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A violent criminal with a knack for evading justice. A beautiful victim with a secret to hide. Between them stands one good cop, torn between justice and the law. This rape case is an exception: The victim is more than willing to testify. And there's abundant evidence to put the suspect behind bars. Just one thing bothers Detective Larry Millsaps. Young and beautiful Melissa Nelson seems to know almost too much about the evidence needed to convict her attacker. The unfolding investigation unearths a brutal track record on the part of the suspect . . . and a stunning revelation of Melissa's own haunting past that could do far worse than destroy her credibility. Caught in a deadly conflict between the ironies of the law and the demands of his Christian convictions, Millsaps finds himself protecting Melissa from a psychopathic stalker's lethal game of cat-and-mouse . . . even as evidence collects that could send to prison not an inhuman criminal, but the woman Millsaps has come to love. *Justifiable Means* is the second book in the *Sun Coast Chronicles* by award-winning author Terri Blackstock. From absorbing legal drama to lightning-paced action, the *Sun Coast Chronicles* offers suspense at its finest, tempered with remarkable realism and penetrating insights into the human heart. Look for *Evidence of Mercy*, *Presumption of Guilt*, and *Ulterior Motives* at your favorite bookstore.

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Fran says

So well written, suspenseful and a good reminder of the limitations of no mobile phones back then !

Lisa says

Terri Blackstock hits another win for me in this book! Melissa is out for revenge. She fakes a rape to set up her sisters rapist. This story tells how she frames the man and then turns herself in to the police, because God convicts her heart to do right and the detective Larry Milsaps of course may have played a part in her doing right. Melissa ends up in jail and gets right with God. She witnesses to the ladies in jail and changes for the better. Meanwhile Larry Milsaps is missing Melissa like crazy and knows the rapist is in fact a rapist and possible murderer and he follows him. read the book to find out more about what happens.

Diana Curran says

I really like this book.

Jill says

Really enjoyed this Terri Blackstock book. Can't wait to read book three in the series!

Carol C. Cottom says

Excellent! Love Terri Blackstock!!

Ann Tiller says

This book made you think about God and how he can use people in our lives to help us. I recommend any book written by Terri Blackstock.

She is a great Christian writer. She has written many books and they all have God in them and are good.

Ellen White says

She set out for revenge, was it justified, for what she set out to do, and then carried it thru. After that much time to finally come out with the truth, seemed weak. The love of the cop, for this damsel. Now, not wanting to ruin his career. Enjoyable, not as suspenseful as some of her other ones are.

Sheila Holmes says

Enjoyed this book immensely. Totally engaging from beginning to end.

Erika Hayes says

love love love how book one and two were brought together. Another fabulous series from Blackstock!!!

Amanda Gribbin says**Twisty**

This book had so many twists and turns until the end it really kept you guessing on who was the victim in this situation

Randy Tramp says

A violent criminal with a knack for evading justice. A beautiful victim with a secret to hide. Between them stands one good cop, torn between justice and the law.

Melissa Nelson & Detective Larry Millsaps - great characters. Both want the same result. Both go about it different ways.

I like a book with characters of honor. This one had conviction and mistakes, showing how God still works with our human condition.

The plot was gripping, interesting and lightning fast. I stayed glued to the end.

Sarita says

I'm never disappointed after reading a Terri Blackstock book. And this was no different. I have a list of her books to still read, but find myself delaying because I don't want to run out of her books.

For a Christian suspense first published in 1996, this was a great read for me. Yes, some things was predictable, but the suspense still kept me turning pages.

Melissa had a lot to learn in her journey with God. I was glad that she didn't skip the consequences of her actions, but that she learned from that and, how even though we have to live with consequences of our decisions, God still forgives, protects and turns things around for the best.

Deborah says

Given that this was written back in 1996, I am willing to cut *Justifiable Means* some slack. That was before we started expecting more from Christian fiction.

As is, it's a very predictable story with an incredibly annoying female main character. Perhaps she seemed worse because I listened to this as an audio book, so every neurotic moment came across in whiny clarity.

Pros:

Clean light thriller.

Gentle romance (for those who need that in their thrillers)

Cons:

Predictable.

Annoying main character (female).

Cheesy storytelling (by today's standards).

Best Suited for Christian readers who like a bit of romance thrown in with some very mild thrills.

Perhaps twenty years ago, I may have enjoyed it more than I did now, and I don't hold that against the author. I'm more than willing to read more of her work, but will probably look for more current novels.

Antoinette Burke says

Justifiable Tale

I enjoyed this less than Book 1. I think I liked the characters Lynda and Jake more. Just couldn't "feel" the desperation of Melissa to do what she did. It was so transparent that she thought she'd get away with it. Liked the ending though with the other characters.

Book 3 in this series sounds more intriguing. About to start reading.

Abigail says

Storyline and characters: okay-ish/meh.

Factual accuracy: deficient. That is not at all how grand juries work. They do not convict or acquit, but rather

determine whether there is probable cause for indictment. Witnesses are not cross-examined by defense lawyers (only prosecutors are present). The person(s) being investigated can in fact testify before the grand jury, but other witnesses are not present at the same time, nor is a defense lawyer allowed in the room. The factual inaccuracies would have been greatly mitigated if Blackstock had simply said "jury" (as in trial jury), instead of "grand jury." I'm no legal expert--far from it--but have relatively recently read some suspense novels by former prosecutor Lis Wiehl, who I trust to know what she's talking about on the subject of grand juries.

Maybe 2.5 stars would be more appropriate.
