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"The Coalition by Samuel Marquis is a riveting novel by an uncommonly gifted writer. This is the stuff from which blockbuster movies are made! Very highly recommended."--Midwest Book Review - The Mystery/Suspense Shelf

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In this second thriller in the Nick Lassiter-Skyler International Espionage Series, the beautiful female assassin Skyler takes center stage and continues on in Book 3 of the series, *The Fourth Pularchek*. As the book opens, she calmly watches a procession of black Lincolns from the fiftieth floor of an office building in Denver, Colorado. When the motorcade pulls to the curb in Civic Center Plaza, a prominent leader steps from one of the vehicles and takes the stage to make an important speech. Moments later, a loud BOOM echoes through the Plaza and the man slumps to the platform like a stringless marionette. The mysterious sniper Skyler, whose very existence is unknown to the international law enforcement community, has just assassinated U.S. President-elect William Ambrose Kieger.

In the aftermath of the shocking political crime, she escapes and a Task Force is swiftly assembled, headed up by Special Agent Kenneth Patton of the FBI's Denver Field Office. A ten year vet in Domestic Terrorism, the unconventional Ken is driven to solve the crime by both professional and personal motives. His search leads him to not only the elusive female assassin who is a master of disguise and impersonation, but a secret society whose diabolical and far-reaching plot threatens the very highest levels of the U.S. government. Yet the group's motives, secret membership, and ambitious plans remain elusive. Can Ken and his team uncover the plot in time to save the day? Can they beat the countdown on the clock and catch Skyler and the shadowy group in the background pulling the strings? Or will time run out?

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"Author of 2015's The Slush Pile Brigade and Blind Thrust, novelist Samuel Marquis has accomplished something rather rare. In The Coalition, Marquis has injected fresh air into the often threadbare genre of political conspiracy and assassination thrillers."--Dr. Wesley Britton, Bookpleasures.com (Crime & Mystery)

Angelle says

The Coalition proves that Samuel Marquis is a suspense mastermind!

Lorrie Frautschi says

"The Coalition" had me sucked in within the first few chapters. Action and suspense that kept me wondering what was coming next until the very end. Great book! I can't wait to see what Sam has in store for the next book.

Liz Scroggs says

It was a good read although I didn't like the ending. Left you wondering what happened to the other main characters.

Frank Pularcheck says

The Coalition starts fast and furious and takes readers through a subterranean world of murder and politics, opening the door on an unflattering look at the power structure beneath some of society's most influential institutions. Taking place in Denver, Colorado, the action unfolds a mile high and never lets you down. One of the central characters, a unique female assassin hits a bulls-eye with readers. She's beautiful, sexy, troubled, in love and deadly -- the kind of woman best avoided, but hopefully returning in future books. Finally, Marquis' nuanced character development creates a cast that is complex, multi-faceted and very real. Whether it is the Dead Head investigator, wounded assassin or the social conservative leader whose daughter is murdered in a women's health clinic, readers see a full character develop. In a world that often wants us to see things in black and white, The Coalition gives readers a full picture in a tight, well-written thriller.

Brigid Hughes says

He did it again. Samuel Marquis put out a third book that I Just Could Not Put Down. Since I have a family, I had to put it down at times but I really just wanted to read it all in one sitting. THAT'S the kind of book it is. Warning: if you are looking for a good read, one that is a page turner and that you can't put down until you find out what happens at the bitter end, this is it. I love the female sniper. I love the characters. Reading about conspiracies and political action committees and the religious right and the FBI, what a ride! It's so current, it's so believable, it's real. Almost. I guess it's fiction. But often you are fooled when reading. The author has certainly done his research. I would love to talk more about the characters, the dialogue, the plot but I don't want to ruin it for anyone. Suffice to say -- you won't regret picking up this book!

Elizabeth Gardner says

A great political thriller with an unusual female assassin and captivating story. Some intriguing conflicts going on as well as some great Colorado details. I can't wait to see what Mr. Marquis comes up with next.

Anne says

Wow! What a great political thriller. The pacing and suspense are strong throughout, and all of the technical FBI and Secret Service details seem very accurate. I would compare this to the thrillers of Vince Flynn, Ludlum, and Baldacci, but I think the characters are stronger. Ken Patton, the great-grandson of General George S. Patton, is a great hero, and his opponents are very interesting as well. The emotionally troubled sniper, Skyler, is a wonderful sympathetic antagonist, and Benjamin Locke, the shadowy religious and political leader, is no cardboard cutout villain. The Coalition is what all political thrillers should aspire to be. I would recommend this book to anyone.

Chelsea says

Wow, this thriller had me hooked from page one. Considering how many books Sam turns out in a year (and

with so many diverse approaches to the thriller genre--suspense, environmental, political, historical) he nails it every time. The Coalition seamlessly weaves an intense presidential assassination plot (sparked by a really cool female assassin) with spine-tingling political intrigue and yes, even a flavoring of controversy into a high-octane, absorbing plot that had me whipping through the book, and left me satisfied at the end. Can't wait for his WWII thriller in March!

Peter Frautschi says

This book has so much to like! Great characters, plot twists, good guys, bad guys and conspiracies, action immersed in a convincing reality. This book has MOVIE written all over it! I hope the movie is half as good as the book...

Bobbie Bilello says

A Riveting Modern Political Thriller with Great Characters

The Coalition is, quite simply, a great political thriller. The book has a lot of action and suspense and tons of built-in conflict: there is the beautiful Italian sniper Skyler, the religious right, the Democratic and Republican parties, a twisted right-wing assassin called "The Apostle", and the FBI and Secret Service, and all of these parties battle continuously inside and outside their own ranks. The story line is extremely topical, as if it was taken from today's headlines, and the characters are well-drawn, emotionally complex, and interesting throughout the novel. In looking at the back cover, I can see why the novel has been compared to The Day of the Jackal and why it was praised by James Patterson. It is a fast-paced thriller, yet it reads like a "literary-style" Dennis Lehane novel with flawed and interesting characters and powerful emotions. Marquis especially seems to do his villains quite well; he really gets inside their heads so you can understand the psychological motivations behind their actions.

All in all, a great read. I would especially recommend it to thriller lovers who enjoy Daniel Silva, Richard North Patterson, and David Baldacci.

Kasey Cocoa says

Review by Sarah: "Wow, this book was nearly impossible to put down once I started reading it. I almost didn't want to donate the book, it was that good. I don't usually enjoy political suspense type books but this one was such a fast paced exciting read that I was able to ignore any character comments that don't quite align with my beliefs. It's that whole enjoyment of reading a book that sounds like it came from the headlines with wonderful characters that makes it such fun. I can hardly wait for the next book!" We received an ARC through the publicists in exchange for an honest review. This in no way influenced our opinions.

Jenna Smith says

This book had me on the edge of my seat!!

Sandy Schwartz says

Exciting Thriller with good characters and some great twists

Fred Taylor says

Best novel yet by Marquis. I couldn't put it down! I certainly didn't want it to end. Looking forward to the sequel with the main character. Nice twist at the end of the book. Not what I expected. Marquis is better than Baldacci and I like his books.
