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Ty Hauck is shattered by the news. A close friend from his past, along with her husband and daughter, has been brutally murdered in her home by vicious intruders. Now he will risk everything he loves to avenge her death. . . .

A wealthy banker, seeing his world about to crumble around him, knows his family is in unfathomable danger. . . .

A U.S. government agent watches the sudden bank transfers of millions in cash and suspects that this is the first step in a plot to unleash a wave of global panic. . . .

Ty Hauck hunts the murderer of a friend—and steps into the crosshairs of a sinister conspiracy—in this most electrifying novel yet from *New York Times* bestselling thriller master Andrew Gross

Private security investigator Ty Hauck, with Naomi Blum, a tenacious agent from the U.S. Department of Treasury, unravels the evidence that joins these seemingly unrelated events—revealing a reckless scheme that stretches from New York to London to central Europe and gives new meaning to the phrase "too big to fail." What began with a tragedy that opened a door to Hauck's past—a door that he thought was long closed—ends with a frantic race to avert a disaster that could shake the very security of our country—and even the world.

Reckless Details

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Toni Osborne says

Book 3, in the Ty Hauck series

As the first chapters unfold, we are slowly introduced to the characters that will take part in this mystery. A major change has Ty Hauck, Mr. Gross's protagonist, moving on from his former job as police detective to an important post at a corporate security firm.

The story begins when a close friend from Ty's past, April Glassman, is found brutally murdered in her home along with her husband and daughter. The firm in a gesture to one of their favourite clients takes on the case and assigns who else but Ty as lead investigator, it is obvious he has a definite interest in finding the reason and those responsible for this tragic incident. Early on into the investigation Ty finds himself in the middle of an ongoing financial conspiracy that has sights set on other targets.

His leads cross those of U.S treasury Agent Naomi Blum and together they follow the money trail, a trail that has them jetting across continents facing danger at every turn, a labyrinth of continuously new information and hazards that all has to be analysed and addressed. What they find at first appears to be a possible terrorist strike against financial managers but later turns out to be something far more sinister involving a much larger scope of the financial community.

In this latest novel, Mr. Gross has spun his own mystery around 21st century events and seasoned it with plenty of frightening conspiracies and global intrigue, a recipe that will please many readers. Although the plotting is somewhat predictable and quite formulaic, the topic is nevertheless quite interesting and the short and punchy chapters make it an easy read. The characterization is based on two main characters; the intrepid hero and the beautiful female agent as for the rest of the cast they are simply fill-ins. The simplified chemistry is definitely not a mind bender, it left me wishing for more, however all that said and done, this fast paced-thriller was an enjoyable read.

Kathryn says

I enjoyed this book. A quick and easy read.

Sandi says

I won this book through GoodReads. (You're required to disclose if you got a book free in your online reviews now. It's some government regulation.)

Reckless by Andrew Gross starts off like one of those old episodes of *Columbo* where you see the crime and know whodunit but then get to watch Detective Columbo solve it. However, in this case, each piece of the puzzle reveals a much bigger picture and a much wider conspiracy than originally imagined. In any other mystery/thriller, the author's tendency to keep the reader one step ahead of the investigators would be really annoying. Here though, Gross is constantly mis-directing both the protagonists and us. The pacing of this

novel is excellent and the short chapters worked well to keep me turning the pages. I'd recommend *Reckless* for any conspiracy theorists out there. You'll love the twist ending.

Charlotte says

4.5 *

Joan says

I first heard of Andrew Gross when he began co-writing with James Patterson, so I assumed he was a good writer. *Reckless* had good characters and a good plot, but the writing style was terribly rough and unpolished. In the first chapter the author repeatedly called the bindings holding a person immobile "binds." There were quite a few instances of using transitive verbs incorrectly without objects, for example: "...he said, disentangling from Annie's legs." Mostly there was just a lot of awkward or vague phrasing and words used incorrectly. "Things were getting deeper" - meaning that the situation was becoming more complicated. "...supposed to be falling in love with..." - meaning that others supposed that she was falling in love with. "...(one person) sat around the dinner table." He also frequently used simple past tense verbs when past-perfect tenses would have been correct and would have given the reader a clearer picture of when the actions took place. There were also several instances of pronouns without clear antecedents, so that the reader was left wonder who was being referred to. Some passages simply didn't make sense: "...streets of charming tree-lined homes..." "his face still resonated in her." "His blood came to a stop." "Those with the part of them inside that does not look away." "His heart raced tremulously." "...the arc of where your career is." I also noticed several instances when the subjunctive mood would have been appropriate, and the writer chose not to use it." This book desperately needed an editor.

Caitlin says

Andrew Gross has had a seven-year partnership with James Patterson and it shows. I'm mixed about James Patterson who I thought wrote some great books early in his career - the first Alex Cross books were truly outstanding thrillers - and then became, quite frankly, a hack spewing out indifferent thrillers back-to-back. Andrew Gross has benefited in a sense from both sides of this equation - he's definitely learned the elements of a successful thriller and he's definitely learned to spew out the formula. You can probably guess that I'm not impressed with the latter half of the equation.

I read a lot of thrillers and many of them are very good. Sure, they follow a formula, but the best ones go beyond that to deliver both plot and characters that make you want to keep turning the pages. Unfortunately for me this just didn't deliver anything beyond the average. The plot premise was definitely interesting: What if the recent economic crisis was actually evidence of a complex terrorist action targeting the financial sector? It's an idea with a lot of promise - a sort of *Law and Order* ripped from the headlines kind of thing (and I do love *Law and Order*).

Where the problems come is in the characters who are pretty lackluster and typical. Yes, yes, the intrepid hero is intrepid and, well, heroic. Yes, yes, the government agent is female, skinny, and model-beautiful - can you see the TV mini-series being cast? If the book was skewed more towards the female agent, it'd be on

Lifetime, but since it's skewed towards the intrepid hero think FX.

Don't get me wrong, this was fairly entertaining, but not entertaining enough to keep me up reading and that's the minimum requirement for me to think it was a great thriller.

Susan (aka Just My Op) says

3 1/2 stars. Murder. Suicide. The collapse of the economy. Terrorists and jihad. Espionage. A little romance thrown in for good measure. How does it all tie together? Very neatly, by the end of the book.

This is the third in the "Ty Hauck" series, but the first that I had read. It worked well as a stand-alone. There were a few references to what happened in the earlier books, but nothing that lessened my understanding of this one. Initially, I wasn't crazy about the writing. One sentence had me scratching my head. "Names of the unaccounted for he was charged with following up on." Say what?

This thriller/mystery is a quick and entertaining read when your brain is weary and you want an escape.

I read a library copy of this book as part of the Stephen White – Alan Gregory Goodreads group read.

Jody says

This is my third book with this character Ty Hauck and I really like him. Not too rough & gruff, but just enough moxie to keep you interested and you know he can keep himself out of trouble. Most interesting plot with lots of espionage to keep it exciting and even a little nail biting at times. First time I listened to a book from start to finish. I like this listening to books....get lots of knitting done!!!

Susan says

A fun read - somewhat like a Dan Brown novel. A bit too "preachy" for my tastes and definitely In need of a good edit yet exciting and entertaining by and large.

Terri Lynn says

I have had it with the Ty Hauck series. If Gross writes another one, I am not reading it. This one is the least plausible one of all and I really detest Ty's relationships with women which are disrespectful at the very best.

In the first book, Ty tells Karen he is in love with her and never felt this way before. At the beginning of the second book, Karen has gone to Atlanta to help her elderly mother care for her elderly day who is losing his battle with Parkinson's and whiny Ty thinks she is away just to break up with him which she was not. She even invites him to come to Atlanta to spend Thanksgiving with her, her parents, her teenaged kids, and the dog but he tells her a lie that he will be spending the holiday with his daughter. He then proceeds to go to a casino during an investigation and spend the night having sex with a barely legal girl young enough to be his

daughter then takes up with Annie, a restaurant owner with a Down syndrome son.

In this third book in the series, he seems to see Annie as just someone to get sex off of. He is obsessed with a married woman he met in a grief class who was murdered, a woman he had an affair with that resulted in the birth of her son (the poor husband knew nothing of it). It turns out that the woman and her husband and daughter were murdered in a way to make it look like a robbery and the son- her illicit kid with Ty- witnessed it and got photos on his sister's cell phone but it was no robbery and was associated with a check on a man he had to do at Talon for a rich woman suspicious of her boyfriend.

This book really out to be in a category of "ludicrous sci-fi" as it has the head of the United States Treasury and his counsel purposely destroying our economy in the recent economic meltdown along with some Saudis as a sort of jihad/greed plot with all sorts of weird sideplots. Oh and of course it had Annie jealous of a dead woman while Ty proclaims his undying love- until he asks to see the tatoo on the FBI agent's ass in a stalled elevator.

Jeffrey says

Another excellent thriller/mystery novel by Andrew Gross. Ty Hauck has a job at Talon Security, when he hears that a friend from his past has been murdered in a breakin along with her husband, a well respected trader on Wall Street. However, it comes out shortly thereafter that the trader had engaged in financial fraud. Ty goes to the house and immediately suspects that the breakin is not what it seems. When a suicide occurs of another influential trader, who also apparently made illicit trades. Hauck like the synonym of his name Hawk, believes there must be a connection.

Later after asked by his employer to investigate the boyfriend of a wealthy divorcee, he uncovers certain connections between the three men. After an attack on someone close to him, he meets a Treasury Special Agent Naomi Blum, who is also investigating certain irregularities in the financial market.

The two join forces and seek answers in America and Serbia, London and Switzerland. Never sure of who is involved until the last page.

A real page turner with enough action, mystery and suspense for any thriller junkie this latest from Gross is top notch.

Sandie says

Ty Hauck gave up his right to investigate local crimes when he retired from the police force and joined a private security firm. But when he hears about the family that is murdered, and realizes that the wife is a former friend, he can't help but shadow the investigation. The husband was a big-shot on Wall Street, a trader who bought and sold stocks with values in the billions. After his death, the discovery is made that he has been dealing outside the rules and his exposure brings down the firm. Then another trader at another firm also is killed and his firm faces extinction.

About the same time, Hauck is asked to look into the background of the new boyfriend of a local wealthy woman. The more he looks into the man's background, the shadier he seems and it seems that he is

connected somehow to the murders that have been occurring. Hauck teams up with Treasury Agent Naomi Blum to figure out what is going on and how the murders are involved. Before they know it, they uncover a vast conspiracy that could wreck the financial markets of the world. Can they find those responsible before everything crashes down?

Andrew Gross has written a fast-paced thriller that ties into the financial instability that occurred in 2008, and had investors and everyone else fearful. This is the third Ty Hauck mystery and Ty's background is filled in for the reader. Even those who don't follow the markets will be compelled to follow the story and see what happens. This book is recommended for mystery lovers.

Georgiann Hennelly says

Reckless is a highly charged thriller set in the financial chaos of the current recession. Andrew Gross packs a riveting style. The only book that didn't bore me with the words hedge fund and subprime mortgage. The author created two top notch characters the investigator Ty Hauck and Naomi Blum they have some serious chemistry going on. The reader gets a roller coaster ride through a plot of financial misdoings, high intrigue and murder. Look forward to reading more books by this author.

Benjamin baschinsky says

A classic 3.5

I usually don't read this genre but something attracted me to it.

Plot development and character development was promising, however it became predictable to a large degree.

It will be a while until I tackle a thriller of this sort, written in the tradition of Lee Child.

Jim says

Protagonist Ty Hauck returns for the third time in author Andrew Gross', "Reckless". Trying to get into this Ty Hauck series from Gross has not been easy. So far all four Andrew Gross books I've read thrive on flash without much meat on the bone. Hauck as the main character is very one sided and too much like cardboard for depth. In, "Reckless", Hauck has left the Greenwich P.D. and taken a job with a private security company, "The Talon Group". Talon features a lot of services that are all very hush hush. Ty's boss Tom Foley is the kind of a guy you'd check to see if you still had a hand after shaking his hand. Ty's first assignment with Talon is a background check on a playboy named Dieter "Dani" Thibault for the rich and powerful Mrs. Merrill Simons. Merrill's husband Peter runs the high powered and huge bank, "Reynolds Reid". Peter prefers that wife Merrill stays busy and out of his hair. Hauck gets to run down the background to Merrill's new plaything. Meanwhile Marc and April Glassman are murdered in their home one night. Glassman works for the prestigious bank "Wertheimer Grant". Hauck was once very friendly with April Glassman while in group therapy years back after his young child was killed. Of course Hauck keeps sticking his nose into the Glassman case while not getting far on Thibault's background. When mortgage banker/ broker James Donovan kills himself after it's discovered he's lost billions of dollars in bad deals Hauck's radar goes up. Both Donovan and Glassman were into something dirty that had a connection

somewhere. Not wanting to fill in his boss about Dani Thibault, Hauck soon teams up with U.S. Treasury Financial Crimes/ Terrorism task force investigator Naomi Blum. Blum is hot on the trail of the same people Hauck is trying to investigate. With all three cases continually running into each other Hauck and Blum are soon looking into international terrorists. My paperback version of, "Reckless" pushed over 460 pages. A number of times the plot would just come to a halt. Filled with a collection of uninspiring characters this one was dry to say the least. Hauck is such an unfulfilled character he doesn't have the ability to carry the plot. Likely a partner would help. Hauck is like a TV detective who wanders through episodes and manages to catch the bad guy. Luckily I only have one more Ty Hauck book from author Andrew Gross to go. "Reckless", gets three stars out of a possible five stars. I'm really grading on a huge curve. This one is really a 2.50-2.75 star book at best. If you haven't started this Ty Hauck series already- leave him on the shelf.
