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All families have secrets, but none have lies like this.

Blake Salinger leads a normal life in London as a salesman. Every day is planned, organised... safe.

But that all changes when the police arrive at his workplace.

His wrists are shackled as he is arrested, accused of murdering his estranged father.

That's when he is daringly freed by the silver-haired man, a shady ally with the goal of setting things straight... and an unquenchable thirst for violence.

Blake comes to learn that he is merely a puppet in a mysterious organisation's plan.

With the police hot on his trail, Blake - along with his new companion - must strive to uncover the secrets of his father's murder, before it's too late.

Before The Agency catches up to them.

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Tulay says

Okay

This book was not my type. Suspenseful story, to be able to understand what was going on, kept going back again and again. People that was supposedly killed wasn't killed. Many interesting characters, but had a hard time reading it. Ending left you with lots of questions.

Dee says

Clean Kill - Bloodline Series Bk 1 - Written by Adam Nicholls

Who can you trust????

When Blake Salinger went to work that day, everything seemed normal. His life was structured, routine. Boring, even. All he wanted was a little excitement - he just never expected to be arrested for his own father's murder. Caught between the lies of corrupt cops and a silver-haired stranger, Blake flees across Los Angeles to learn the truth of his father's mysterious past. The deeper he goes, the bigger the lies become. The only certain thing is that he can't run forever. The secrets come thick and fast in a new relentless spy novel. Full of lies and conspiracies, this rocket-paced thriller follows a man pitted against his own family, the LAPD, and a corrupt government agency.

What did I like? Well, I loved the style of writing from this author!!!! The author sent me the whole Bloodline Series and I read them one after another and could not put them down. Great read, every one of them.

What will you like? Exciting, unusual, sensational, stimulating and thrilling. All of the books in the series are this way. The storyline is solid and interest-holding, the characters are fully developed and grow with every page. Each book is arousing and thought-provoking but with the right touch of mystery. This writer is going places and I am going with him. I have one book left to read and I can't wait to get to it. I received this book from the author for an honest review with no other compensation.

Ted Tayler says

"Didn't quite catch fire"

After an opening chapter that sparked my interest, this never really caught fire. The characters are loosely drawn and cliched, even the main protagonists failed to make me care too much about their fate. The plot is convoluted and the outcome inevitable. Everything seems to take an awfully long time to get anywhere. It's a pity because at the beginning I thought there was a pretty decent story line ahead of me.

Branden says

Clean Kill started off with a surprising amount of promise. The first few chapters had me engaged, genuinely curious about how things would play out. As the story progressed, though, it became more and more convoluted, and it seemed to lose its grip on reality. The whole thing felt like one of those direct-to-video action flicks starring a former A-list celebrity that really just needed the paycheck, so they signed on for the film. That may sound more disparaging than I intended because I usually enjoy those types of movies, and, for the most part, I had a fun enough time with Clean Kill.

The main protagonist of Clean Kill is Blake, who, up until today, was just a salesman that was excellent at his job. Then the cops show up and inform him he's being arrested for the murder of his estranged father that he didn't even know was dead. If that wasn't crazy enough for one day, while he's being interrogated at the police station, a silver-haired man that looks vaguely familiar helps break him out, sending him on a wild goose chase through Los Angeles, revealing secrets about his family that he wouldn't have believed just 24-hours prior.

The biggest issue I had with Clean Kill was the shocking lack of motivation for most of the main players. The author, Adam Nicholls, makes it a point to discuss how distant Blake and his father were, yet we're still asked to buy that this weak relationship is the motivation for the entire story. Then there's the love story - which, admittedly, is not a focus of the novel, but more of a B-plot - and Nicholls gives Blake's best friend a boyfriend for virtually no reason. It doesn't add to the drama at all, and I'd even argue that it weakens it. If this character was a girlfriend or wife, I might have felt more attached to her safety. As written, though, it felt like a waste of time, and made her a completely pointless character.

The vast majority of the story was action, which made the short book fly by. Nicholls didn't waste much time on character development, which was definitely one of the problems, but also kept the pace constantly moving forward. So it's a double-edged sword. I feel like the best books manage to find a better balance between the two.

I listed to the audiobook version, and at just over five hours in length, Clean Kill managed to keep my attention the entire time. The narration by Paul Gewuerz is good, but I didn't like the fact that he gave the main character one voice, and then almost all the other male characters a guttural, deep voice that all sounded similar. He seemed to have a hard time keeping the voices consistent, outside of Blake. There is a chapter late in the book that has two of these male characters speaking to each other, and I had a hard time keeping straight which one was which. It would've been nice if the narrator played with tone and speed of speech as well, instead of just giving the majority of the characters deep voices. Overall, though, Gewuerz does a nice job delivering the emotion of the story, which is what is most important to me.

Clean Kill isn't a great book, but it isn't terrible either. Unfortunately, this means that it falls into the mediocre, forgettable middle. I'm sure there are better options out there for action thrillers like this, but if you're looking for that mindless, B-movie fun in novel form, Clean Kill fits the bill well enough.

Full disclosure: I received this audiobook for free in exchange for an honest review.

Shannon Rodriguez says

Lots of twists, that you don't see coming

Will Decker says

This story began without a real beginning and ended without a real ending. Because of the non-start beginning it was extremely difficult to pick up on the plot and characters. The story was all over the place with no real rhyme or reason for where it was coming from or where it was going. I stuck with it only because I believed there was going to be an explanation at some point that would shine a lot on what it was all about. No such luck. In addition, the characters were weak, one dimensional. The editing was lacking and there were tense shifts throughout. For example, "they were 'stood' by the gate" when it should have read, "they were 'standing' by the gate," unless of course someone stood them there, which would have made even less sense. I gave it 3 stars based only on potential and the hopes that the author would reel it in for a rework before releasing it back to the public.

Bonnie Dale Keck says

Kindle Unlimited, don't remember offhand why pulled this on ku, may have been listed on my freebie sites and came to check it out so flagged it.

01: The Devil in the Detail 02: Captivity 03: The Salingers #1 – Keeping with Killers 04: The Salingers #2 – Running with Rebels 05: The Salingers #3 – Living with Liars 06: The Salingers #4 – Fighting with Fire 07: The Chase 08: Mason Black #1 – Hush 09: Mason Black #2 – Lady Luck 10: Mason Black #3 – Ruin 11: Mason Black #4 – Buried 12: Mason Black #5 – Blood Sport 13: Evie Black #1 – Black Out 14: Evie Black #2 – Black Widow 15: Evie Black #3 – Black Magic -- this included the 4 set of the Salingers, Mason Black 5 set, Evie Black 3 set, and according to the writer this collection is everything in one set.

Third, 4th, 5th and 6th in the set above. These are about prequel {#4} to everything, #1 is about unknowing people, The Agency, and father's murder, and everything else being all messed up. #2 us about 6 weeks later and still being a target and a missing companion. #3 Can he or they bring down the Agency but at what cost. THIS IS #1

Pam Madson says

Excellent.

I really enjoyed this book. It had a lot of action. There were many twists and turns too but sometimes it was hard to know who was the good guy or the bad guy? I loved the characters. Want to read the next one

Tina Bailey says

Explosive! Intriguing! Worth all 5 stars!

I haven't read books by this writer before as I can remember, but WOW! I am glad I did because I love reading thrillers, and I have a few favorite writers, and Adam will be joining my list! This was gritty, action filled from beginning to end, and the characters are well defined so we as readers have no problem deciding whose side we choose to "root" for in the end! I will continue on with book two for sure!

Amanda Williams says

I loved this book and did not want to put it down until I had completely finished it. Everything you need for a great, engaging read. I loved reading this book as it captivated me from the start. I was entertained by the characters and fully caught up in all the relationships. The characters were extremely well done and really pulled you into their lives.

Yobeida says

A movie of this book will be awesome!!!

Debra Barstad says

This was an okay book. It was not bad nor was it a great book. It held my attention at times and others times not so much. The story seemed to flow but became boring as it moved along.

Lorraine says

Clean Kill, was an incredible read!!

Clean Kill is definitely a page turner, can't put down read, until the very end!!
Blake Salinger is a normal everyday kinda guy. Being notified that his Father, a Father who he hasn't been in his life, for many, many years. Blake winds up on the run, from a mysterious Agency, with men out to find him. Looking forward to the continuation of the story in Book 2!!

Jessica says

I don't get it. The story didn't really flow very well at all and nothing was explained well.

There were a few odd grammatical errors too which bug me.

J Barkess says

Unbelievable

I have ploughed through this free download and havn't got a clue what it is about.
Sadly there isnt an option to leave NO stars.
