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After years of trying to become pregnant without success, Rachel Dawson and her husband Thomas felt their dreams had finally come true the day they brought home their newly adopted twin babies. Though the lawyer Baron Bell who arranged for the surrogate mother charged a hefty six-figure fee, one glance into the eyes of their precious children told them it was all worth it. Until the birth mother reappeared, first demanding more money, then the twins themselves. Suddenly Baron Bell was nowhere to be found, and the Dawsons were once again childless, heartbroken and nearly destitute. When the case finds its way to the offices of high-profile attorney Lizzie Fox, she can't wait to take down the so-called 'Mr. Wonderful'. And she knows she'll have all the help she needs as it's just the kind of crime that really gets the Sisterhood's adrenalin flowing. Once they get their hands on the perpetrators there will be hell to pay, and it will cost a lot more than cold, hard cash...

Deadly Deals Details

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Joi says

I really enjoyed this book. I've read previous books in this series and I'm glad I picked this one up. I had to lay off the series for a while because I was starting to see the repetitiveness. I can't say the same about this book though. The plot in this book held my attention from the very beginning and I'm glad. It kept me glued to the book where I did not want to put it down.

The "vengeance" that the vigilantes are seeking in this book have to do with a baby selling ring involving lawyers and surrogates. All while having to deal with terrible weather conditions. But in the end they got it done, like they always do. This is the first time that I can recall that we see their actual form of punishment and that was nice to see. I can't wait to pick up the next one.

Catherine says

Slow starting, but once I got into the story I had to finish it in one day. Love it when those who are evil pays for their crime. Love all the Sisterhood books.

Terrie says

You gotta love a group of Vigilante Women who exact revenge on a couple of attorney's operating a kidnapping scheme. Great light read!

Lorna says

I made it through. This book would make a very bad action movie. I don't think it's because it is number 16 in a series and the first one I read. Can't help but wonder who the people are who read the first 15.

Kathy Davie says

Sixteenth in the Sisterhood vengeance-suspense series about a group of women who bring justice to those the law leaves behind.

My Take

Again. I like Michaels' premise. I hate her execution. It's a train wreck ya just can't resist watching and this installment is no exception. It's almost embarrassing to read some of the exchanges the characters have with each other. It's kind of like they're on speed and they've condensed their thought processes into short choppy sentences that just don't connect with any sense of smoothness.

I'm guessing Michaels thinks the discussion about earrings is cute...blech... What's with deputizing Jack, Harry, Joe, and Ted during a blizzard and "promising" to send them horses as transportation? Just how is riding a horse in an icy situation anything like safe or practical?? Then there's "wallah". Oh, please. These are supposedly intelligent, I'm assuming sophisticated people so I can only assume that Michaels is the idiot who is unaware of the proper spelling, so there and "voila" and ta-dah. I know, I know, I'm getting nasty...

The Story

A desperate wanna-be mother contacts the Quinn law firm putting the vigilantes into action with her story of practically going bankrupt to fund the pregnancy of a surrogate mother who takes her babies back a few months after the Dawsons have spent loving the twins. The Dawsons are desperate as every lawyer they've spoken with has refused to take their case when they hear that the saintly Baron Bell is involved.

Bell practically has an open door invitation to visit the White House as he pleases and more judges in his pocket than lint. No lawyer wants to take him on which only allows Bell to continue his racket with his partner.

Naturally, all the ladies get involved while not really doing much as Avery Snowden and his crew does most of the heavy lifting. Annie and Myra break into Bell's office and crack his safes, getting caught in the process. Jack, Harry, Joe, and Ted do their own break-in on Adele's "secret" hideaway with better results. And Maggie, of course, has most of the fun in compiling her articles and creating her headlines exposing it all to the public.

The finish is the White House Christmas party staged to ensure the President understands that she's vulnerable unless she gets those pardons arranged.

The Characters

It's a small crew of vigilantes this time around: **Myra and Charles** get engaged; **Annie** teases **Little Fish** and a new possibility in **Tobias Tyson**, the safecracker; **Nikki and Jack**; **Yoko and Harry** who is renovating the dojo; **Kathryn and Bert**; **Maggie Spritzer** as Editor in Chief at the *Washington Post* and **Ted Robinson**; **Alexis and Joe**; and **Isabelle** who manages a short contact with **Stu Franklin**. **Lizzie Fox** uses her reputation as a cut-throat lawyer while **Cosmo**, **Nellie Easter**, and **Avery Snowden** have very small roles.

Baron Bell is a lawyer who is practically nominated for sainthood he has such a good reputation. Too bad his wife doesn't yet know about his partner, **Adele Newsom**, or his adoption sideline. **Joan Olsen** and **Donna Davis** are two of the surrogate mothers. **Rachel Dawson** is the potential mother who brought the problem to the vigilantes attention.

President Martine Connor finally starts to take charge of the White House. God knows why she took so long. What a wimp!

The Cover

The cover is lovely with its beautifully-lit gazebo and striped outdoor furniture. Baskets of flowers both hanging and potted amidst a planned landscape of stones, a path and assorted plantings under a purple sky. The fact that most of the action in this story takes place in a blizzard doesn't seem to make a difference.

The title, *Deadly Deals*, probably refers to the bad guys having to deal with the vigilantes---I can't imagine what else could be deadly about the adoption angle.

Linda says

The books in this series have sure varied for me in terms of number of stars. I liked this one best of all because it was more of a fun, entertaining read without so many stomach turning scenes of torture. Still very light and with an incredible, silly plot but a quick, cozy, rainy day read.

Pam McCauley says

She's just the best! I enjoyed the fact that she didn't go back and explain things from previous books in this series. Newbies might not understand, for example, the significance of the "red bag" or who Barbara was and why she, "appeared" to Myra, etc. not having read about it in the past....but I loved not wasting my time with suff I already knew! You need to read this series in order.

Kem says

This was more like the first ones. Really bad people selling babies stolen from their parents. Most of the regular vigilante crew were present. It drags a little along the way, but the last part had some scary parts, and all in the middle of a major snow storm.

Cindy Weeks says

I did not realize until I had started this book that it was #16 in a series. Having not read the previous 15 books in this series there were several times that I was totally clueless as to what they were talking about. Although this book was ok for a an easy reading book it was not good enough to go back and read the previous 15 books in this series. I have read several Fern Michaels books in the past and liked them but I think I might skip the other books in this series.

Christine says

I liked this one a lot. The girls were together throughout, and that dynamic is anyways better in this series. There was also quite a bit of comedy here, and that added a fun element. It ended rather abruptly though, and that's my only criticism. But the next one picks up right where this one left off, so its okay.

Linda says

Had to stop reading. Hated it!

Amy says

couldnt read it fast enough. this book was just as good as all the others. her books always seem to get better with each one she writes.

Rachel says

2.5 stars. Of course the vigilantes are up to their typical heroics. I just feel like this story didn't show us enough about the victims the ladies were helping. We hear their story directly at the beginning, but that is all we see from them. No real closure at the end as to how they are getting along after being reacquainted with their babies. Or why it was so easy for the adoptive parents to give the babies back. Not that I wanted more drama from that end, but it would have been nice to see more details in that area. Maybe the birth parents and adoptive parents meeting, working together to make sure the babies are doing well... Still, it was an entertaining audiobook.

Carol MacInnis says

Another Fern Michaels winner!

Lizzie Fox, high-powered attorney is ready to do what she can (with the help of the vigilantes) to help Rachel and Thomas Dawson. The Dawson's have been trying in vain to get pregnant, and finally decided on adoption. With the help of lawyer, Baron Bell and a large six-figure fee, he has found a set of twins for the Dawsons. The money is no object when they look into their children's newborn eyes. But now the Birth Mother has come into the picture and demands from the Dawsons more money and the return of their beloved twins.

The Sisterhood cannot wait to sink their teeth into this one and Mr Baron Bell is right at the top their list.

Swanbender2001 says

The Sisterhood strikes again with all their pals in tandem. I enjoyed this tale as they let Madam President know they are not patient about the pardon they were promised. I haven't gotten bored with these outlandish stories and look forward to more.
