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A semi-secret society of ten women out for justice. A young recruit who will have to expose the truth of just how far one of them will go to get revenge.

\Former victim Palmer Reed is facing the 20th anniversary of her kidnapping when she is recruited to the board of a prestigious foundation dedicated to helping the victims of crime. Run by Marjoram Swall, a woman known as The Vindicator, who helped rescue Palmer twenty years ago from the hands of their mutual enemy, the foundation gives Palmer something to believe in, hoping that by helping other victims, she will resolve her own painful past.

But something dark lies beneath the foundation's surface, and after Palmer learns of the foundation's use of blackmail to raise money for their cause, she discovers that several individuals who escaped their blackmail attempts all later died in mysterious accidents. She investigates, and soon believes their deaths are anything but accidental.

Faced with the dilemma of staying loyal to her mentor and the foundation that's provided her with a purpose, or exposing the truth and tearing her life apart, she's forced to question her own ethical boundaries, whether the pursuit of justice and the equalization of a faulty legal system is worth murder.

But her mentor won't risk giving her that choice, and soon Palmer finds herself the target of an unknown killer, her former kidnappers, and even Marjoram herself. For Palmer has opened a deadly link to their past, and she's on a mission to uncover the truth.

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Eunice Brownlee says

As a long standing fan of suspense novels, this one did not disappoint. Full of twists and turns and unexpected alliances, this will keep you turning the pages until the end.

The heroine, Palmer, grips your heart early on when you learn of the way she had been victimized as a young girl. She turns that pain into power as a member of the Diamond Foundation, helping to right the injustices that victims experience every day in this country. She shines as one who will do right, no matter the circumstances, and you find yourself rooting for her from beginning to end.

As a lifelong fan of the queen of suspense, Mary Higgins Clark, I'd have to say that after reading this, the crown is up for grabs.

Note: I received an advanced copy of this book to read and review. The opinions expressed above are my own.

Rebecca Corrow says

So good

I would recommend this book to anyone who likes a good mystery. This book was so good, that I didnt wanna put it down. I will be reading the next one. I instantly like the main character palmer and felt sorry for her, later on in the novel I thought she was badass.

Meg says

A fast-paced thriller, this novel is a twisting tale of revenge. What would a victim of a crime do to find peace from the mental demons that haunt her after the crime? Would she find peace in helping others who suffered the same type of crime? Or would she become a vigilante and punish those who perpetrate those crimes? You'll have to read the book to find the answer. I received this book as part of the Goodreads Giveaway program.

Linda Look says

A group of women advocate for those who the court system has failed. The leader of the group has taken illegal actions for many years that have resulted in the death of innocent people. This book dragged on too long but it was an interesting plot. I rate this a 4.5.

Bonnie says

Good first book in a new series

Good story featuring strong, determined women that are not perfect. There are many characters introduced very early in the book and at times, I had difficulty remembering who was who. It was easier as the story continued. I am going to now move into the 2nd book in this series.

Trish says

This is definitely an edge-of-your-seat type read! Very engaging writing style, with characters that are both relatable and believable. The story also touches on some gray areas regarding right and wrong, and at what point does one become the other, especially in our current justice system.

Sharon K. Woolsey says

A well written dividing novel

Secrets lingered for years only to be discovered by Parker. Deaths galore happened of anyone against the chemical company. Ryker and Marjoram

Pat Allen says

A very exciting story

I thoroughly enjoyed this well-written story. It covers many years and is complicated, but clearly written. Starting with her childhood at 12, where the female leading character was kidnapped for four days, during which she was starved and tied up on the back seat of a car, lying in her own faeces, she was almost raped by one of her two captors. The other one defended her and prevented it from happening. Marjoram arrived to rescue her and cleaned her up. In fact, she was more of a mother to her than her own mother. Tragically her adored dad refused to testify against her captors, leaving his daughter with strict instructions to leave well enough alone on penalty of death. He was murdered and his daughter still kept her word not to reveal the truth of what happened. To her amazed delight, she was invited to join the Foundation which had an excellent reputation for doing good to various victims of bad circumstances. Once officially enrolled, she was informed that Marjoram hoped she would take over from her eventually. Marjoram was counting on her desire for answers about her honourable father's out of character behaviour and revenge. What her mentor did not count on was her quick intelligent mind connecting the dots and her strong integrity which was horrified when she discovered her rescuer was not the heroine she and everybody else had always believed her to be. Once she realised what was really going on, she no longer cowered in fear but took great risks and faced considerable persecution to expose terrible secrets which had caused many great tragedies. I loved the story and thought it was carefully crafted and brilliantly developed. Strongly recommended.

Dsweepstakes says**Addictive book.**

Loved the book, and the topic, and also the writing. Am getting ready to read the next book, but would definitely recommend this book to all who want an exciting read.

Cheri Brennan says

Absolutely loved this book!! I love mystery thrillers, especially with strong female lead roles. This story had me on the edge of my seat. This mystery writer is going to give the likes of James Patterson and John Grisham some pretty hefty competition. Can't wait for Ms. Lacefield's next book.

Brenda Treddle says**Good women drama**

Good from beginning to end. I was waiting for someone to die, but didn't expect the one who did. Great story of women power, but for some not positive power. With old murders, combine with new ones, keeps you guessing until the end

Theresa Materazzi says**Love this book!**

I have always loved a good mystery novel and this one lived up to my hopes. Taking the past and weaving it into the present just added to the storyline! The main character was awesome and she was filled with so many flaws that I just could help but get engrossed into Palmer's life and just could not wait to see what she would do! She was just so real and came off the pages as if she really was an actual person and not a character in the book. I cannot wait to get ahold of the next in the series!

Barbara Fraley says

palmer reed has a chance to be a part of a foundation that assists victims and advocates for them. having been a victim herself as a child, palmer knows only too well the scars, both physical and emotional that plague victims. but all is not as it seems in the foundation, and if what palmer suspects is correct, people are going to die. but it can't be true - this is a foundation to help people - that could never happen, right? never. say. never.

Mary says

Kept my interest throughout

Jennifer Robb says

This book is part of the Women of Redemption series. I haven't read other books in the series, so I don't know if they are a continuing story arc or if each book focuses on different people/different situations that aren't connected to the others.

The book starts out with a feel good aspect. Palmer Reed and her best friend Keely Shaw are invited to become board members with the Diamond Foundation. Palmer was kidnapped as a child and Keely endured abuse as a child, so they both are touched to be asked to help with a foundation that assists other victims. At the same time, one of the people Palmer believes was the instigator of her kidnapping decides to run for public office which reopens old wounds for Palmer and spurs Keely's fiancé to work with Alex, a reporter, to try to get proof against a SHL.

After about three months with the foundation, the plot takes an unexpected twist--and it's not the only twist the plot takes. There are several that I didn't expect. In this case, the reader knows who the bad people are . . . it's just needing the evidence to prove it.
