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A bestselling author with a love of the macabre...A devoted fan with a passion for games...A serial killer with a taste for revenge. What they have in common is scaring the hell out of critics. Just ask them.

Scavenger Details

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Carole Workman says

I registered a book at BookCrossing.com!
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Michelle says

I actually liked his writing style very much. However, I was able to figure out the ending for the most part very early on in the book. Also didn't like the ending so that sort of messed it up for me as well. I would read another by him. Want to give three stars but too predictable.

Daniel Weissenberger says

It's just terrible. Tom Savage has always had a habit of misleading his audience to the point of outright lying, but this one is just beyond the pale - while I won't go into details for fear of spoiling it, suffice to say that his love of twist endings gets well out of hand this time, to the point where literally nothing that happened in the book makes sense in retrospect. It's a book that can only be read once, because on second reading it transforms from a mildly engaging thriller with a bad ending into an incoherent mess.

Julie says

With Tom Savage, you never want to assume anything! He always has the last laugh. Scavenger is one of only a handful of Tom Savage novels, all of which are cleverly plotted mystery thrillers. This one is short, only 275 pages. The plot was very unique. A man writes a novel about the real serial killer, The Family Man. One day he is contacted and asked to play a game. The only person it could be was the presumed dead serial killer. So, the Scavenger hunt begins. Assume nothing until the very last page!!! Overall a B +.

David - proud Gleeman in Branwen's adventuring party says

After the wonderful "The Inheritance", I was hoping Tom Savage would be the next great mystery writer. Unfortunately, he turned out to be a one-trick pony in the end.

This novel basically reads as a watered-down version of "The Inheritance", and I knew almost immediately who the killer would be since Mr. Savage employed the same exact twist as he did in that novel. If you haven't already read "The Inheritance", there's a chance you might enjoy this...but I would still recommend checking out "The Inheritance" instead!

IPF says

Amusing (partly, at least), but not great. The initial stages of the book are OK, sometimes interesting, though a bit formulaic here and there (which is not a problem, and frankly part of the 'feel good' sensation of reading thrillers like these).

Scavenger has quite an infuriating ending though: as some reviewers on this site have rightfully remarked before, the writer misleads the reader in an 'unfair' manner. Put in a slightly round-about way so as not to immediately spoil the plot, certain thoughts and reactions by some of the key persons are illogical and/or highly unlikely in view if how things turn out to have been.

The art of fictional deception should not be confused with the fallacy of introducing plot and perception inconsistencies to facilitate 'surprising twists'. Pity really, with tighter plotting or some more restraint this could have been a lot better book altogether I suppose.

Pam says

this book was recommended to me by one of my best girls- and man, was she right on in her recommendation!

this was the first book that I have ever read that I wasn't able to figure out who the antagonist was. usually, I play detective while reading, but I was so engrossed by everything going on, that I was shocked (mouth wide open) upon finding out who the culprit was.

it's a great mystery/thriller.

p.s. I was just told I reviewed the wrong book, I stand corrected. THIS is the right one!

Katie says

It had been a long time since I read something by this author, but I remembered that one book was in my top 25 favorites, so I was thrilled to find this one by him. Sadly the book didn't quite live up to my expectations. Don't get me wrong, I enjoyed it, but the ending just didn't do it for me...I had kind of figured it out by the time I got there whereas the previous book had totally taken me by surprise. It's still a good read...I think I tackled it in less than two days...it just won't blow your mind!

Tessa says

I don't think Savage is a bad writer, and maybe his other books are better, but this book just didn't grip me at all. I did not once feel drawn into his world, I didn't find myself caring for the characters, and I was extremely disappointed in the ending. I absolutely love suspense and murder books, and had high hopes for this one, but I was left merely confused and disappointed. Perhaps I will try another of Savage's books to see if it gets better.

Sylwia Oliver says

It was an okay book. After initial moment of fast pace suspense, story became bit boring and all those "unexpected twists" were quite easy to predict. Overall it was a descent read and I did not guessed the name of serial killer so after all ending surprised me, which is great as I can guess who the murderer is in 9 out of 10 books ;)

Janet York says

Great creepy story. Although I wasn't fond of the ending, I would definitely recommend this book to anyone who wants to read a truly horror filled murder mystery.

Janita says

This was phenomenal.....This book was so crazy and good, and like a wild rollercoaster ride, but so good you couldn't bear to stop reading it and then you finally finish it and you are like what the heck?? What did I just read? I love his endings-always surprising and crazy.....This book is a huge favorite of mine.....

Ferne says

It always makes me nervous when I read phrases from reviews on the cover of a book as I don't like to read book reviews before I've read a book or written my own thoughts about a novel. In this case, there are two (2) selections on the front cover as shown on the edition I read. Jeffrey Deaver said it in one word, "Brilliant". Michael Connelly said, "Scavenger grabs you and never lets you go". For me the word is "Riveting".

Lisa Quillin says

Scavenger started out great then fell apart at the end. The end was wrapped up too fast with an over blown unbelievable and just plain stupid ending. Dissapointed.....

Brian O'Leary says

Very good serial killer book.
