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Give me one name. One person. And I will make them disappear . . .

Sarah is a hard working, dedicated and accomplished academic, but all her hard work will soon be for nothing if she doesn't do something about her situation. Her serial predator of a boss has made it increasingly clear he is all powerful in his position at the university in which he and Sarah both work. He has all the university big wigs in his pocket. His influence is so great that the only way for her to now keep her job or even hope to work at another university, is to provide him with the sexual favours he's been harassing her over for the past two years.

When Sarah rescues a young girl in trouble, she inadvertently puts a powerful and dangerous man in her debt. He lives by his own ruthless code of honour, and according to him, this debt must be repaid.

He offers Sarah a once-off deal that will make her biggest problems disappear. No consequences. No comeback. No chance of being found out. All it takes is a 29 second phone call to him with a name.

Because everyone has a name to give. Don't they?

For Sarah, that name comes easily enough!

But will she take this powerful man up on his offer?

Sarah's situation is certainly thought provoking and had me pondering - if I were approached with the same proposition, who would that someone be that I'd like to have magically disappear. Everyone has that someone right?

With a clever, original story line and colourful characters, some you root for instantly and others that make your blood boil and skin crawl, this will have you captivated from beginning to end!

It is a true page turner, intense and entertaining all the way with its unexpected surprises and slick twists.

I give it ALL the ??????????'s!!!

I am so looking forward to reading more by T.M. Logan!

Many thanks to Netgalley, Bonnier Zaffre and the author for the opportunity of reading an ARC in exchange for my honest opinion. The pleasure was all mine.

Karen says

Having really enjoyed Lies, the author's debut novel, I was super keen to read this. 29 Seconds is a very timely and topical novel featuring an odious sexual predator who makes women's lives a misery.

Our main protagonist, Sarah, is a busy mum with a flaky husband, who is currently out of the picture. She has a job as an academic that she loves and is keen to proceed further with her career however her boss, Professor Alan Lovelock is the only fly in the ointment. Complaints have been made against him previously by other women but have got nowhere. Unfortunately he seems to be Teflon coated and is protected by all senior management. His reputation is such that her female university colleagues have devised a set of 'Rules' for dealing with him – don't be alone with him if you can avoid it, don't do or say anything to encourage him, don't get into a car or a lift with him – and never do any of these things when he was drunk! Break any of these rules at your peril.

Whilst driving one day, Sarah bravely intervenes during a rather bizarre incident. This is where all the cloak and dagger stuff then comes in – by way of repayment of a debt, she is given once in a lifetime opportunity to give a name and that person will disappear – forever. However once she gives a name, there is no going back.

“You give me one name. One person. And I will make them disappear. For you”

Well, here's the thing. Whose name would you give in her situation? I love stories that have a moral dilemma element to them. You don't have to be a genius to work out what Sarah will do but her decision brings her a whole load of problems which she didn't foresee.

I started off feeling huge sympathy for Sarah having to cope with veiled threats and unwanted advances from her awful boss and I hate to say this as it feels very unsisterly and unsupportive but as the story went on she began to irritate me and I found myself shouting at the pages in frustration (silently of course – not out loud, that would be weird!). I wanted her to stand up to him and to tell the vile creep exactly where to go. And yes, I know that her career was at stake but no-one should have put up with what she did. It's a sad indictment of our times that this happens at all.

29 Seconds has those addictive short chapters that leave you hanging, just to make sure you keep reading on. So, perhaps the plot was a little far-fetched at times – but I just went along with the story and enjoyed it for the suspenseful read that ensued. My only slight disappointment was with the denouement. Just my personal opinion but I felt the way that it was structured meant that it was all over too quickly and I felt slightly cheated.

29 Seconds is another entertaining and tense read from T M Logan with a thought provoking premise. Would you do something if you thought you could get away with it and with no repercussions? I'm looking forward to seeing what the author comes up with next and would definitely recommend 29 Seconds to anyone who enjoys a fast paced and twisted thriller.

Lisa Houston says

Sarah is a Dr at the University. She seems to have it all. Lovely house, 2 children, great job. Or does she? What would you do if your boss told you in order to keep your job you have to sleep with him? This book was fantastic. It had me hooked from the 1st page. So much so before i new it i was 30% through after just starting it. It will have you on the edge of your seat. Never knowing whats coming next. It really is a great read.

Vikki Patis says

I so rarely give negative reviews because I can usually find something positive to talk about. I can usually see why some people might enjoy this or that, but, sadly, it isn't the case this time.

I just could not get into this book. The whole thing felt contrived and way too far fetched. (Russian criminals, really?) Lovelock was like a cartoon villain, and Sarah's plight, while relevant in the days of #MeToo and the revelations of workplace sexual harassment, just didn't sit right. Perhaps it's partly because the author is male. While men do get sexually harassed, it's become very clear that women have a unique (and wholly unwanted) perspective on this. While I do applaud the author for bringing this truth into the light, I always struggle when a man decides to tell a woman's story.

Nothing in this book surprised me. Sarah became irritating by the end, and the "twist" was anything but.

In any case, this book has got excellent reviews, and I appear to be the odd one out. It happens, you can't please everyone, after all.

Mandy White says

A very hot Sunday afternoon here in Sydney today so I sat in air conditioned comfort and read this entire book. It was a story that hooks you from the very start and does not let go until the last page.

Sarah is a character with a lot going on in her life... her husband has disappeared leaving her with the 2 young children. Her boss is a disgusting sleaze of a man who has friends in all the right places. But this does not stop her from stopping to help a young girl in trouble on her way home from work one night. This act of kindness leads her to a decision that changes her life... and not necessarily for the best.

A fast paced story that you won't want to put down. Thanks to Bonnier Zagreb via NetGalley for a copy of this book to read in exchange for my honest opinions

Helga says

3.5

When Sarah rescues the daughter of a Russian mobster from imminent danger, as a return he offers her to make a decision, which changes the course of her life.

What would you do if you are offered a chance to get rid of one person, who makes your life miserable on a daily basis? Would you be tempted to take it?

Overall this was an entertaining and fast-paced read, with decent amount of twists and turns.

Maureen says

29 seconds - it's not long is it? But for Sarah, 29 seconds will have the capacity to change her life for ever, and ultimately her boss's too, much to his detriment.

When Sarah saves the life of a little girl, she has no idea that the girl's father is a rich and powerful man who only has to click his fingers to make things happen. The father is indebted to Sarah and he makes her an offer- the opportunity to make someone disappear. He has no scruples when it comes to eliminating obstacles, even if they are human. Sarah is given 72 hours to give him a name, after which the offer will no longer apply, but he's insistent that he repay his debt. What will Sarah do?

Sarah's boss is a sexual predator, who constantly puts pressure on her, under threat of losing her job - a job that she needs even more since her husband walked out leaving her with their two children to look after. Life is really difficult without losing her only income too, so the dilemma that she finds herself in is impossible - should she give her boss's name, or does she give in to his constant demands just to keep her job?

Wow! This was a thrilling read, it literally called to me whenever I put it down. The characters were perfectly at ease in their skins, played their parts to perfection with a deftly constructed narrative. The plot itself presents a darker side of life, whilst demonstrating the mundane alongside it. The reader is taken on a whirlwind of twists and turns making it a truly tense and compelling read. Just brilliant, can't recommend it enough!

This is the second book that I've read by T M Logan, and he really is exceptionally good. Give this one a try, I don't think you'll be disappointed!

* Thank you to Netgalley, T M Logan, and Bonnier Zaffre for my ARC. I have given an honest review in exchange*

Miriam Smith says

Don't expect to pick up "29 Seconds" and be able to just read a couple of chapters because you won't. Completely addictive and utterly compelling, I was hooked immediately and knew this was going to be a truly brilliant read - I was not disappointed!

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I couldn't begin to imagine being in Sarah's position but I am fully aware of many situations out there involving bosses and the upper echelon that use their power to gain advantage over vulnerable people.

Sexual predators are evil and I fully sympathised with Sarah, understanding her constant frustration and fear of losing her job.

Exciting, thrilling, totally engrossing this fast paced, twisty turny thriller is guaranteed to keep your attention and I absolutely LOVED the ending, my eyes felt like they were holding their breath and didn't want to

blink!!

It's only March and "29 Seconds" has already secured its place in my top ten for 2018 and I will be recommending this book to everyone I possibly can.

T.M.Logan is a new author to me and now discovered he will not pass me by again! Such a talented, imaginative writer using realistic situations and combining them with a tremendous storyline to produce a cracking, compelling and irresistible page turner that intoxicates you from the first page! Fantastic work!

5 well deserved stars! I only wish I could award more!

Pauline says

29 Seconds by T.M.Logan is a psychological thriller that kept me hooked from the first page to the last. I could not put it down and read it in one day, 3am before I finished it. Sarah is a hard working mother of two young children. Deserted by her husband and trying to cope. Her boss is a bully and a sexual predator who makes it clear that if she wants to do well in her career she has to agree to his advances. Sarah is then offered a way to get rid of her boss for good but will she agree to this offer? Sarah was a great character and I was rooting for her all the way. This book has many twist and turns and keeps you guessing about the outcome. I have now downloaded the first book from this author and I am looking forward to reading it. I would like to thank NetGalley and Bonnier Zaffre for my e-copy in exchange for an honest review.

Nazanin says

3.5 "Stick-to-the-Rules" Stars

Professor Alan is an outstanding scholar and a gifted researcher, one of the best but he's harassing Sarah. They work in the same university but Sarah's contract isn't permanent yet and the only obstacle to her contract is Alan. So because of Alan's influence, she can't make a complaint. But she did something and her reward is she can provide a name and that person will be disappeared! But can she do that? Or she thinks about something else!? But it's her reward so it's her right to choose a name, right?!

This book was really thrilling and I really liked it! I liked the writing, the short chapters were in my favor though. But the ending was a disappointment! I had high expectation for its ending! It was my first read by this author but I will try other books by the author because I really liked the writing! Anyway, it was a good thrilling read and I hope you enjoy it!

Kayla (kaylareads) says

If you were given the chance to make one person disappear without a trace would you?

If a book can grab me on page one then I'm already optimistic that it's gonna be a crazy ride. Even better when it's a thriller.

I've put myself on a temporary ban from buying any kindle books if they cost over £2 until next payday.

Luckily I found this one on my tbr for the tiny sum of 98p. I've read awful free/cheap books and I've read some of the best. This one was a slow burner up until the half way mark where it was a rollercoaster of suspense until the last page.

lovelock makes my blood boil. Absolutely hated that guy and felt every bit of anger Sarah had for him whenever he went on one of his power trips. If you're easily enraged by injustice and sexism I'd steer clear of this book.

The mc Sarah was likeable and probably a lot more resilient than what I could have been in her situation. Whenever I read these kind of books I always picture what I would do and that usually involves fetal position crying.

I'm giving this one 4.5 stars for being a quick adrenaline read that kept me hanging on to the very end. I look forward to reading more t.m Logan.

Nicki says

Warning...the plot of this book contains triggers that might upset some readers

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This twist packed thriller is narrated entirely by Sarah from the third person perspective. Sarah is a university lecturer and the mother of two small children who is struggling to get on with her life after her husband left her for another woman. She is doing ok apart from one major problem, her boss Alan Lovelock and believe me that bloke is a sleezebag with a capital S. I loved Sarah, she was a wonderful, complex character who found herself caught up in a situation that no matter what she tried she couldn't get out of. Everytime she thought she have found a solution something would go wrong and the situation would just be made worse.

When you have read and absolutely loved an author's debut book there is always that worry in the back of your mind that you will not enjoy their next book as much. Well I can honestly say with hand on heart that Mr Logan has taken my worries and thrown them out of the window. 29 seconds is a gripping, twist packed, sometimes very intense, thought provoking thrill ride that hooked me in from the first page, had me totally invested in Sarah's story and rooting for her as this riveting story unfolded before my eyes. With the skill of a expert storyteller Mr Logan takes Sarah and the reader through a whole spectrum of emotions, fear, hope, frustration, betrayal, anger and sadness. This book is definitely going on my list of my

favourite books from this year. Highly recommended

Full review to follow closer to publication

Many thanks to Bonnier Zaffre for an arc of this via netgalley in exchange for a honest review

Heidi says

I went into this story totally blindly, only lured by the intriguing title, and am glad that I did. 29 seconds of what? The clock is ticking I will try to write this review without giving anything away, since this story very much relies on its original premise and the surprises it holds in store.

Our main protagonist is Sarah, an accomplished academic in her early thirties, whose career is being thwarted by members of the “old boys club” at the university she is working at. Her boss is a sexual predator of the worst kind, lording his power over all female employees and exploiting his position to garner sexual favours. All the women know it, but unless they want to jeopardise their careers they feel powerless to do anything about it. The last woman who lodged a complaint with HR lost her job, her reputation and her sanity. Sarah, who has been hoping for a well-earned promotion, has so far successfully avoided being in that position, but lately the man has made it clear that he expects some favours from her as well. How can she say no and still keep her job? Who can she turn to when everyone is in his pocket? Something needs to be done. And sometimes help comes from the most unexpected direction

Logan does well to get the reader emotionally involved in the story, and I felt an intense burning anger a few pages into the book, as it becomes clear that Sarah has her back against the wall. Slowly stoking the fire with mounting injustices, the story may have been off to a bit of a slow start with its direction a bit unclear – until BAM! – there it was, the big twist that made the story both original as well as very intriguing. With my boiler already on full red alert I experienced the same gut reaction Sarah must have felt when confronted with her unusual situation. And just to make it all more interesting, there are a few ethical dilemmas along the way. Have I wetted your appetite yet? No, I will not say any more about the plot, except that the 29 seconds of the title may change Sarah’s life. 29 second of what? You will have to read it to find out. It does rely a tiny bit of the reader’s ability to suspend disbelief, but then again, we live in a strange world where strange thing happen, so who says it’s not possible?

29 Seconds may be a bit of a slow burner at the start, but don’t be fooled – this is a very clever and original thriller that will have you questioning a few ethical and moral dilemmas along the way. It took a few unexpected turns that had me on edge, wondering how it would turn out in the end – and then I was still wrong in my guesses. This is the perfect book to pick up if you want a thriller with an original premise and some surprising twists!

3.5 stars

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Hans says

A very impressive story about sexual harassment on the work floor and what it can do with the someone. Sarah is a very believable victim. It contains highly original twists and surprises.

Kavita Kumar-Karthik says

Holy sh*t!! This story is phenomenal ! The plot is totally original and it kept me guessing throughout the book.. I was hooked to it from the start and it just kept getting better. Thrilling in the truest sense !!

The book starts with Sarah, a brilliant research assistant to a sleazy perv but famous Oxbridge-educated TV academic Professor Alan Lovelock, who is a big shot at Queen Anne University and beyond approach. Sarah and the other female research assistants have set "Rules" of self preservation while interacting with Prof Lovelock, because he is a repeat sexual harasser who has never been caught in the act. But Prof Lovelock has set his eyes on Sarah and stoops to all levels low to force her to get intimate with him. Sarah, a mother of 2 children, with an absent husband and a mortgage, tries her best to safely maneuver through his maze and keep herself safe yet not offend him, because he can really make it bad for her. But his behavior is getting worse. Sarah is denied a promotion despite her hard work and she pissed at the professor.

On the way to home, Sarah unknowingly stops a child abduction when she stops a man from capturing a child. Little did she know that the child, was the only daughter of a Russian Crime lord. The pressure at the office is relentless and to top it the Russian offers her a one-time chance to get her life back on track. In exchange for saving his daughter, he offers her an option to make any one person in her life disappear. Initially, when she hears the offer, she declines any interference and walks away. But when the pressure is too much, she relents. **She makes a 29-second call informing the Russian crime lord of a single name.**

What happens after this is epic. She doesn't know the consequences of this call. ***What happens when things do not go according to your plan ? What happens when the situation turns to the worst ? What happens when your life and family is at stake ? When you are all alone in a battle against evil, how are you going to get out of it unharmed ? Can she turn around the tables on Prof Lovelock ? Who is going to help her?***

I beyond enjoyed this book ! Such a satisfying thriller after a very long time. And while, I am not going to dish out spoilers, I will say this. There was a point in the plot, where I thought Sarah was totally cornered with no way to escape unharmed, not much physically but emotionally, mentally. But that twist in the end !! Wowsaaa !! What a way to end the book !! **Shows how the mind works when a victim is cornered and has no other option than to fight or die (figuratively,not literally).**

The characters are well written and the pace is just right. It's not too rushed, not too dragged.. The book made me feel nervous, tense, confused, angry, heart-broken, unsettled and vindicated as each chapter progressed. It had my complete attention and I couldn't keep it down ! Work place harassment is a common issue plaguing many women and this book has depicted the different ways a woman tries to cope up with the pressure. It shows how career progress, even with hard work, can be stunted with sexual predators roaming around freely

with no fear. It shows how people betray others, offer others as bait, in order to preserve one self. In the end, I also realized that giving up without a fight is unfair to our self. We will find allies in unexpected corners. **What I appreciated most was, that Sarah could've blindly taken a much more violent yet temporary action, but she put aside her hate, her anger, to have an end which would be acceptable to her conscience. To actually win the war, not just the battle !!**

Kudos to the author for penning such a brilliant story. I definitely recommend this book to all book lovers !! Thank you NetGalley and Bonnier Zaffre for providing this ARC in exchange of my honest review.
