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J.E. Taylor says

This was my first introduction to Michelle Gagnon's work and I am very impressed. I understand it's her fourth book in the series, but I didn't feel like I had missed out on the histories and relationships because Ms. Gagnon did a great job of making this a stand alone story and peppering just enough back story to keep the character relationships complex but not to much to dilute the pace.

I loved the fact that I was carried away by the story, completely pulling me in to the point I was no longer in my family room but crawling through the mud in the Mexican jungle right along with the characters.

The ending was shocking, but I give Ms. Gagnon props for taking that risk. I'm sure it was a hard choice and honestly, I couldn't see any other ending without the reader going - well wasn't that convenient.

I'm glad I won this book through firstreads and got a chance to experience Ms. Gagnon's writing. She now has another fan. :)

If you haven't read her books and are a fan of crime series fiction - you should give it a whirl. You won't be disappointed.

Giovanni Gelati says

It seems I have arrived late for the party yet again. Kidnap & Ransom is Michele Gagnon's fourth novel, The Gatekeeper, Boneyard and The Tunnels are here other works to date. I am going to get right to the rundown of what the novel is about and then we can discuss it:

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The Tunnels is the other FBI Agent Kelly Jones vehicle, I am going to back track to that, to get the whole story on her. Kidnap& Ransom is a very good character driven novel so this was right up my alley. I dug into this with a fury and the action, suspense, and thrill was better than I expected. Michele Gagnon is now officially on my radar and being the OCD type of guy I am I will go to the novels I missed and then impatiently wait for the newest novel.

I know everyone dollars are tight, Kidnap & Ransom is in paperback and also ereader form. As it says on the Amazon Kindle page, you can be reading this novel in under a minute. I say go rogue and get kidnapped by Michele Gagnon and her heroine FBI Agent Kelly Jones, it will be a pleasant experience.

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Lisa says

Another book that convinces me never to go to Mexico! Besides that the return of serial killer Stephan was as terrifying as his appearance in "The Tunnels". I hope Michelle Gagnon writes another one for adults after her recent foray into Young Adult novels. Overall without giving anything away...another good read from Michelle Gagnon!

Cheryl says

Cesar Calderon is CEO of the Tyr Group. An organization that helps with kidnapping and ransoms, especially in foreign countries. Cesar is in Mexico City as a guest speaker. Cesar steps out of the restaurant for a smoke, when he is kidnapped.

Jake Riley works for the Longhorn Group, a rival company to Tyr Group. Jake is also Kelly's fiancé. When Jake learns that his brother, Mark, who works for Tyr Group has gone missing, he and his team head to Mexico City. Kelly comes along with Jake but for a different reason. One of Kelly's prior cases has gone unresolved. A dangerous man, Stefan Gundarsson got away. Kelly has learned that Stefan is in Mexico City. Let the games begin.

Kidnap and Ransom is book four of the FBI Agent Kelly Jones novels. These books can be read as stand alone novels. I have to say that this book really drew me in. I read it in one afternoon. There was lots of action and it was much harder and grittier. While I did like this book, I did feel like the balance was a little off. There were several different story lines happening in this book. There was the rescue mission and the one involving Kelly and her tracking down Stefan. While the rescue mission was strong, I felt like there was a lot of focus put on what was happening with Kelly and this story line were flat to me. It felt rushed and I was disappointed that Stefan was not harder to take down. I do look forward to reading the next book.

MARILYN says

A good addition to the Kelly Jones series. This one takes place in Mexico where Jake and his Co. look for a kidnapped businessman and Kelly chases her arch nemesis Stefan. Great action and adventure but a startling conclusion. I can't even guess where this goes next. I recommend it to fans of the series, but if you haven't read this series start at the beginning.

Cindy says

Engrossing! Very dark read which means to me that it's probably pretty true to life. Had no idea that

kidnapping was used that often in various parts of the world. Knew it happened but not to this extent. Characters and their problems are very well drawn and the resolution makes perfect sense.

Geri says

This my first time reading this author.
I did like it very much and will be reading
more from her.

K says

Another book read out of order. Jake works for a kidnap recovery business and his girlfriend Kelly works for the fbi. She is on leave recovering from an accident where she suffers a bka (in the last book), from Stephan, the evil man. They are having a tough time.

He needs to go to mexico to save his kidnapped boss(irony) and she tags along, hoping to continue her investigation into rumors of her nemesis.

The book is a definite thriller, moving quickly, surprises around every page.I liked the realism in the scenes, and characters. I will have to backtrack to the older books.

It will make you think twice about going to mexico, you might get kidnapped.

Kelly says

Best Michelle Gagnon to date, in my opinion! I loved the dual story line and loved bringing back Stefan from The Tunnels. I am extremely sad that Jake died, but I think had he lived and they hadn't stayed together, that would have been worse! I am now rooting for Kelly and Maltz to get together... I thought I saw some foreshadowing of something developing between them????

Anyway, marvelous page turner, wonderful descriptions of the underground Aztec temples. Great job, and I can't wait for the next one!

Nicole says

Kidnap and Ransom sounded like a fast paced thriller with lots of action when I read the description on the back.

I believe that Kelly was suppose to be the main character but so much was going on that I am not sure. It felt like the author had a bunch of ideas and just pushed them all into one book instead of just focusing on one story. I did not enjoy this method of story telling at all. I was unable to care about any of the characters or even really like them. Due to the poor story telling I was hoping the bad guy would win since he was the least annoying by far.

I do not plan on reading anything else by Michelle Gagnon.

Jessica says

amazing ... action packed.. sad ending ... so much happens in this book .. although the ending does seem to end the series I hope there is more of Kelly Jones , rodregous, and syd and the crew.. I loved the character's.... this is a book i couldn't put down a absolute page turner from beginning to end . as the killer from the tunnels reemerges in Mexico ..on a tip from a PI ... Kelly is not who she used to be begs Jake to let her go along with him to Mexico to help find Jake's brother Mark... although Kelly has other things in mind after helping Jake for a while the hunt for mark becomes to dangerous and Jake sends her back to he hotel to get on a plane back to new York ...Kelly dosnt leave .. she goes on the hunt for stefan ... only to have ended up hurt again and in a Mexican prison.. but Danny rodriqueous saves her .. he's such a great partner and friend to her .. meanwhile on there hunt in the ruins and garbage dumps in Mexico .. Kelly discovers she is still her old self even though in the gatekeeper ... book #3 she was seriously injured never to be the same . .. Jake and his partner syd are with there team in the jungles of Mexico trying to save Jake's bro Mark and Mark team from the Tyr group .. many exciting things happen ... so much suspense and action ... highly recommend this series ... but start at book one .

Sheila says

At the beginning the CEO of a Kidnap and Ransom company is a guest speaker at a conference in Mexico. He is kidnapped but no ransom is ever requested. A recovery team with Mark Riley as leader is sent to rescue him. The recovery team is kidnapped as well. FBI Kelly Jones is on medical leave after her leg was amputated following an injury while trying to capture a serial killer. Her fiancée, Jake Riley is the co-owner of a competitor Kidnap and Rescue company. Jake's other brother, Chris comes to see him. He is aware Mark has disappeared and wants Jake to help him find Mark. Jake was unaware Mark was working for a competitor company as they had a disagreement several years ago and had since lost track of each other. Kelly insists on going with Jake and his recovery team even tho she is still in rehab. Although the FBI believe the serial killer who caused her injury was killed, she is not convinced. When her injury prevents her from following Jake in the jungle to a prison camp, she goes off on her own to track down leads on the serial killer. Jake is unaware, thinking she has gone back to the States. Their relationship has been strained since her injury. And, so goes the story. It was good but not as wonderful as I had hoped.

Libby says

This is an amazing read! It starts during the Christmas holidays, but quickly moves south to Mexico where a businessman who (ironically) helps retrieve kidnapped victims is himself kidnapped. Gagnon's series protagonist, FBI agent Kelly Jones, shares the spotlight with two security/soldier/hero-type brothers, one of whom is her fiancée, and the shifting points of view of those characters helps build the suspense.

KIDNAP AND RANSOM is relentlessly paced.... it NEVER stops! And just when you think it can't get any worse, of course, it does. I couldn't put it down. Btw, the research and details read like a Tom Clancy novel. I really don't know how she did it. If you're into thrillers, Mexican drug cartels, and kidnapping schemes, you

need to read this book.

Danielle says

oh for heaven's sake. WHAT THE HELL??? the guy freakin DIES! reDICulous. i hate it when one of the main characters die, and die in the arms of their fiancée no less. just ridiculous. i don't read these to read reality, i already know that people die, i get it! I read these books to ESCAPE from reality. what a lousy way to end a perfectly good book. it would have gotten a solid 3 stars without the goddamned ending. With the ending it get 1 star. That's it. Endings are important and this one sucked

Kristen says

Michelle Gagnon brings up a shocking conclusion to the Kelly Jones thriller series in Kidnap and Ransom. It continues where it left off in the Gatekeeper. More drama and tension are in the air as Kelly deals with the loss of her leg and wearing a prosthetic ankle for her leg, while she's on leave. There's friction with her relationship with Jake, while it takes a backseat for the while. When his brother Mark is missing in action in Mexico, he brings his K&R team along to help rescue Cesar Calderon and his brother. We see how Kelly feels about the situation, when she feels useless and unwanted, and considered a hindrance. She sets off on her own mission with her former FBI partner, Danny Rodriguez, to find Stefan Gunderson from the Tunnels. There's plenty drama and shocking twists and turns over here and a surprise ending I won't give away. From California to Mexico, we can really feel for Kelly and Jake and despise Syd Clement and the bad guys in this explosive finale.
