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Suzanne Collins wrote the Hunger Games, Aldous Huxley wrote Brave New World and George Orwell wrote 1984.

All three novels were about dystopian societies of the future.

In Lady Justice and the Watchers, Walt Williams sees the world we live in today through the eyes of a group who call themselves 'The Watchers'.

Oscar Levant said that there's a fine line between genius and insanity.

After reading Lady Justice and the Watchers, you may realize as Walt did that there's also a very fine line separating the life of freedom that we enjoy today and the totalitarian society envisioned in these classic novels.

Quietly and without fanfare, powerful interests have instituted policies that have eroded our privacy, health and individual freedoms.

Is the dystopian society still a thing of the distant future or is it with us now disguised as a wolf in sheep's clothing?

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Heather says

I sure am glad that there was a good deal of humor in this 8th installment of the Lady Justice series because it scared me.

There was example after example of the many ways that we have given up our privacy and how it is a great risk to our freedom. I have tried to pay attention to what is going on around me but clearly I need to be a Watcher.

I think that this is a must read book! It has occurred to me that Robert Thornhill is educating me under the guise of entertaining me.

Thanks for another great book!

Michelle Castillo says

In Lady Justice and the Watchers Robert Thornhill introduces us to some new characters as well as presents us with a lot of issues that we should all be aware of. In this latest installment in the Lady Justice Series, Mr. Thornhill brings back all of the characters we have come to love and care about throughout the series. As always, Walt again finds himself in danger on multiple occasions and never does get to have his cheesecake. In this latest installment Walt comes to the realization that technology is being used for more than the public are aware of. He is faced with the same thing that many of us are, is the technology that we have become so dependent on worth the ability for numerous agencies and companies to have access to all of our personal information. Along with the rising discomfort that Walt has towards technology, he also must solve two kidnappings as well as stop a terrorist attack. As usual Walt always finds himself in the center of all the action.

I enjoy reading all of Mr. Thornhill's novels, not only because they are full of characters that I have come to care about but also because Mr. Thornhill poses serious questions that we should all be aware of. Not only are his books an enjoyable way to spend a day, they also leave you thinking about some of the same issues that are troubling Walt. I believe that even if this is the first novel in the series that you read, you will find yourself looking for the previous installments in the series. I eagerly wait for the next installment; I can't get enough of Walt, Mary, Maggie, Ox and all of the other characters in the Lady Justice series.

Linda says

This author is psychic! His story and today's headline news had much in common. The author is an excellent writer. His mechanics of good writing are fine. The story of a planned terrorist attack against the USA at a populated sport event is told clearly without verbiage making it a good read for everyone from the very young to the very old. I was reminded of a Tom Clancy novel about a dirty bomb detonated at a sport event. I rather like this author's brevity and levity better than Mr. Clancy's lengthy style.

Presently, in America, we find ourselves in a fine mess. I appreciate the author's statement defining our

problems and his offer of hope for both the present and the future. I am so tempted to let 'er rip and make my own statement about the right and the wrong of everything happening in my country, but I am afraid to do so. What if it ended up in the wrong hands? That is my conundrum.

Thank you, Mr. Thornhill, for a good read that needed to be written.

Betty Macy says

Lacks the comedy of other Lady Justice books, but the Social issues confronted in this book is one of the most important in today's world.

Amy says

This time the senior citizens crime fighters that on technology. How much info should the government have and what should they be allowed to use it for? Nice little mystery that also gives you something to think about.

Cathy Doman says

Well, again Robert Thornhill comes through with a great Lady Justice tale! In Lady Justice and the Watchers, Walt and the crew come face-to-face with terrorists, and Walt learns a great deal about all the ways the government keeps watch over us. In some cases, this is a good thing, such as using gps to find kidnapped children or track down a bad guy. But as Walt finds out all the ways the government keeps tabs on us, and all the information they gather, he wonders if this doesn't sound a bit too much like "big brother". It will make you think, too. Is giving up your right to privacy worth a little convenience, and do you feel more safe? Or, is it as scary to you as it is to me? Another great book from Robert Thornhill, delivered with his trademark wit and humor. He tackled a tough topic which is very timely. I definitely recommend this book!

Sheri says

Lady Justice and the Watchers(lady Justice #8) Robert Thornhill

Robert Thornhill knows how to pen a thought-provoking tale. Once again he come up with a hit in Lady Justice and the Watchers.

Walt Williams is back and this time is faced with a pair of men who are set on bringing truth to this country; the truth about pharmaceutical companies, the food we eat, what we purchase and modern technology.

A suspected terrorist cell in Kansas City gets the attention of Homeland Security and Walt is recruited to infiltrate the group.

Robert gets into the minds of these people with such vivid emotion and detail, what he brings out in this

book is so real, it is frightening!

Now because of this new novel, I will think twice every time I swallow my medications, turn on my computer, or just go to a ball game.

If you can only read one book this year this would be it!

Allison Kohn says

This book is an eye opener full of thrills, chills, and giggles. I learned some things I didn't know and got some ideas about the fine line between justice and interference and some ideas about how we, as American Citizens, can keep our eyes open and our influence felt - all while I was being entertained with a good read.

Bonnie says

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Another book of thought provoking ideas. However, this one seemed to have more "preaching" and less story. Looking forward to reading more.

Linda says

Bob, you have done it again with this one. It is a winner. Sure makes one think about a few things in our changing world. I really love your books. Everyone should read the Lady Justice series. They are funny and serious at the same time and very thought provoking.

Laurie Kazmierczak says

Thornhill writes about current topics that make you think yet take you on a journey that's fun to read. I love reading his series. This one addresses all the electronic devices we love, but shows the balances that must be maintained.

Christina Jones says

Conundrum: A logical postulation that evades resolution, an intricate and difficult problem. That is the essence of Robert Thornhill's latest Mystery / Comedy Novel, Lady Justice and the Watchers, featuring retired real estate agent Walt Williams. How can the American populace enjoy all the freedom and safety brought to us by advanced technology (OnStar in the cars, personal and home security systems); the convenience of credit /debit cards, on line banking, and hands-free communication devices; and the exhilaration of being able to communicate with friends and family on opposite sides of the world by Skype--

and still maintain our privacy from those who would do us harm or seek to manipulate us: the crooks, the terrorists, our own government? Does the average person realize the cost in personal freedom? Do they care? Should they care? These are the questions posed in this thought-provoking and thoroughly disquieting story.

The eighth novel in the Lady Justice series finds Walt being initiated into the 21st Century of technological advances that enable police to better do their jobs, such as the ability of OnStar to pinpoint stolen cars, report accidents where the driver might be too injured to report himself, to even slow down and stop a stolen car. He learns that if you have a cell phone turned on, it (and the person carrying it) can be pinpointed and tracked. On the flip side, the bad guys can do this, too. In fact, by picking up random "chatter" from cell phone calls and internet messages, the government can thwart possible terror attacks. The target in this book involves the All-Star Game in Kansas City, MO. Will Walt and the feds be able to stop the proposed carnage at Royal Stadium?

At the same time, Walt also learns how much power the government now has in using these tools. A group of Pakistani exchange students and their American host families are caught up in the intrigue, and though they are innocent, all their civil liberties are suspended indefinitely. Is this the Justice that Walt believes in and fights for?

This should be a "Must Read" for every person, young and old, regardless of our political persuasion. Told with his usual humor and fast pace, Thornhill's book challenges the reader to think deeply about where we've been and where we are going. His best work yet!

Elizabeth says

"I marveled that there are so many things in our lives that can be either a blessing or a curse depending on how they are used. Once again I thought of the monumental task that Lady Justice has, trying to keep things in balance, and I realized that now, more than ever, she would need all the help we could give her." -Lady Justice and the Watchers, page 199.

This book is so relevant to these times in which we live. I almost feel like though this book is fiction, it really isn't, for it really is a commentary on the modern United States. This book presents so many sides to so many issues from wonderful yet intrusive new technologies and from the role of Homeland Security to the infringement upon our personal rights and freedoms.

As Walt gathers information, asks questions, ponders these things and occasionally comes to conclusions until something else changes previous conclusions, the biggest issue he grapples with is how far are we willing to go for the greater good? What of our rights, freedoms and privacy are we willing to give up? What have we given up that we don't even realize that we have given up?

In the end, Walt declares himself a watcher.

"We can't fight what we can't see and understand, so it's our job as citizens to watch and to make those who represent us accountable for their actions. Unfortunately, we are our own worst enemies." -Professor Skinner to Walt: Lady Justice and the Watchers, page 49.

Walt understands that it's wonderful to be able to catch criminals with GPS but he also finds it very intrusive

and rather creepy that there are people out there who know every move that he makes because of the technology.

Robert Thornhill brings up some very hard but very important topics and I must say that I completely agree with Dr. Edward W. Pearson who wrote in his review in the front of this book:

"These continue to be books that I want to read to not only relax and laugh, but also to continue to think deeply about whether our exponentially increasing scientific and technological advancements are doing more harm than good." -Lady Justice and the Watchers, page 2

Once again, well done, Mr. Thornhill!

Georgiann Hennelly says

Lady Justice and the watchers is the eighth book in the series. Walt Williams is back. Walt is faced with a pair of men who are set on bringing truth to this country; the truth about the food we eat, pharmaceutical companies, modern technology and what we buy. When a suspected terrorist cell in Kansas City gets the attention of Homeland security Walt is recruited to infiltrate the group. Robert really gets into the minds of these people with vivid detail and emotion. It was somewhat frightening what I discovered when I read this book. made me look closer at what I buy.

Gail says

I ordered my copy today..Can't wait for it to come in the mail so I can read it!

I am loving this book so far. I agree with the flu vaccination. The only one I have ever had was the swine flu years ago when we were first married and my husband said we needed to get it and I remember standing in line to get pain inflicted on me. Ever since my dad got the flu vaccine and got sicker than if he actually had the flu. He said he would never get another one and would take his chances with the flu. I can't see getting a shot that is going to make you sicker than if you actually had the flu. Just doesn't make sense to me. Looking forward to see what happens next in Walt's latest undercover assignment!

I loved this book. Walt and his crew are totally amazing. This book really makes you stop and think about all the stuff that goes on in the world.

Looking forward to book #9 coming out. Can't wait to see what trouble Walt will get himself into in that book.

Thank you Mr. Thornhill for such amazing books that are funny and full of lots of twists and turns!
