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When a sniper tries to assassinate the President, but accidentally kills the First Lady, everyone thinks it was a clear case of a bad shot. But as one investigator digs deeper, he finds evidence that suggests the First Lady was really the target. But his superiors ignore him and he has to go it alone. Within a few short hours, he is elbow-deep in government agents, hired thugs, lying witnesses and enough killers to stock a small country. As he gets closer and closer to the secret cabal behind the assassination, they fight back. To stay alive, the investigator goes on the run--but where do you go when there's no place to hide. Chock full of intrigue, romance, sexy, hot women, action, pursuits and plenty of desk-level hard work. If you can put down FIRST LADY DOWN after you start reading, you will be the first reader to do it.

First Lady Down Details

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Shelley Wead says

Troy and Amber have their work cut out for them. They are appointed to a task force that is to investigate why there was an assassination attempt on the President. The First Lady ended up getting killed in what seems like a fluke accident.

When everything seems like a rush to judgement, Troy and Amber decide to follow the clues. As Troy feels that everything seemed to easy, too tidy to suit his gut instincts.

Following the clues also is making them a target as they get closer and closer to the truth.

Good book, although it seemed a lot like Murder at 1600. Still it was fun to read and full of adventure, with a surprise ending.

Jama Conner says

Great whodunit!!!

This book kept me guessing every chapter!!!! Amazing story line! Loved Troy and Amber!! Can't wait to read the next book!!!

Pam says

The story is good. The writing...not so much. It is very choppy and EXTREMELY descriptive. Don't give me every step the guy took to open the safe. Just say "he opened the safe." I'm sure the length of this book could be cut in half by removing a bunch of unnecessary sentences. At about 25% there was a sex scene. Quite possibly the worst sex scene I've ever read. The only reason for it was to introduce new characters. These characters could have been introduced in another way.

I didn't feel any chemistry between the main characters. I considered not finishing the book, but I wanted to know who the bad guy was. I had my suspicions early on, and I was right. I guess I didn't need to finish it. Apparently this is part of a series. I will not be continuing on.

Diane says

Good suspense and intrigue

Quick read, interesting characters. I was looking for a a mystery that wasn't a sappy romance to get out of the reading rut I was in. This fit perfectly.

Douglas Cook says

Good fast read. I enjoyed it. Some twists at the end

First paragraphs

"Chapter One – One Shot As Robert Raymond, the President of the United States, looked out over the large crowd, the assassin positioned the cross hairs of the heavy sniper rifle directly between his eyes. Through the high resolution, twenty-four power, Unertl scope, the sniper could see the tiny beads of perspiration, dotting the President's wrinkled brow. The familiar face, so deeply earnest and comforting, looked ten years older under the harsh scrutiny of the scope. From the crow's-feet at the corners of his eyes, to the sagging skin under his chin, the President showed every one of his sixty-four years. His gray hair, so elegant when he'd started in the White House, was now streaked with white. His lean, six-foot frame was slightly stooped, a reminder of his time in Viet Nam, where he had been shot in the back, as he had fought to secure a landing zone. Ordinarily, it did not bother him, but he was tired. A steady stream of controversies and crises had rocked the White House, each one sapping his strength and resolve. He needed a vacation, but instead, he had decided to tour the country, holding rallies to bolster his sagging popularity. Talking about issues close to the average American's heart had raised his standing ten points in the polls. The Washington rally was supposed to be the grand finale of his road trip. If all went well, he stood to gain another five points, which would give him the numbers to punch through some critical programs. His topic for the day was crime. It was a subject near and dear to most Americans."

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Kenn Goslin says

All you need is a little super glue...

Great story! Two unlikely characters wind up as investigative partners whose adventures lead them from Washington, DC the California & back. For anyone who enjoys avoid murder mystery...!

Teresa Collins says

A well-thought out storyline, with good character development and a lot of action. My problem with the book is the author's writing style is so stilted that if the story had not been so enjoyable I would have had to give up. Here is an example:

"Dirt and grease streaked their clothing and faces. Both drew their pistols. They sneaked over to the freight door. Amber peaked inside. She motioned for Troy to follow her. They sneaked inside."

It reminds me of my first grade reading primers. See Dick and Jane. Dick and Jane are playing. Spot wants to play. See Spot play. The writing should flow and move from one moment to the next without feeling as if you are in a car with someone who is just learning to drive a straight shift and the ride is jerky with multiple stops and starts. Luckily, the action and the plot line kept me involved enough that I found myself reading the way I would have wanted it to be written. That made it easier to get through the stilted portions. Bottom

line-it's a great story and could benefit greatly from the help of a good editor.

And in case you missed a synopsis of the story, a sniper takes a shot at the President of the US and manages to kill the First Lady instead. A joint agency task force is put together to investigate the attempted assassination. There is all kind of evidence pointing to a particular suspect, but Troy Barclay of the AFT just isn't buying it. It's too perfect and nobody would be dumb enough to leave evidence lying around the way the suspect supposedly has. Bucking his superiors on the task force but with the support of his Lt at ATF, he begins his own investigation with the help of another ousted member of the task force, Amber Nielson with the FBI. Action comes fast & furious after that!

Christy says

I liked the premise/plot of this story. I would probably give it more like 3.5 stars. I figured out who was behind the attacks on Troy and Amber pretty early on but not why. I have three major gripes, though. The first is that Army sergeants aren't saluted unless they're a Seargeant Major or wearing the Congressional Medal of Honor (the scene near the beginning of the weapons heist). The second gripe is the overuse of the word "microsecond". Really? You couldn't come up with any other words to use? And third, Kindle grammar and word usage errors in the file. Using the word "lead" instead of "led" and things like that or errant commas. Also, I'm a little baffled at the description of the book as it says "romance and sexy women". I don't remember any of that unless one counts one rape/murder, two kisses, and one ogling of breasts.

Elyse Salpeter says

I absolutely love when I find a book I can't put down. It has to have a few components for me - first, it has to be well-written, then action-packed, and finally have characters I just adore. This book delivered on all three. Though the author introduces and then discards a ton of people, I had no problem following the plot, who was whom and the many twists and turns he had his protagonists go through. ATF Agent Troy Barclay and FBI Agent Amber Neilson are complicated individuals who just can't play by the book. They're flawed but fascinating and I couldn't wait to see what scrape they'd get out of next. (and there are many). The book reads well, flows nicely and the prose isn't too complicated even when the author gets technical with certain types of weaponry.

I love a good series and truly hope the author produces more with these two protagonists. Really great job!

Corina says

First Lady Down by Daniel Adams. This was very good. I got it for free from the Kindle Store even though I wasn't sure it would be up my alley. I was very surprised, not only at the plot, but also at the quality of the writing. Excellent. I'll have to look for more work by Daniel Adams. In this one, it opens with what is presumed to have been a hired gunman having missed shooting the president of the United States and hitting the First Lady instead. However, during the investigation, at least one agent feels that the obvious suspect is being framed and goes on to theorize that the First Lady was indeed the target, not the the president. And the chase is on. And I meant chases...more than one. Lots of action. Highly recommended.

Sieglinde says

An interesting story, although one in which clues provided in the opening made it obvious who had arranged the hit. The book would benefit greatly from being edited (maybe there is a more recent edition that has been fixed up), as there is a tremendous amount of repetition of words and phrases within paragraphs or scenes, particularly in the first half of the book. For example, in one paragraph five of the first six lines included one of 'on the stage', 'around the stage', or 'of the stage', and after a short break there was more repetition of 'on the stage', 'behind the stage', etc.

Jenna says

I love the story I can't hardly put it down.....this sort of book is what I call all-in-one. Everything was in here the thrill since I opened page one until the end, and the author has a tendency being vividly descriptive which I favor.....it's like watching a movie. As of me, they should put this book into a movie. The author used of words is so witty, sexy, and very funny. I would love to read some more of his books.

Every operation these two are covering their butts off Amber the black belt FBI, and Troy an ATF (Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms). They are trying to apprehend the person who assassinate the "first lady". Murder, hired assassin, and corrupt government agent.....the author covered pretty much everything. Very well-written indeed, and sothrilling!

Carol Barnes says

Good plot and story line...BUT

The author's writing style was so juvenile I found it very difficult to finish the book. And the editing was even worse. I would not recommend it to my friends, nor will I read more of Daniel Adams' books.

Elizabeth Jara says

I couldn't make it past chapter 2 where a gate guard salutes an NCO and calls him "Sir". That was a clear indication that the author has no military knowledge and failed to do even a small amount of research. I realize this is a work of fiction, but one ought to make it moderately believable.

Kevin Bowser says

We are all too familiar with books about attempted assassinations on the President. But it is not very common to find a story about an attempt to assassinate the First Lady.

And that is the question from the very beginning. Was it an attempt on the President's life that was unsuccessful? Or was someone really targeting the First Lady. Almost everyone seems to think it was a clear case of a bad shot.

But as one investigator who has been assigned to an elite investigative unit to solve the crime digs a little deeper into the back story, he finds evidence that suggests the First Lady may have really been the true target. Of course his superiors ignore him in the face of overwhelming evidence that the President was the target and he has to go it alone. Well, not really alone. He teams up with a female agent from another agency and they set out to follow all of the evidence. Not just the evidence that points in a convenient direction.

Within a short amount of time, they are deep in hostile government agents, hired thugs, unreliable witnesses and crooked cops. As they gets closer and closer to the real story they fall under a withering attack and crash enough cars to fill a salvage lot. To stay alive, the unlikely pair go on the run to stay ahead of those trying to stop them and squelch their investigation.

The side stories and the little pranks that sabotage arrogant bureaucrat who is leading the investigation are a welcome bit of humor in a very serious story. Were there some things that didn't make sense in the plot? Sure. But they didn't keep you from wanting to read on and see who is behind the plot to kill either the President or his wife.
