past. I have a feeling Mort is really going to need Lydia now as more details leak about about Allie. But, I know for sure I can't wait for the next book to come out.. I hope the wait isn't too long though....hint, hint. 4.5 stars

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### **Autumn Is Azathoth The Haunted Reading Room says**

Review: FIXED IN BLOOD by T. E. Woods [Mort Grant #4]

Psychotherapist Lydia Corriger, a successful and efficient counselor in Olympia, Washington, is The Fixer, a self-directed vigilante assassin. She isn't constrained by legalities as is law enforcement, and her self-chosen missions are very effective. In this instance, Seattle Chief of Detectives Mort Grant and his department are plagued by a charming psychopathic killer whose frenzied murders belie that attractive surface charm. Call girls he targets can't stand up to him; but he may have met his match in The Fixer.

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### **Beverly says**

It is always my luck that when I find a new series I like the first book I read is always in the middle of the series. That's what happened with Fixed in Blood. I wanted to read this book because it sounded interesting so I requested and received a copy of it from the publisher, Random House/ Alibi publication, and Netgalley in exchange for an honest review. Although some back information was given, I feel I missed quite a bit by starting with book 4. The characters were a bit confusing in the first few chapters, but that was my fault, certainly not the author's. Once I figured who every one was, the book flowed and was an enjoyable read. It held my interest until the very end and I can't wait for the next book. While I am waiting tho I am going to go back and read the first books. This author is well worth reading.

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### **Debbie says**

This was my third Fixer book and it did fail again to entertain me. This one was a little rough as snuff movies are involved, that was kind of gruesome. I did get a little confused between Chris, the shoe shop man, and Charlie the loan guy. That one really threw me for a loop.

As usual, it was fast paced with a lot of action and can someone please just slap the crap out of that cop named Jimmy? You look up old school cop ALWAYS bitching about these new fangled ways or really just about anything and there's his pic.

There's a very unexpected surprise over in England that I can't wait to read more about in the next book in the series.

I strongly recommend any of The Fixer books. They are well written with great characters and a lot of mystery and suspense. They will have you keeping those pages turning.

Thanks Random House and Net Galley for allowing me to read and review this e-galley in exchange for an honest review.

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### **Gary says**

The 4th book in the Mort Grant series by author TE.Woods. Again I would like to thank Net Galley for sending me a forward copy of this book in exchange for a honest review.

I have read and enjoyed the three previous books in this series so it was a pleasure to receive and review the latest offering. Like the previous three books this book was fast paced and full of action, thrills and spills and a large helping of entertainment. I would recommend that the books are read in order so that the story flows and makes perfect sense when it mentions previous events. Having read the other books in the series the characters are more developed and this gives more depth to the books. I eagerly await the next book in the series.

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### **Carol - Reading Writing and Riesling says**

4 1/2 stars

My View:

The Fixer is back!

Plenty of action, plot twists, mystery and the protagonists we all love – Mort and Dr Lydia aka The Fixer; both have the same goals but different methods of achieving them. I am so pleased The Fixer is on this case; I love hearing her particularly realistic and sensible discussion with her clients, I love her need to establish justice. The Fixer is a great protagonist – she has the time and money to dig deep to chase the details that will help solve the puzzles. She is smart, determined, vulnerable and flawed. A great heroine.

There are moral dilemmas, mob hits, drug lords, manipulation, abuse and thuggery, snuff films, PTSD and 1 family/relationship issues. I guess you could say this novel has it all. When I read The Unforgivable Fix I

said that was the best in the series - that position has now been trumped by this book! I can't wait for the next in the series.

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### **Tracy T. says**

This is such a great series. I love it. Excellent Narration by Christina Delaine (audible review)

Lydia's character is awesome, and I love Mort too. I really enjoy the twists and turns that occur in these stories. The Fixer always gets her bad guy. There is some really great dialogue throughout the entire book. The story line and plot are great. Exciting and entertaining for sure.

Great psychological mystery. Oh my that Allison is a piece of work..... I will say no more on dear daughter Allison Grant.

As for the narration, its fantastic. Christina Delaine is awesome. Love the voice she uses for Lydia is awesome. She does a great job on the male voices and reads with emotion as called for.

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### **Linda Strong says**

She is a therapist helping you with almost any problem you might have. She is also the "Fixer"...an assassin who can take of your other problems. Seattle Chief of Detectives Mort Grant knows who she is ... is even covering her identity.

I loved this book! I love the idea of a female assassin and I really love that she's also a therapist...almost like one-stop shopping for all your needs.

The action is non-stop, the characters are very well fleshed out. This is 4th in a series, and you can bet that I'm going shopping for the others. You 'could' read this one as a stand-alone, but there are only hints here and there about her background. And I bet she has one heck of a background!

The book starts out with a bang ... young women are being murdered and snuff films are being filmed.

Absolutely would recommend this one.

My thanks to NetGalley, T.E. Woods, and Random House Publishing Group - Alibi for allowing me to read and review.

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### **Jane says**

4.5 stars for the Audio version.

Another great outing with Lydia, Mort, et al. As with the other books in this series, narrator Christina Delaine did a superb job. I liked this one better than #3, and it was nice to see the Fixer doing more 'fixery' things throughout the story.

I do sometimes find myself wishing that an entire novel would be spent just on Lydia or just on Mort, or, in this case, I started really wanting to spend some solid time with Allie! At times, all of the various storylines start feeling slightly shallow because we don't get that deep dive that comes with a novel with only one main character.

Nevertheless, I can't wait to get started on the next in series, even though that means I'm getting ever closer to that final (hopefully not forever final) 6th book.

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### **Ralou by Collector Of Book Boyfriends says**

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***Review original post:***

<http://collectorofbookboyfriends.com/...>

***book review: 4.5 holy-crap stars!***

Holy molly and everything that's holy!!! What the heck was that? I think I just died from overload suspense, agony and madness. I have to admit also, that the first pages had me a bit freaked out but after awhile I got used to the a-bit-psycho situations.

And I think that I wouldn't be over-the-top if I say that through the whole book my heart had pushed pause to her beat. Every page was throwing me into deeper waters and making me more and more addicted with the story.

But what I liked **A LOT** was the way Woods develops her story and, although she doesn't write direct POVs, she actually makes you feel like you inside the head of the characters. And not just Lydia and Mort, but also the other characters who play a very important role inside the story.

I just A D O R E D her writing because it completely took my breath away and threw it over the highest cliff on Earth. And that means that it's not coming back for a long long time.

Whatever I say about this book and story will be drops in the ocean compared to what actually deserves. But the thing is that the latters haven't been invented yet so we need to settle on the ones who have. *Captivating, breathtaking, amazing, great-written* are few from those that come first in mind. And, of course, since I'm a kind-of dark bookworm, the whole set with the psychopaths just made it even more intriguing and irresistible-as-hell!!

***Simply? I. Can't. Put. It. Down.....***

For the only thing that I'm sad about is the fact that I didn't get the time to read the previous three books of

the series so I can know the whole background. Though, I must say that I understood the most part of it independently from the infos that were missing and are provided from the other books. But I will get on with them as soon as possible!!

In the end, the only thing I have to say that it was one of the **B E S T** stories/books/series I have ever read this year. Maybe even ever!!

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### **P.e. lolo says**

The fixer is back and this story starts out a little tame. You are not sure when or if the fixer is going to appear. Seattle Chief of Detectives Mort Grant and his team begin this story with discovering a body and find out the girl is from a snuff film. While this is going on he is dealing with the loss of Allie, his daughter who was taken away by a revival drug lord after he killed her lover and partner and the fixer could not save her because she did not want to be saved. She continues to be a reminder because now she is setting up bank accounts for her twin nieces and other things that neither her brother nor sister in law want. She also pays off her father's boat and fees for docking. This makes the family more upset and while this is going on another body shows up. So now as much as it pains him he goes to Lydia and asks for her help. He does apologize and though he wants her help he wants to make sure that the fixer does not appear and that they get the person who is responsible for these murders the right way. She helps but when one of her patients goes missing she is wanting to do more. The same time that all of this is going on you also get to see what is happening to his daughter and what she is doing and how it goes with the story. There are two stories in one. Of course as much as they want to keep the fixer hidden it is hard to do that but the way the author brings her out towards the end of the story really makes this book. The last part of this book has so much going on that it makes for a great read. I got this book from net galley.

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### **Kushnuma says**

**I received a free advanced ebook copy from NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.**

Fixed in Blood is book 4 in the Mort Grant series.

Detective Mort Grant still misses his daughter and still thinks that The Fixer is the reason that Allie's gone. But as he gets called in on another murder case, young women who were forced to become prostitutes were being murdered, he realises that it wasn't her fault.

I didn't realise that I haven't read the previous book in the series, The Unforgivable Fix, but I still got the hang of what happened. There were many occasions where I was like "I bet this is the person responsible" or "I know what's gonna happen next" and I was right. Although at times I didn't expect some of the things that happened.

Overall, I quite enjoyed it. Looking forward to the next book in the series and to find out what will happen with the Russians and Allie.

Thank you again to NetGalley and Alibi for providing me with this advanced copy.

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