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Chick Marks says

This was a great story. My first experience with Michael Sears but it won't be my last. I look forward to reading the earlier Jason Stafford stories.

Julie says

I love how Jason and the Kid's relationship has grown over the course of the series. I also appreciate how Jason has adapted to learning to parent a child on the autistic spectrum.

I always learn something about the financial markets in these books and this was no different.

Chantale Canadian Book Addict says

I liked this book . I am always picky when it comes to mystery novels and I admit I don't read this genre of books often but once in a while I feel the urge to read this genre.

If you are looking for a good mystery novel I highly recommend this one.

The Behrg says

The fourth book in the Jason Stafford series unfortunately falters into the "been there, done that" category. (Even the title is bland ... blecgh).

Now let me preface this review by saying I love this series. Michael Sears has created a world that few authors ever achieve -- highly original characters (from our protagonist Jason, to his autistic son "The Kid" to Skelly; list goes on and on) set in an intriguing backdrop (Wall Street / the financial world) with a breakneck pace and thrilling adventures. When I first discovered the first book in this series, "Black Fridays," I told everyone about it; it was that good.

But this book sort of hit the neutral gear and coasted, to me. The setup wasn't nearly as intriguing, the "villains" were downright ridiculous, and the novel was divided in that it didn't know what it wanted to be. Part One and Part Two were almost completely different stories and the few things that tied them together didn't really work. The conflict never felt real but forced and rather than a harrowing conclusion it all just felt way too easy.

I still enjoyed Sears' writing style and quirky characters, but it wasn't enough to redeem a book that probably needed a "Page One Rewrite." I still would recommend the series to anyone who hasn't yet read Sears' work.

Start with Black Fridays and work your way through, it's definitely a series you won't regret reading.

Sue says

This was just the book I needed right now. Jason and the Kid delivered some action, suspense and financial intrigue.

Kate says

Fast paced, lots of action. I didn't realize this was a series-so it's a great book as a read alone although now I'm going to go back and read the others. I really liked the inclusion of his autistic son, since I have one too-I could relate to a lot of the book.

Aditi says

“The best revenge is to be unlike him who performed the injury.”

----Marcus Aurelius

Michael Sears, the *New York Times* bestselling author, pens a heart-wrenching and thrilling crime fiction in his new book, *Saving Jason* which is the fourth book in the *Jason Stafford* series that is centered around a financial investigator who saves a firm from tumbling down and losing its shares and stocks as he investigates his way through the glitch, but little did he knew that he would get into life-threatening trouble with his autistic kid.

Synopsis:

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Jason is fresh out of the prison as he was caught in backdoor trading for a Wall Street trading firm, and now he honed those skills by working as a financial investigator for an investment firm. In this new firm, Jason discovers unscrupulous trading against his company that can put his current boss into prison. Luckily for

Jason, he figures out the people behind the firm, but that put him and his autistic son into danger, as a possible warning leads him into hiding.

This was the first time that I read anything by this author and since the book is in a series, this book can be read as a standalone. As the author meticulously pens the background of his primary character and the situation he was in and the reason for which he was imprisoned. The first time readers can easily comprehend both with the story as well as with the central character. The whole experience for any readers whoever reads this book is bound to really exciting as the author pens an edgy story.

The writing style of the author is extremely good, as it is layered with enough suspense and twists to keep the readers in the loop of the complex plot line. The narrative is equally engaging and authentic that will help the readers contemplate with what the characters are communicating among one another. The pacing is just perfect and it will feel like riding a roller coaster filled with adrenaline rushing car-chasing scenes, murders, devious mastermind ideas about insider trading and mystery that will keep the readers glued to the story till the very climax.

The characters are really something of this author's book, as they are laid out with flaws and guilt and depicted them with their negative attributes, and impulsiveness through crisis. The primary character is extremely honest as he is highly inspired from reality. His back story supports him and gives him value thus letting the readers to connect with him. The autistic kid's voice has been vividly captured by the author and as the boy's demeanor with an intelligence comes into limelight in this story, the readers are bound to feel enlightened. The supporting cast, both the negative ones and the positive ones are really well-developed.

The mystery is well-etched out with enough twists and turns that will keep the readers anticipating as the author peels away his layered, mystery page-by-page. The author introduces his readers with the world of trading, shares, stocks etc like a teacher and midway through the book, the readers are bound to feel like the basic about share trading is cleared. So for that I would like to applaud the author for making his readers feel enlightened with a new concept.

In a nutshell, the story is intriguing as it grips the readers from the very first page itself.

Verdict: *A fast-paced mystifying thriller that you really need to look put for.*

Courtesy: *Thanks to the author, Michael Sears' publicist for giving me the opportunity to read and review this book.*

Jeanie says

Perfection as a parent was a goal, not a condition and one that seemed to recede with each new trial the Kid handed me.

Jason a father to 7 year old boy with Autism has its challenges but add to criminal record and now working with the feds to uncover a money scheme, what more can a single dad take? By the way, someone is out to kill him. A fast packed thriller with heart. It takes heart to be a parent of a child of Autism. The stock market thriller part takes on a whole new level when it comes to who you can trust and taking down the scheme to uncover who is pulling the strings. Jason understands that the market is run on greed and fear and uses that to his advantage to bring it all to climatic end.

It is always wise to remember that when a sinister person means to be your enemy, they always start by trying to become your friend.

Because Jason is such a numbers guy, as a protagonist he is well developed and his character is black and white. He knows what is right and wrong and being a father he seems to be driven to right his wrongs. Redemption drives him.

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Viccy says

Jason Stafford spent some time in prison for various financial shenanigans. He lost his license but not his ability to detect financial fraud. His math is too good for that. Now, he works directly for Virgil Becker at Becker Financial and when Jason notices a disturbing trend on penny stock trading, he begins to investigate, but is called off. He should have been paid better attention. He ends up in WITSEC and his autistic son is kidnapped. Virgil is arrested and Aimee Devane, head of Compliance at Becker Financial is killed. Jason has too many dead bodies haunting his dreams. Highly recommended for anyone who enjoys thrillers with a financial bent.

Barb Lie says

Saving Jason by Michael Sears is the 4th book in his Jason Stafford series. This is my first book by Sears, and it can be read very well as a standalone. Jason Stafford is a former financial guru on Wall Street, who spent two years in jail for trader fraud, and is now a financial investigator for an investment firm. Jason also has the difficult task of taking care of his autistic son.

The story starts with a bang, as Jason is checking out a suspected corrupt firm, and finds himself in a gun battle, with Bisons that act like guard dogs. Since this is the start of the book, we know Jason manages to survive, and after that wild tense opening, there is little time to relax, as things continue to be fast and furious. Jason tries to explain to his boss about the corrupt company, but due to a possible hostile takeover, he is ordered to find out who is behind this attempt. Along the way, these different situations will eventually be tied together and Jason life will soon be on the edge.

All of these and the added element of trying to deal with his son, which is also a major part of this story. This is without a doubt, a top notch thriller that will find both Jason and his son in danger that will threaten both of their lives. This will also involve some twists, and betrayals that will force Jason to hide.

The last half of the book was fast paced, very exciting and tense. The incidents for both of them had us on the edge of our seat wondering who will survive. To tell too much more would be spoilers, and you need to read this from the beginning to get the full effect. I will add that at times I was lost with some of the financial information that made up part of the story. However, despite that, I still enjoyed this book very much.

Michael Sears has written a thriller that caught your attention from the start and continued all the way to the exciting climax. If you enjoy thrillers, then I suggest you give this series a try.

Jodi says

4.5 Stars This is the fourth book in the Jason Stafford series by Michael Sears. This series gets better with each book. I love all of the characters. They are interesting, smart, funny, and people with whom I want to spend time. Stafford has a young autistic child who goes by The Kid. Sears does a great job of weaving The Kid into the story, and The Kid keeps Stafford very real and likable. The crimes in this series have to do with Wall Street and trading. In this book, someone is trying to take over Becker Financial, who Jason works for behind the scenes. Sears does a great job at keeping the financial world understandable and interesting, and he doesn't bury the story in unnecessary detail. I really enjoyed this book and highly recommend the series.

Jean Benedict says

I really enjoyed the book. The story moved along fast. Jason was a stock trader and has a autistic son. Jason has served time in prison for illegal trading. Lots of bad guys trying to kill Jason and when his son comes up missing he decides to take things in his own hands. I won this book from Goodreads Giveaways.

Debbie says

If your looking for action, this is the book for you. This book is full of it. It crushes me that the bad guys would go after the autistic kid. The poor kid. Him and his relationship with his dad is one of the things I love best about this series. Of course, I love the plots and the stories that the author comes up with as well. Never a dull moment in these books.

This is the fourth in the series and I truly look forward to each new one when they come out. If you haven't read Michael Sears, what are you waiting for?

Huge thanks to Putnam Books for approving my request and to Net Galley for providing a free e-galley in exchange for an honest review. This was entertainment at its finest!

Skip says

Fourth Jason Stafford book. Jason, a brilliant Wall Street trader who suffered a fall from grace and prison sentence is now a trouble shooter for Becker Financial, having saved the company for the founder's son, Virgil Becker. Some penny stock trades catch Jason's interest, but he is told to pass them along to compliance and find out who is trying to take control from Virgil. What made Sears' earlier books better than others was his set of quirky characters and their interpersonal relationships. Little or no progress was made on them in this book, and the plot was confusing and weak.

Becky says

I liked the plot of the novel-a father rescuing his young autistic son. However, 2/3 of the way through, and that particular plot hadn't even started. The synopsis is misleading considering the book mostly takes place in a stock market/business atmosphere. As someone who is not in the business field, it was very difficult for me to understand the context of what was going on (i.e. Corporate takeovers, manipulating stocks). The advertised plot was barely a few chapters and ended rather abruptly. I give this book 2 stars.

I received this book for free through goodreads giveaways. Thank you.
