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With her signature fast-paced, edge-of-your-seat action, Lynette Eason invites readers into a captivating new series where justice is a family affair.

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Cara Putman says

Great characterization, tight writing, fast pace, good romance. Can't wait to read future books in this series. Perfect for those who love romantic suspense focused on law enforcement.

Sarah Grace says

Whew! Another intense release from Lynette Eason!

First off, can we talk about this cover? I. Adore. It. I, of course, had to have the paperback. And after I ordered it, I camped in front of my mailbox for two days until it arrived. (The benefits of Amazon Prime . . .)

The characters. Right away, I loved Izzy and her crazy, awesome family. The banter between the siblings throughout reminding me of my own large, crazy family. Izzy was a very sweet, relatable character. Ryan was also great, and I loved his storyline and character arc. I feel like overall, the characters were a little lacking, but I still greatly enjoyed it. The focus was a lot more on the story than the characters, and since I'm such a character-person, I was a little disappointed.

The story was fabulous, and kept you guessing until the very last second. (view spoiler) I could not put this book down, and finished it in less than 24 hours. So so good! There was never a slow moment.

All in all, I really enjoyed Eason's newest release! Highly recommended!

CONTENT NOTE: Recommended for ages 16+ for violence and mature themes. (view spoiler)

Abbi says

This book kept me up way longer than I planned on, I was exhausted but I just couldn't put it down until I knew how it ended! From start to finish I was sucked into the story, trying to figure out how the pieces fit and who to trust, right along with Ryan and Izzy. There were so many twists and unexpected turns that it wasn't until just about the last second that I finally put it all together.

I loved both Ryan and Izzy, they were both great cops and even though they faced a devastating loss they found their way through it to make sure justice was found for their brother and partner. They had known each other forever but they were both starting to feel something more and their relationship seemed to develop naturally from the foundation of their friendship.

I loved the closeness of Izzy's family and I'm looking forward to getting more of her sibling's stories! This book was so good with non-stop action and a sweet love story! Definitely a must read for romantic suspense lovers!

I received this book free from the publisher. I was not required to write a positive review. The opinions I have expressed are my own.

Victoria Lynn says

2.5 out of 5 stars.

I did enjoy this story, though not anywhere near as much as I thought I would. So I'll start out with the positives.

I enjoyed the storyline for the most part. It was hard to figure out and there were a lot of different things going on, which left for a wild ride. I enjoyed the characters, the sibling element and the family dynamic. I appreciated the idea of an entire family committed to making the world a better place all in their own way, but still as a family unit. There was a lot to be honored in such a family. It did keep me interested for the most part and I enjoyed a clean romance without all of the heat and tingly feelings of what seems to be the norm these days. This kind of romance was way more my speed, a lifelong friendship that slowly turns into something more. I commend Miss Eason for such a story.

My issues with the story lie mainly with the style and the way it was written. There was a LOT of head hopping. And not in a good way. Some writers can get away with it, but this author seemed to have no rhyme or reason to it. It was almost as if the scene breaks were in the wrong place half the time, and the other half, it was just straight up POV error. It made the reading of this book very confusing and I had a hard time keeping up. And while the story was so multifaceted that it was interesting, I felt like it was TOO busy. There was so much going on that I couldn't keep it all straight and the amount of threads became very overwhelming and somewhat unbelievable in the way that everything connected.

There was also very little character depth. I still don't know a whole lot about the family or even the main characters personalities. To be honest, a lot of the characters felt personality-less. Half to three quarters of the way through the book and I still was having a hard time knowing who was one of Izzy's siblings, who was a friend, etc. It just felt really weird. And shallow to an extent. There was little to no character depth for a lot of these people and the emotions were just missing for some scenes. Which worked out okay because I know that is this author's style, and it did make for a quick read, but to be honest, I wasn't really that into it.

I guess the style of this book just wasn't really my cup of tea. I still enjoyed it and I would definitely recommend it if you love suspense with a slight romance. It was a good story, but not one I feel like I would want to read again.

Content Advisory: There were mentions of being held hostage, various gun violence, bombs etc. What you would expect from a modern suspense. There was also a scene where part of someone's (view spoiler)

Jen. says

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Wow...so good!!

Lots of action - interesting how it all fit together!

Several intense scenes - very suspenseful! A page turner for sure!

Great family dynamics - the St. John siblings are very close and find the time to meet for meals even though they are all busy, working professionals.

Light romance - cute and believable. Izzy and Ryan are adorable.

Ended well - epilogue especially sweet. Set up the next book nicely.

Will definitely continue this series! The next book, Called to Protect, is due out July 31, 2018.

Special thanks to Netgalley and Revell for an advanced electronic copy of the book.

Review also posted on jengalaxy4.wordpress.com

Maureen Timerman says

If you like warm fuzzy romance stories this book is sure not for you, with nonstop action from the beginning to the end, and don't get too comfortable in your shoes, you won't see who wants to wear them.

The author starts this book with the murder of fellow officer Isabella St. John's partner, and lifelong family friend, Kevin. From there the violence goes downhill, and why, we soon find out, or maybe it takes to the very end to learn, and most you won't see coming.

So, it is the rival gangs, an old "boyfriend", a friend, the list goes on and on, maybe your brother, or mother. There has to be a reason, and when we find out, just wow!

Once you start this one, you will have to get to the end to learn the answers, and I for one love the epilogue, better allow additional time!

I received this book through the Revell Blogger Program, and was not required to give a positive review.

Hannah says

As much as I enjoyed the "Elite Guardians" series by Eason, this one is even better! The family dynamics seem like a wonderful cross between the O'Malley books and the Blue Bloods tv show. All six St. John kids went into some form of public service, from law enforcement and FBI to a surgeon. I loved watching the family dynamics play out, and I'm hoping we have a story for all six of the kids.

Isabelle and Ryan are a great couple, with a nice bit of romance and trust that's written exactly how I love to read romance! Their relationship is clean and based on years of friendship, and it's plain to see their chemistry even without all those touchy-feely details I really hate reading!

There are a ton of secrets! All sorts of things going on that have to be figured out. I loved the challenge of trying to figure out who/how/why of the bad guys involved in this one! And were they ever bad guys!! Highly recommended.

Content: a grotesque gunshot wound mentioned.

Thanks for NetGalley for a free copy for review.

Andrea Cox says

The Blue Justice series is going to be fantastic from start to finish, if this book is any clue. The family dynamics are the best thing about this story, though that isn't to say other stuff isn't also good. The intricacies of the plot, various story arcs, and the many characters that played major roles in the story were all well pulled together. I really appreciated the faith thread and the great amount of action scenes: two things I look for in Christian suspense books. Ms. Eason's author voice has grown stronger through the years, and it seems like this series has the potential to be her best yet. (I hate to say that, because I loved her Women of Justice series so much, but it might be time for me to claim a new favorite of her series. Maybe. I'm waiting to read the full series to decide for sure.)

Content:

- * a few partial expletive phrases (the actual expletive words were not used, but they popped in my head at the lead-in part of the phrases that were there)
- * a couple of sexual analogies
- * one grisly image

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Caitlyn Santi says

Lynette has done it again! Just when I think her books can't possibly get any better, they do! Oath of Honor reaffirms why Lynette is on my list of all time favorite authors. I loved both Izzy and Ryan as main characters and it was a lot of fun to watch their romance develop.

And I just have to say that as a fan of the show Blue Bloods, I have been so excited about the similarities between it and this series ever since I first heard the Blue Justice series was going to happen, and now after reading Oath of Honor I can say that I loved all the similarities to Blue Bloods, but I also loved that the Blue Justice series is a unique story and brings something all its own to the table!

And by the way I am in love with the St. John family, so I CANNOT WAIT to read Chloe's story when it releases later this year! I don't know how many books are planned for this series but I have my fingers crossed that each of the six siblings will get a book, because I simply don't want to say goodbye to this family anytime in the near future!

And the suspense, gah, soooo good, Lynette's books never fail to get my adrenaline pumping and bring me to the edge of my seat, and Oath of Honor just may be her best yet!

I don't know want to risk giving anything away so let me just finish by saying that I absolutely loved this book, it will be on my list of favorite reads from 2018, and needless to say I HIGHLY recommend it! Seriously, you MUST read Oath of Honor, ASAP!

I received a copy of this book from the author and publisher, which did not influence my review in any way.

All thoughts and opinions are one hundred percent my own.

Abigail says

Police officer Isabelle St. John loves her crazy, loud, law-enforcement family. With three brothers and two sisters, she's never without someone to hang out with--or fight with. And she knows they'll be there for her when things get tough. Like when her partner is murdered and she barely escapes with her own life.

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Where do I begin with reviewing this book? This book was amazing! I was it could go on forever, this was my first cop/suspense book and it most defiantly will not be my last! I have no idea why I have never read this type of book before. These books always keep you on your toes and they get your heart pounding with worry and fear for the characters that you have grown to love. This book made a bundle of emotions. It wasn't as much of a roller coaster of emotions as it was in *Isaiah's Daughter* but this book just made me want to jump into the book and comfort Ryan and Izzy.

This book was about a young cop named Isabella (Izzy), she and her partner were at a stack out because he had recently got a lead on something that was going to be going down during that particular night. Being a young, ambitious cop, Kevin Marshall decided that he was going to go into the warehouse in order to catch what the men were doing. Izzy tried to stop him, but he was to stubborn to listen. As a result to him ambitiousness, he was shot and later died at the hospital.

At the crime site, Ryan Marshall rushed over to where his brother and Izzy were. Izzy was crying because she had just witnessed the potential death of her partner and best friend. Ryan vowed that he would catch his brothers killer. Ryan and Izzy teamed up to track down and catch the men responsible for the death of Kevin. With being around Izzy so much, Ryan's feelings started to get stronger. Little did he know that Izzy was feeling the exact same way.

After a whole bunch of near death experiences and plot twists. They finally came to find out who truely was behind all the chaos. They finally were able to put a stop to the people behind the death of Kevin and others.

This book really makes me want to go and visit cops and thank them for all they do to protect us! Many people these days are always hating on cops and saying that they are terrible. I would just like to say that, yes there have been some cases when the cop should not have killed that person, but we are all HUMANS!! We all make mistakes, I know that killing someone is a rather HUGE mistake but if they think they see a gun or some kind of weapon they are taught to shot and kill. As much as I would love to be a cop. I personally could never do it. I am very appreciative of cops but I could not do it.

Things I loved about this book:

1. The faith. Both the St. John's and the Marshall's are christian, so seeing their faith throughout this book. Their faith is one of the things that kept them going, even though they most defiantly struggled with things especially after the death of Kevin, they still kept the faith and trusted God.
2. The Romance. The romance in this book was rather low-key but it still was a simple, sweet romance between Ryan and Izzy. I was happy with the ending of this book when it came to the romance between them!
3. The action. Oh man as I said before this book kept me on my toes. I also had my heart thumping in my chest a few of the parts. If you like books with a lot of action and near death experiences. By all means read the book and find out what I am talking out!
4. Ryan Marshall. I loved this main character. He was great, even though he was angry and sad about his brother's death, he still knew his place in the investigation. He knew what to do and what not to do. His concern for Izzy made this book all the better, he was concerned about her nearly the entire book. The great thing was is that it wasn't an over-board of protectiveness it was just enough that it was sweet.
5. This book is just so great overall!! I would recommend this to everyone who is over the age of 13, the only reason why I say 13 is just because of some of the violence. It was a little bloody but because I have seen a lot of marvel and cop shows/movies it was fine for me, but it all depends on how you stomach semi-graphic shootings and action.

This is my advice to you. Go to your local bookstore and go on amazon and buy this book! Or you can even go to the library (it's free that way). Just please go read it and I hope that you will love it as much as I did.

I received this book from Revell Books, in exchange for my honest option on this book. All thoughts are my own.

<http://www.harderfamilyadventures.com...>

Lindsey (Books for Christian Girls) says

About this book:

"A murdered partner. A missing brother. Will Isabelle's silence protect those she loves . . . or delay justice? Police officer Isabelle St. John loves her crazy, loud, law-enforcement family. She knows they'll be there for her when things get tough. Like when her partner is murdered and she barely escapes with her own life. Izzy is determined to discover exactly what happened, and her investigation sends her headfirst into a criminal organization, possibly with cops on the payroll--including someone from her own family. With her dead partner's brother Ryan, a handsome homicide detective, shadowing her every move, Izzy's head is spinning. How can she secure justice for her partner when doing so could mean sending someone she loves to prison? And how will she guard her heart when the man she's had a secret crush on for years won't leave her side?"

Series: Book #1 in the "Blue Justice" series.

Spiritual Content- Matthew 5:9 at the beginning; Prayers & Blessings over food; Church going; Mentions of God; Mentions of prayers & praying; Mentions of churches, church going, & services; A few mentions of a praise team & worship services; A few mentions of thanking God; A couple mentions of Heaven; A mention of divine intervention; A mention of being blessed; A mention of a Christian fiction book.

Negative Content- Minor cussing including: a 'duh', a 'sheesh', a 'stinking', a 'what a crock', a 'what the—', a 'wimp', two 'dumb's, two 'idiot's, nine forms of 'shut up', and fourteen forms of 'stupid'; A few mentions of curses (said, not written); Eye rolling & Sarcasm; Seeing someone bleeding & close to death (semi-detailed); Remembering seeing someone badly hurt & bleeding (up to semi-detailed); Life vs death situations (up to semi-detailed); *Double Spoiler* (view spoiler) *End of Spoiler* Being held at gunpoint, Being attacked, Being threatened, Nearly strangled, Fighting, & Hitting in self-defense (semi-detailed); Gunfire, Pain, Injuries, Bruises, & Blood (up to semi-detailed); Intruders, Break-ins, Gunfire, Explosions/Fires, & Smoke (semi-detailed); Bombs/Explosions/Fires, Smoke, Injuries, Blood, & Bleeding (semi-detailed); All about mentions of trying to find the killers/murderers; Many mentions of gunfire, being shot, shooting, shooters/murderers, injuries, blood/bleeding, bloodstains, & murders/deaths (up to semi-detailed); Many mentions of the mafia, gangs, gang wars, violence, & rap sheets (up to semi-detailed); Many mentions of criminals & crimes; Many mentions of officer-involved shootings & deaths; Many mentions of deaths & injuries from fires/explosions/bombs & smoke; Mentions of when Izzy was attacked, kidnapped, & held at knifepoint (an ex-boyfriend, up to semi-detailed); Mentions of seeing a man whose face was blown off (border-line semi-detailed); Mentions of soldiers who were killed in the battlefield & shootings (barely-above-not-detailed); Mentions of terrorists & threats; Mentions of a suicidal man with a gun; Mentions of dead young gang members; Mentions of bombs & an assassination attempt; Mentions of break-ins & intruders (and almost break-ins); Mentions of pain, hitting, being slapped, injuries, bruises, broken bones, & blood/bleeding (up to semi-detailed); Mentions of sick sociopaths; Mentions of prisons/jail; Mentions of illegal gun sales & runners; Mentions of dirty cops & stealing evidence; Mentions of gambling & card sharks; Mentions of nightmares (barely-above-not-detailed); Mentions of drinking & bars; Mentions of tattoos; Mentions of lies & lying; Mentions of throwing up & violently sick; A few mentions of corpses; A few mentions of drive-by shootings & knifings; A couple mentions of wars; A couple mentions of drugs; *Note: Mentions of car brands; Going to & mentions of Starbucks.

Sexual Content- two cheek kisses, a head kiss, a not-detailed kiss, a barely-above-not-detailed kiss, a boarder-line barely-above-not-detailed // semi-detailed kiss, and a semi-detailed kiss; Touches, Embraces, & Nearness (boarder-line barely-above-not-detailed // semi-detailed); Noticing, Staring, & Blushes; a 'baby' and three 'babe's; Mentions of being asked out, dating, dates, girlfriends, boyfriends, exes, & breakups; Mentions of crushes; A few mentions of a cheek kiss; A couple mentions of flirting; A mention of human trafficking; A mention of a married couple kissing; Some Love, falling in love, & the emotions;
*Note: A few mentions of people getting in bed with the mafia.

-Isabella "Izzy" St. John, age 27

-Ryan Marshall, age 31/32

P.O.V. switches between them, Tabitha (1x), & the Intruder (1x)

342 pages

Pre Teens- One Star

New Teens- One Star

Early High School Teens- Two Stars

Older High School Teens- Three Stars

My personal Rating- Three Stars (and a half)

{Add ½ star for older girls interested in law enforcement}

As soon as I opened this novel, I could already feel the adrenaline coming from the pages.

I loved that in the opening chapter of this book we're introduced to all six of the St. John siblings and their people-saving careers. I am so here for strong family relationships in fiction books. After "meeting" her parents, I can totally see where Izzy gets her toughness from. She's a tough girl who's been through a lot (and goes through even more during these 340 pages) and I loved her character and reactions.

When reading the back-cover, I was hoping that maybe (just maybe) we wouldn't meet Izzy's partner, Kevin, because I didn't want to end up liking him and then he's dead. But, atlast. We meet him, fall in love with his character, and then our hearts hurt.

For the romance aspects of this plot, it was decently light compared to everything that's happening. There were a few random kisses in the weirdest spots of the plot, in my opinion, though.

Overall, I was very happy with the family aspects between both the St. John's and the Marshall's, and while this plot isn't for everyone (I happen to enjoy suspense books, however) and I do wish there was more faith content, I did enjoy this one.

I was looking forward to reading Chloe and Hank's story next, but I am slightly concerned from the teaser about human trafficking mentions; that's never been a topic I read about well. So, we'll see as the release date gets closer and more info is released about the plot.

Link to review:

<https://booksforchristiangirls.blogspot.com/2018/07/revell-book-review-st-johns-sister.html>

*BFCG may (Read the review to see) recommend this book by this author. It does not mean I recommend all the books by this author.

*I received this book for free from the Publisher (Revell) for this honest review.

Susan Snodgrass says

What a stunning beginning to a new series! I was held captive from the first few paragraphs and was not let go until the ending, which I did not guess at all! Izzy St. John sees her partner gunned down at a stake out that went sideways and from then on, things escalate at a dizzying speed. Many of her siblings are in law enforcement also, including her mother and trying to solve this murder has attracted the attention of a decidedly bad element. With her life on the line more than once and with the help of a handsome childhood friend, Izzy is determined to solve this case.

This was a powerful book, well written, believable characters, plots, all tremendous! The reader is certain to want to hang onto something because this book flies at warp speed with suspense all the way. I look forward to the next in the series. Loved every single moment.

*My thanks to Net Galley and the publisher for my copy of this book. My opinion is entirely my own.

Amy says

Oath of Honor is the first installment From Lynette Eason's Blue Justice series. I think this is a fabulous start for the series. I was hooked from the first page and just could not put the book down. It has so much adventure, action, and suspense, that my head was spinning. I look forward to the next book in the Blue Justice series.

Great read!

5 stars.

I most definitely highly recommend this book.

I received this book from the publisher. This review is 100 percent my own honest opinion.

Toni Shiloh says

Another great Lynette Eason novel read. Longer review to come.

Lorraine says

Eason's newest series starts off with actions, thrills, and plenty of suspense. This series features the St. John family who are all involved in law enforcement in one way or another. The three brothers and three sisters are close, loud and crazy but have each others' backs whenever there is a problem. This book stars police officer, Isabella St. John, whose mother just happens to be the chief of police. When Izzy's partner, Kevin, is killed and she barely escapes with her life, she is determined to find his killer. But Kevin's brother, Ryan, a homicide detective, is just as determined to find the killer so teams up with Izzy.

This book has edge-of-your-seat action from start to finish. Suspense, mystery, dirty cops, and a bit of romance made this an all around great read. You'll want to jump right into the next book which stars Izzy's sister, Chloe, who is a K-9 cop.
