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*The Sisterhood: a group of women bound by friendship and a quest for justice. Now their male allies, the Men of the Sisterhood, have formed a top-secret organization of their own, with the same goal of helping the helpless and righting the wrongs of the world . . .*

When the call comes, the Men of the Sisterhood drop everything to help their friends. This time it's Cyrus, their four-legged hound dog and unofficial mascot. While member Joe Espinosa is driving along an isolated country road with Cyrus in tow, he catches a glimpse of movement in the woods bordering the road and notes Cyrus pawing desperately at the car window. As soon as he pulls over to investigate, Cyrus bolts out the door and leads Joe to three children clustered together--bedraggled, silent, and scared out of their wits. As soon as he has brought the children to safety, Espinosa arranges an urgent meeting.

Charles, Abner, Jack, Dennis, Harry and the rest of the crew gather at BOLO headquarters to hear a shocking story that confirms their worst suspicions. Many more children are still in danger. But in order to protect and avenge the victims, the team must use more cunning than ever before. With so many vulnerable young lives at stake, one mistake would be too many . . .

## **Truth or Dare Details**

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# From Reader Review Truth or Dare for online ebook

## Johanna Sawyer says

Thanks to the publisher for an ARC to read and give my honest opinion.

This doesn't appear to be one of those books you can pick up in the middle of a series and just follow along. I had read some of the sister books but for some reason this one was harder to follow. Maybe it's because the dog was the star of the book and the book was horribly predictable. Child sex ring books are not a favorite of mine since most of the journey is harrowing. I gave this book three stars.

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## Gale says

Action packed story about avenging exploited and abused children -- with so many twists that it kept me guessing at every chapter. Although I have a collection of Ms. Michael's books, it's been a while since I have read one and I enjoyed Truth or Dare. Fast moving, lots of things happening to keep you guessing, and the characters are great. And the animals??? Oh how I'd love to have one in my family.

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## BookGypsy says

This is The Men of the Sisterhood series. The male allies of The Sisterhood series. The men have their own organization to help the helpless and they do it well. This time the men have a heart breaking and emotional case of child trafficking. This is book four in the series. The topic of child trafficking is not an easy one but the novel does well with it. It's everything you expect from Fern Michaels. Coming in July, 2018

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## Pamela says

I used to read all the books about the girls going after justice, with the guys helping. Then after the pardon, it switched to the older ladies, and retired men. I read a few of those. This was the guys, and Maggie, and the wonder dogs. The theme was a worthy read, about child trafficking. The statistics were horrific. This is intolerable for everyone, that so many children, and young teens disappear from our country, for a very short life, and a terrible existence. These people from kidnappers, to the man at the top, should be publicly executed. I gave this a 3.5 It got off track at times into unrealistic story telling. I love dogs, and they can be

warriors, but controlling your actions, and thoughts? I felt that distracted from the serious nature of the book.

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## Linda Smatzny says

This is a story about the men of the Sisterhood. Joe and Cyrus find three children alongside a rode. The kids are dirty and explain that they got taken when their aunt left them. Joe takes them to BOLO headquarters and calls a meeting. The guys discover the kids were kidnapped by a group that deals in children and young women. After taking the children to the farm it is discovered the kids are the children of two CIA operatives. The case goes from there. The book was a quick easy read.

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## SS says

I won an ARC of this book, an uncorrected proof, in a Goodreads giveaway. That bit of information should be kept in mind as you read this review. This is the *first* book in *The Men of the Sisterhood* series. This is also the first Fern Michaels book I've ever read.

I'm afraid that I found this book disappointing and frustrating. Oh, it's easy enough to read, super easy, but it's predictable and awkward. It requires a degree of fantasy and you'll need to suspend disbelief where the dogs are concerned. The dogs are, apparently, genetically enhanced super dogs. They can understand two languages, and, it seems, bark in those languages. They can read your mind, and they can put thoughts into your mind. I found it rather hard to accept. While I suppose it isn't a necessity that you read the previous books in this universe, which I'm guessing is the series *The Sisterhood*, I think it would make it much easier to understand a good deal of what's going on. I mean, I could follow the action, but I had many questions as to how these people came together and about what the purpose of their team was overall, not just in regards to this storyline. It would have been nice to know that this was a continuation of the other series, more like book twenty-nine than book one, before I'd bothered to enter the drawing.

There's more than a little repetition, after the first chapter, it appears everywhere.. Every time a character walks into a scene, whatever information has been shared, is shared again. When another character joins the group, the information is, again, recapitulated, on and on. There's also mindreading in some places, with people knowing what other people want or mean to do before they're told about it, even if they're in totally different locations.

The dialogue is awkward, unrealistic. There's lots of information dumping instead of real give and take dialogue. For a whole paragraph, sometimes two or three or four, a character will go on about what he wants, then another character responds by doing the same. There's no question/answer, and the blocks of dialogue don't necessarily follow the same themes. Worse, is that characters are constantly offering up confidential information, volunteering it, without cause. Names, locations, details of plans or secret specialists are revealed in a snap.

It appears that this book revolves around a team of almost superheroes, made up of top news reporters (or so it seemed to me), several of whom are British (no explanation for why), yet they neither know or bother to learn the proper names of important things. I found that highly unusual. For instance, they didn't know that the top part of a coffin is called a lid, not a top or cover. Or that the inside is a lining, not a cover . . . as in blanket. They also didn't know that what you store cremated remains, ashes, in is an urn, not a jar. Some of

these smart, talented, intelligent people are afraid to enter an abandoned mortuary in broad daylight. Journalists would know these things, or at least know to research them to learn the proper words, and journalists face much scarier locales as they come up through the ranks. Sadly, these characters all came off as cartoonish, nothing three dimensional about them.

For all the technology used by these superheroes, one of them carries on and on about how the official seal on a license isn't raised. That's such a dated thing. These days, with computers generating licenses, it's common for the seal to be computer generated and flat, not stamped in.

There's something weird in this book about the number three. It's everywhere! Here's a list of those that jumped out at me.

Three showers  
Three tooth-brushings  
Three toilet flushes  
Three dogs  
Three children  
Three different people promised  
Three years of tracking  
Three survivors  
Three men  
Three Chinese  
Three Americans  
Three Ancients  
Three American officials – different from the Americans above  
Three miles down the road  
Three sharp horn blasts

There's an instance where some of the men are talking about a helicopter. The potential pilot says, "I can fly anything that has wings." Last time I checked, helicopters don't have wings.

While the book makes fun of one character for using a cliché, the book itself is riddled with them. It also telegraphs what's going to happen before it does. There are also instances where people with very different roles and purposes in this book refer to others using the same descriptions. What are the chances that you, your neighbor, and a crime fighter would all refer to the bad guy using the exact same descriptor? There are such odd and unbelievable mistakes in this book. One when a CIA agent puts another agent's top secret ID code on the outside of an envelope that is delivered by a messenger service. That means it's possible that anyone could see it. Even within the CIA, I would imagine there's some restriction about who can see these things. By putting the ID on the outside of the envelope, it opens up the possibility, the likelihood, that someone could use this ID for nefarious purposes..

At some point in the book, the "team" members mention how hundreds of children in one small geographic area have gone missing, possibly abducted, but how no one has reported their disappearance. However, even at the end of the book, when everything else is solved, there is no explanation, not a drop of additional information, as to how or why these children vanished or why no one missed them.

At another point, the team is instructed to set off smoke bombs *inside* a house, but there's no concern that smoke alarms might go off and tip off the bad guys inside. Then, it changes, and the smoke bombs go off outside. It was confusing, as was so much of this book.

In another section, even when victims were physically tortured, leaving them with serious injuries which should have incapacitated said victims, the victims spoke in the same way they did in their luxurious hotel room. That made no sense at all. There was no pain mentioned, no moaning, no hesitation in their speech, no fear; it was like they were sitting around having a cup of coffee.

A news reporter has then chance to talk to a former top level CIA operative. Oddly, she walks away from it because she's angry over something she *perceives* he did, even after he explains that he didn't? Hardly what I'd imagine a good reported would do. They'd be chomping at the bit to ask the hard questions and get real answers.

And lastly, I've never been to a funeral where the headstone was put up at the time of interment. It usually takes a while for the ground to settle and the base of the stone to be installed. Weird as everything else in this book, the grave is closed and the headstone installed within an hour of the end of the funeral service.

I found this book predictable, poorly executed as far as plot and characters; although the technical writing itself was good, and unrealistic. While the dogs were cute, their abilities were beyond belief. I suppose if you've read through the entire sisterhood series and were able to accept whatever occurs in those books, then you might like this one, but I found it incredibly hard to invest myself in such a comic book tale. Unless the editors rewrite virtually the entire book, I can't imagine it will see much improvement.

I do not recommend this book, except to Fern Michaels super fans.

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### **Heather Warner says**

I won this book in a giveaway on Goodreads and thought it was a decent book. It had a good story/mystery/adventure that I enjoyed. I found it difficult though to follow all the different characters-I think reading the previous books in the Men of the Sisterhood series is very necessary to really get the full understanding of these characters. I liked the psychic dogs and will have to read the previous books to get the full story on them! A hard topic on the trafficking of children handled very well, excellent ending and closure for characters. All in all-a good book I would recommend with the caveat of strongly recommending reading the rest of the series first!

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### **Jeanne says**

I have to say at times I wonder why Fern Michaels continues some of her series as they seem to falter . . . this is NOT one of those times! This "Men of the Sisterhood" story was one of her best yet! Great story, great ending!! 9 out of 10!

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### **Dawn says**

I believe this is the best MOTS book yet. The guys are hitting their stride and getting in the nitty gritty. When the villains are involved in child trafficking the men don't hold back on their revenge.

New friends are made, a new mission going forward is decided and they have found their own peace when it

comes to what they do.

Of course you cannot leave out Cyrus or Lady and her pups. They have their own roles to follow. I cannot wait for more!

I received this ARC in exchange for an honest review.

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### **karn says**

#### **Exploitation**

With up to date on sex trafficking this book brought a lot to real life and what we wish would /could happen if we had the men of sisterhood or even the sisterhood doing it in real life. A great read that kept you turning the pages. Wish we'd have more a year from this great author but know good books take time. Thank you, Ms Michaels for doing in books what we'd like to do in person. Another great read!

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### **Billie says**

This is the first book that I have read of the Men of the Sisterhood novels. Three children are found in an isolated area. Joe Espinosa picks them up and arranges a meeting with the rest of the crew. In an effort to protect children that are victims of human trafficking the team must be one step ahead of the organization. It was a little difficult to follow all of the characters and I thought the book was slow moving. I received an advanced copy of this book from Goodreads Giveaways for an honest review.

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### **Marybeth Lapilla says**

#### **The Best**

I have read everyone book in this series. I think this one is the best.

It showed the warm, loving side of all the men. It also showed the motherly side of Maggie, who is always a stuff cookie.

The story is one that is unfortunately something that really does go on in our world.

I cannot wait for the next chapter in their stor.. I would also love to see a book where the sisterhood and the brotherhood work together again.

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### **Lea McKenna says**

I cannot say I enjoyed Truth or Dare by Fern Michaels at all. Maybe I needed to read the earlier books in the series, because there are too many characters with little or no development, dogs who have the ability to out-think humans, and a plot that just works out perfectly with no tension or conflict. I received this book in a Giveaway in return for an honest review. I wouldn't have finished the book except I felt obligated by the terms.

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### **Veda says**

Wow, wow is all I can say. Fern Michaels has out done herself with this book. I picked this book up yesterday and pretty much read until I was done with it. The men dealt with an issue that is very relevant today. Using all of the talents of the men of the Sisterhood, and a few friends, together they are able to make a difference if only for a little while.

I loved that Cooper showed up in this story. And learning more about where and why Cyrus is like he is. Hope to see more of Cooper in future story.

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### **Valerie says**

Wow, what a book! This is another book from the Men of the Sisterhood series. As usual, Fern Michaels provides lots of action and suspense in this book. I'm looking forward to the next book in the series. I hope the series doesn't end.

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