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M says

Short But Absorbing Police Procedural

This quick-read, set in Yorkshire, is a solid murder mystery with several clever twists and red herrings. I ticked off boxes and finally decided on a culprit. However, I enjoyed the “Romanoff” mystery more than the whodunnit, and I wanted more of that story.

DCI John Crow’s personality comes through during suspect interrogations and interactions with police personnel—especially with superior officers. I’m glad the book blurb emphasized the setting as the 1960s, because I was able to enjoy DCI Crow as a copper of his time.

Gilmara Mendes says

Amazing, fast paced and well written. The third one is the best of all.

The first time I've heard of Mike Wells was on Twitter, when he gave me the first ebook volume of Lust, Money and Murder. I read the first one and couldn't stop reading it. That's when I found out there was the audiobook version for the trilogy. I bought it and couldn't stop listening. It took me two days to finish the whole thing. WOW!

The first one is basically the story of Elane Brogan and how she started on the secret service. The second one is about how she was used and how her life was turned around by other people. She was a good person and an honest agent. How could she have fallen into this web of lies and deceit? And the third one is the story of Giorgio Cattaretti and his empire, and of course, the great ending to this intertwined, fast paced, well written thriller!

Sue Sharp, the narrator, does a top notch job on the voices of the characters, especially in the ones with the Italian accent. Magnifico!

I highly recommend it.

Kristen Chandler says

*****Possible spoilers*****

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loves Nick. When Nick enters the picture, it maybe too late. With nowhere to turn, will Elaine give in to a life of crime, or will she find the love she has always wanted?

Okay, now that I've read all three parts I can review this book as a whole. First of all let me warn you: If you are reading this book first, STOP. Start with Book 1. Do not read 2 or 3 first.

Reading this book was like riding a roller coaster. When I got to the end, I was like "Oh my God, let's do that again!" Book 3 continues with Elaine's story. She is on the run from the Secret Service, because her former boss used and framed her and has gotten crossed up with the very guy she has been trying to take down the whole time. Giorgio Cattoretti, Giori press thief and counterfeit (almost) master.

He wants Elaine to help him perfect his counterfeit bills, since she is a counterfeit expert. Elaine, thinking she has lost everything....agrees.

From there, its hardcore action to the end. Former characters reappear, there are a few surprises AND an ending that you may or may not see coming.

I gave part 3 5 stars because it kept me on edge and I just thoroughly enjoyed. I give the book overall, 5 stars. I really enjoy the author's fast paced style of writing.....I could actually SEE the book playing out in my head.

Sarah Pauley says

I will be honest, I wanted to give this book 5 stars, but I can't. I love the series overall and how this book ended. Although the book kept me interested and I love the plot, I was let down by the "Epilogue" chapter. I felt it was a bit too short and I would have liked for there to have been a little more information on what happened after. Aside from that, I really enjoyed the book.

Steve Downes says

Another 'unputdownable' brilliant instalment in the Lust, Money & Murder story by Mike Wells.

Mike's talent is that he writes well paced stories with great characters that you immediately gain an affinity with.

We rejoin the bright, beautiful and bold Elaine Brogan as she's taken under the wing of the enigmatic global counterfeiting mastermind Giorgio Cattoretti. After the treachery of her boss Gene Lassiter in which she nearly came to sticky end at the hands of the Russian Mafia, Elaine finds the glamorous rich world that Giorgio is offering very tempting.

But nothing is for free and she soon realises that Giorgio is a very dangerous man to associate with and not a man to cross.

Mike lets us learn more of the charismatic Giorgio and how he amassed his wealth. We also find out more about the secret Gene Lassiter has been keeping and why he is so desperate that he's prepared to take on Giorgio to get his money and disappear with his beloved Gypsy.

Our heroine Elaine has more scrapes and Mike's superb story telling leaves you wondering right up to the end will Elaine survive?

Vicki - I Love Reading says

All i can say is buy all 3 together then you can just read them back to back.
As soon as i finished book 2 I HAD to start book 3.

Again UNPUTDOWNABLE.

A story line that really does drag you right into the book, I NEEDED to know what was happening, what was coming next and just had to read it and read it.

I'm totally hooked. I need book 4 NOW....

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Angie ~aka Reading Machine~ says

Elaine Brogan discovers that she's been betrayed and lied to by Gene Lassiter. Elaine feels like a fool and in danger to boot. Elaine doesn't know who to trust but when a stranger asks to share a cab she figures why not. Giorgio Cattoretti has finally caught Elaine Brogan and is determined to extract her help in creating undetectable counterfeit US \$100 bills. Giorgio believes he's got the perfect plan but he doesn't count on Elaine becoming uncooperative at the end. Elaine is in survival mode and will do anything to reach her goals. Elaine needs a plan that will keep her alive long enough to tell Secret Service Agency what is going on. Someone from Elaine's past surprises her. Where can Elaine turn to for help? Will Giorgio get what he wants? Who is back in Elaine's life? Your answers await you in Murder.

This series of books is just as much action packed as it is psychological. The characters and story are well crafted, compelling, raw, intriguing, real, and honest. I can't wait to get into the next book in this amazing series.

Avocado says

OMG. The third and best of the trilogy. Absolutely page-turning. I've never finished a book this fast. I loved the surprise-twist, and happy ending! I recommend this series to everyone. It's cheap, quick, and provides endless entertainment. My life is changed.

Subiksha says

original review @<http://www.covertocover.info/>

4 stars

LMM is pretty much a straightforward book. The story focuses on Elaine Brogan. Each book describes each aspect of Elaine Brogan's life.

Murder

The third book, the title says it all, murder is involved. I won't tell you who will be murdered(you need to read this book to figure is out). Elaine will see the true side of Giorgio Catoretti and will start to fear for her life. We get to learn the backstory of Giorgio Cataretti. On the other hand, Nick and Elaine's path cross when he decides to investigate Giorgio.

My plan was to just read the first book but ended up reading all the three books. It was a quick read, with a lot of twists and turns. The minus for me was the lack of backstory of Nick and the way the book ended. The ending was so quick and there wasn't enough explanation.

Kimberly J. says

absolutely loved all three in this series I didn't want them to end! Fun sexy intriguing all rolled in one!!

Kim says

This was a very well written trilogy. The 3 books flowed into one another seamlessly. The main characters were full of action and deceit. Elaine never knew who she could trust. Her father whom she loved dearly was a thief. She didn't want to believe this about her father when she was growing up, but she knew he paid for her private school somehow. He killed himself in prison and the rest of her life was spent finding the one person who she thought was responsible for her fathers death. Men seem to be trouble no matter where she is in the world. You won't believe how she thinks she can get revenge. I'd love to tell you more but you should read it yourself. You can find Mike Wells books on his website or Amazon.com. Thank you Mike for sharing your skill with us.

Deanna Cook says

I enjoyed the series and recommend all three books. They are engaging enough to read one after the other. I have a short attention span, but these held my interest.

Dawn says

was given a free copy of the audiobook for an honest review.

Murder was a little different from Lust (#1) and Money (#2) because Giorgio Cattoretti's story was a big part of this book. He's one of those characters that you love to hate. Even by the time I knew his full story, I had no compassion for the man.

Elaine was stuck with Cattoretti in Murder and it was easy to feel sorry for her. She'd been set up and had nowhere to go. I could feel her despair and I felt that if she were a weaker person that she wouldn't have survived. This book was more suspense than the first two books in the series and I really liked the ending.

Just like Money (#2), this is a good book but I recommend reading the first two before reading this one. It makes this one that much better!

Rosibel says

Lust #3 the story continues and is so easy to see your self in Elaine's place because of the writer's exquisite way of describing the life that Elaine leads by living in the clutches of Giorgio Cattoretti the plot continues and you get back to details of the first book and is pure adrenaline, although I imagined the end and that's how it finish, but I am glad and pleased.

Jodie "Bookish" Cook says

Book Review

Title: Lust, Money & Murder: Book 3

Author: Mike Wells

Genre: crime/romance

Rating: ****

Review: I just finished the third book in the Lust, Money & Murder series and I am absolutely hooked. Although I swear to God all the twists and turns in these novels will give me a heart attack by the end of the series.

We aren't even halfway through the 7 published books and Elaine has already been framed twice and possibly a third time, her seed of hatred and revenge is growing in every chapter and sooner or later she is going to explode. After all, hell hath no fury like a woman scorned.

We continue to follow Elaine but into her new life of crime with the Cattoretti's. She begins to enjoy the

lavish lifestyle and most of the time the consequences of her actions don't bother her as they are hurting the man that framed her; Gene.

But as the story progresses we see that Giorgio Cattoretti is apparently developing emotional feelings for Elaine, but she is still in love with Nick, and is desperately trying to find out what has happened to him. She keeps him at an arm's length but still within reach because in some ways she is dependent on him to learn and to grow as a character. But he also helps her understand her enemies, or who she thinks is her enemy.

By the time we are only four chapters in we begin to see there is something far bigger afoot and our reading pace picks up tenfold to find out what it is.

The first thing we find out is Elaine is pretending all along to help Giorgio as she is deliberately holding back information on the fake notes that will get them caught, although it is her pride and moral judgements make her do this, she ultimately knows that these actions cause possibly lead to her death. This doesn't matter to her as she believes Nick is imprisoned and she has no one else.

Although this soon changes after Gene robbed the Cattoretti Castle robbing the 8 million euros he believes belongs to him and his beloved; Gypsy.

As we delve deeper into Elaine life of crime we see her strong exterior begin to fracture and crumble as she desperately tries to claw them back. Giorgio's romantic advances frighten her and she wants to leave. Even though Giorgio has promised her a passport she can't wait to leave.

The plot twists in almost every chapter keeping us on the edge of our seats the entire time.

Coming towards the end of the novel we finally met Gypsy as a character in the flesh and we find out he is a man. The man Gene loves the most, although Gypsy only sees Gene as a meal ticket but only till the cash runs out.

We then switch back to Giorgio and Elaine's story where they are tracking Gene down to get the money back that Giorgio had promised to Elaine, which Gene stole. Although a mafia boss like Giorgio was specialises in counterfeit goods could make that 8 million euros back in no time, he wishes to track down Gene which seems a bit odd. And his outburst when he finds out seems odd to me.

We find out that this is because Giorgio has been watching Elaine and Gene tracking them, prying into their lives, work and romance related and targeting them, although we have no idea why. We assume it is because they find the errors in his counterfeits and he wants them to help him, which Elaine has been doing.

In the final chapters so much happens. Nick is alive, Giorgio confronts and kills Gene and Gypsy. Giorgio finds out about Elaine's betrayal and tries to kill her too but not in the obviously way. She knows it's coming but she doesn't expect him to use her as a whore first. It utterly demoralizes her and she almost looks forward to her death.

But when confronted with death she fights back as Elaine always do and stabs Giorgio in the eyes and pushes him off a cliff and runs back into her beloveds arms. As Elaine and Nick walk away we feel all is well, but there is a great sense of foreboding. It's like something isn't right. But the novel ends there and we have to wait and see till the next novel to find out whether or not Giorgio is actually dead, what happens to Elaine and Nick and what other challenges will be coming their way.

