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Mieneke says

In the second Jamie Sinclair novel, *The Kill Shot*, the reader is reunited with Jamie and Barrett, but interestingly, *The Kill Shot* is not a straight up crime thriller. In fact, to me Nichole Christoff's sophomore outing read more like a spy novel. I was surprised by this shift in flavour to the narrative, though the general style of the book is very much the same as its predecessor. Jamie remains a kick-ass heroine and I really enjoyed reading about her next adventure.

After *The Kill List*, I was looking forward to learning more about certain secondary characters from the previous novel, such as Jamie's assistant Matty. Unfortunately, other than Barrett and Senator Sinclair the secondary characters from the previous book were largely missing from *The Kill Shot*. Instead, Jamie is enlisted by her father and sent on a mission to London, where we get to meet an entire new set of characters. My favourite of these was Ikaat Oujdad, a young woman from an unnamed Middle Eastern country, who Jamie is supposed to help defect to the West with her father. I loved her spirit and her dreams; her joy at being able to do what she longs to do in peace and in the open, without fear of reprisal due to her gender, was lovely and was transmitted on the page very well.

Ikaat's father Armand, was interesting too, but more in his role as Ikaat's father and as a figure who reinforces how people will do anything for those they love most, than in and of himself. That sense that people will do anything for those they hold most dear, be they a child, parent, spouse, potential partner, or friend, is I think the major theme of this book. It invades all the story lines and character arcs, from Armand and Ikaat, to Jamie accepting her mission for her father's sake, on to Barrett, and the other two new characters, the State Department Courier Katie DeMarco and British Foreign Office official Philip Spencer-Dean.

While I enjoyed Katie as a character – she had a great connection with Jamie – at the same time I found her storyline the weakest, as it felt somewhat predictable. On the other hand, Philip's arc didn't feel predictable at all, if you leave out the inevitable triangle with Jamie and Barrett. Philip is the suave, British gentleman, almost Bond-esque in ways and he's the one that could have been the one in Jamie's past. The one who's such a close friend that the risk of moving them out of the friend zone and having it fail is too painful to contemplate. While I liked the dynamics and chemistry between Jamie and Philip, I never felt as if it might truly happen, because as a reader I was already too heavily invested in Jamie/Barrett (should we call them Jarrett, is this a thing?) and additionally, I found Philip's behaviour towards Jamie almost bordering on the creepy, as he essentially doesn't take no for an answer and keeps pushing the issue. And while there were some testosterone displays between the two men, Barrett seems far more respectful of Jamie's capabilities and letting her decide for herself.

If doing anything for those you love is a major theme in *The Kill List*, then Jamie's arc is a direct outflow from this. The only reason she takes on this mission is to gain her father's approval and it's his silence she feels most when in London. Yet while we learn more about the why of Jamie's daddy issues, we also get to see a softer side to Senator Sinclair, one that shows that the martinet has a softer heart than previously publicised. I also liked the other aspects of Jamie's character development, mostly focusing on her inability to fully trust anyone with her feelings, including herself and her fear of becoming involved with anyone to the point that they might hurt her. But she acknowledges to herself at least that one day she might want just such an attachment and she realises she'll need to grow to be able to do that, which I found interesting to see.

In a way, *The Kill Shot* is typical for an on-going crime series, it's not so much about the cases as it is about the characters and in my opinion, Nichole Christoff writes her characters very well. I couldn't help but root for Jamie and Barrett, but I found myself caring about Katie and Ikaat as well. There is still much for Jamie to do and learn in her road to a happy ending, with or without Barrett, and I for one look forward to reading her journey and whatever scrapes and adventures she'll get into along the way.

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Julie says

Kill Shot by Nichole Christoff is a 2015 Alibi publication. I was provided a copy of this book by the publisher and Netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

I have not read the first book in the series, although I would like to someday, but this one reads as a stand alone just fine.

Jamie Sinclair is a security specialist who still wishes to garner her father's approval. So, when the powerful Senator asked Jamie for a favor you could have knocked her over with a feather. Naturally, despite her father's anemic displays of love or affection, she jumps at the chance to make him proud of her. So, she abandoned the one night she has with her boyfriend, Adam Barrett, a military police officer, in Washington for only a short time before he must leave on assignment, and heads off to catch a plane to London. Before it's all said and done Jamie will most likely regret ever accepting this assignment.

A nuclear physicist and her father are in grave danger and nearly everyone wants them and their secrets as they become pawns in a deadly cat and mouse game and politics begins to take control over their safety as one double cross follows another. Jamie finds herself torn between her old friend Phillip and Adam, who has miraculously appeared in London as well. Not only that, it looks as if her father has thrown her under the bus and left her to either sink or swim.

I understood what the author was going for here and it works pretty well much of the time, however, Jamie is in security and although she is working internationally, which could throw someone off their game, I still thought she was just too gullible. I could see it happening once, but on more than one occasion, Jamie took things at face value or trusted someone while I was screaming at her not to buy into it.

Having said that, I found myself unable to stop reading the book, and kept picking it back up because I was worried about Adam or Jamie or wondered what was going to happen next. The pacing was just about right and the characters were deliberately vague or murky because they all had their own hidden agendas. At times though the plot was just a little bit too transparent and I think some people who read a lot of suspense or thriller novels might groan or roll their eyes in some places. But, I do like to give thrillers a little benefit of the doubt when it comes to plausibility. As long as I was invested in the characters and I am being entertained, I'm not all that hard to please.

I was not sure how to take the senator or Phillip though out the story. I was uneasy from the beginning and even less impressed by the end of the story. It does make for some interesting psychology between parent/child and what we know deep down in our souls about someone, but are incapable of allowing that to penetrate our brains or hearts, or dwell on it for too long, because it is simply too painful. So, we continue to do whatever we think will get us that love and recognition we so desperately crave, no matter how old we

are. I found this area of the book incredibly sad and Jamie's character is somewhat puzzling at times because she continues to allow some people in her life to have way too much control over her. I do hope Jamie will filter out the crap and stop allowing people to manipulate her like a puppet.

It does occur to me now that I don't recall a lot of unnecessary bad language or sexual content, it mostly stays on the innuendo side of things for those of you who take those things into consideration. I am glad I found this series and I liked this one well enough to try out any subsequent followups.

3.5 stars rounded to 4

Becky says

When Jamie's father has a request, turning it down isn't an option. This is how the security specialist finds herself traveling to London to accompany a State Department courier tasked with delivering new passports to a Middle Eastern physicist and accompanying that person back to the United States. But things turn sour fast when Jamie and the courier are attacked as soon as they arrive in the UK. From there on, the job takes turn after turn for the worst and Jamie is stuck right in the middle.

I didn't enjoy this follow up to The Kill List quite as much as Christoff's debut. I think it was moving Jamie from a domestic setting to an international one and throwing in more of a political spin that did it for me. Honestly, too, I felt she made some rookie mistakes in this one where she came across as a more serious professional in her first outing.

The physicist in question will not leave the UK without their family, which throws a definite wrinkle in things when they're separated in the city. Multiple government entities are vying for this person and the information they can share, including the US.

I did like the way Barrett comes back in the mix. I like him a lot but felt the added tension of Jamie's old school friend was a bit overblown for my taste. Oh, well. The Kill Shot is good for simple escapism, but I just didn't quite meet my expectations this go around.

Darla says

Really liked this one!! Can't wait to see what's next for Jamie and Barrett!!

Marlene says

Originally published at Reading Reality

I read this one a few days ago, but had to wait a bit to write my review. I needed to get over my mad, because there were things that happened in this book that absolutely infuriated me. It says something that I got so involved with the character of Jamie Sinclair in the first book (The Kill List) that I wanted to grab her and shake her over some of her behavior in this book.

The Kill Shot is certainly another wild ride for Jamie, and if you like thrillers with female protagonists the series is looking good.

But some of Jamie's behavior in this book will make her friends want to sit her down for a good "talking to".

The story is pretty straightforward. Jamie's father, the retired general and current senator, asks for Jamie's help. Because her dad never asks for help, Jamie is immediately onboard with the project.

Dear Old Dad needs Jamie, in her role as expert security consultant and protective detail, to travel to London with a diplomatic courier and help the courier bring a famous physicist and their companion back to the U.S. using the U.S. passports that the courier has in a locked diplomatic pouch.

Not only does this sound straightforward, but the courier is a friendly enough young woman that Jamie is more than willing to guard her. Nothing in this case is presented as remotely dangerous. And not a damn thing about it is even close to what it seems.

There is a metric butt-load of danger, and every single person in the case is hiding an equivalent load of secrets.

Oh, and Jamie's best friend and almost boyfriend from college is the British Foreign Office operative assigned to this case. He got himself into this mess in order to make one last play for Jamie. Or so he says.

This operation is a complete clusterfuck, to put it lightly. Danger follows at every turn, and Jamie leaves a trail of bad guy dead bodies behind her. Some of those dead bodies are dead because Adam Barrett, the MP that Jamie got interested in while investigating in The Kill List, has followed her to London and is shooting some of the people who are after her. Dad may have said he needed her, but that doesn't mean he trusts her to get the job done. But then, Dear Old Dad knows a whole lot more about the job than he would ever tell Jamie.

Of course, now some of the people after Jamie are after Adam. Even joining forces isn't enough to stop the carnage.

Can they figure out who is behind it all before Jamie and everyone she is protecting gets killed? And even if they do, can Jamie ever figure out who she can trust when everyone (including and especially Dear Old Dad) is playing her?

Escape Rating B-: Let me say this first; in The Kill List it seemed like every man Jamie met fell in love with her. Having one of her old besties start a hot and heavy pursuit did not help ameliorate this particular problem. That in this case the guy was at least half trying to distract Jamie from his downright skullduggery is only a slightly mitigating factor.

For Jamie to be believable, the men in her stories need to stop the romantic attempts. Except Barrett. (My 2 cents)

But speaking of believability, Jamie has a serious problem with her relationship with her father. It's not just that when he says "jump" she jumps first and asks "how high?" on the way up, it's that she knows he doesn't trust her, doesn't believe her and will use any ends to justify any means. It's that in this particular case she doesn't demand any of the information that she needs to do her job. If he were any other client, she would have made certain to get all the particulars of her duties before taking the job, because knowing what

and where the danger might be is what keeps her alive as a security consultant.

She also forgives him much too easily for leaving her out in the cold when the job turns ugly. His plausible deniability nearly gets her killed and nearly scuttles the mission she was sent on. If she was this sloppy all the time, she'd have been killed long ago.

Jamie needs some serious therapy to learn to deal with at least her reactions to her father if not with her father directly. He's going to get her killed if he keeps this up, and she's going to let him.

The major reason that this mission "goes South" repeatedly and often is that there is a traitor in their midst. Jamie is presented with clues multiple times that this is true and even the identity of the traitor, but she is too busy dealing with multiple firefights or their aftermath and many multiple instances of people lying to her and playing with her that she doesn't figure out the real problem until nearly too late.

If this were a case she had acquired on her own, she would have done some due diligence which is totally lacking in this one.

Jamie's actions in this case drove me crazy.

On that other hand, the amount of danger and the sheer number of deadly situations that arise during this mission will keep the reader flipping pages fast until the very end. And the twist at the end is a dilly.

Samantha says

Summary from Goodreads:

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My Thoughts:

The Kill Shot was just as explosive and page turning as I had hoped that it would be. (Page turning as in finger tapping since this was an e-read. LOL!) In all seriousness though, I had really high hopes for this book after enjoying the first book so much. This follow-up was just as fast paced and intense as the first book and I found myself having a hard time putting it down. What I love about this series is how this author includes details of military life within her books. Added to that was the fact that for the majority of this book Jamie is abroad in Europe. I absolutely loved all of the details that the author included to bring London to life. As I've

never been, it was those details that really pulled me into this book and allowed for me to immerse myself within it. I could picture the different places that she was describing and it allowed for me to live a bit vicariously through Jamie and her adventures. What fun! This book was quite a ride and although I managed to figure out a few of the twists early on, for the most part I was kept in suspense which is just the way that I like it. I am very eager to continue on with this series and see what kind of trouble Jamie finds herself in next!

My one and only complaint with this book is that I felt that Jamie missed a few important details that she shouldn't have. As a security consultant, I felt like there were a few irregularities (trying not to share spoilers here) that really she shouldn't have missed when she is supposed to be so good at her job. It didn't take away from my enjoyment of the book but I just felt that for her to be as good as she is portrayed to be....well, she should have caught on a bit faster to what was going on big picture wise. This is just my opinion though and I do realize that the fact that she didn't led to a more thrilling experience for me as the reader. So there is that. Just worth mentioning as it might bother others more than it bothered me.

Overall this was a great reading experience for me, and one that I enjoyed from the first page to the last. I love how the author is able to create such a sense of place in her books so that I feel like I am experience everything right along with Jamie. I'm very eager to get my greedy hands on the third book as these books seem to be getting better and better. What kind of craziness will Jamie find herself in next? Who knows but I do know that I will be there to read about it! Easily recommended but especially to other mystery lovers. You don't have to read the first book before reading this one but I would recommend it just so that you get the full reading experience. Plus, you will understand more why I am such a huge Adam Barrett fan!

Bottom Line: A nail bitingly good read! I need more!

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Victor Gentile says

Nichole Christoff in her new book, “The Kill Shot” Book Two in the Jamie Sinclair series published by Alibi gives us another adventure with Jamie Sinclair.

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calmly slips away. Jamie's head—and her heart—tell her that something is very wrong. But she's come way too far to turn back now.

It should have been an easy assignment. Her father asked her to accompany the messenger with the passport for the Middle Eastern physicist and then turn around and escort him back to the United States. Simple. Except things do not always work out that way for Jamie. First they attack her then they try to kill her and they almost succeed. I had never heard of a security specialist before. It is not a job I want however it is fine for Jamie. "The Kill Shot" will keep you guessing as to what is going on. There is plenty of action, suspense and a fair amount of thrills within these pages. What I recommend is you take the phone off the hook, go to the bathroom, then make a big bucket of popcorn to hold you because you will want to finish this book in one reading. I like Jamie Sinclair and I am so looking forward to her next adventure.

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Darcy says

Well, Jamie sure found herself in some interesting situations. Early on I figured out on part, was surprised that Jamie didn't see that herself. I was glad that Jamie was able to help the Dr. find safety, even at the cost that came along with it. I was a bit surprised the role that Jamie's father played, didn't expect all the aspect, nor did I expect an old friend to pop up and the role they played. I was glad that Jamie saw them for the person they were. I was glad where Jamie ended up at the end, I still think that there are so many possibilities in that person.

Beth Peninger says

Jamie Sinclair's imposing, retired two-star general father and new U.S. Senator is asking her for a favor and she can hardly believe it. He's never needed a favor from anyone, much less her, in his life. But he's asking and she can't say no. Really, she is not allowed to say no. She reluctantly packs a bag and heads out on this favor her father asks of her. This might be the last favor she ever agrees to be forced into doing for him.

Mary Brown says

Jamie Sinclair is a private investigator and a security specialist. When her father, who is a retired two-star general, asks her for help, she agrees to help him. Little does she know that when she agrees, her lives, both her physical and love, will be in serious danger.

I did not feel like I was reading a book but rather listening to a friend tell me a story. I do not know how the author did that, but the whole book felt personal and that is an awesome experience for a reader to have. The writing style flows smoothly and the book is an easy read. The author is very talented in creating tension and suspense with just the written word. I could not turn the pages fast enough to see what would happen next. There is more than one secret to unravel in this book and my attention never wavered. There are many twists

and turns that had me second guessing throughout the entire book.

The characters are well developed and three dimensional. Jamie is one tough woman and she knows how to take care of herself. But she also has a vulnerable side which made her seem more human to me. The way she tries to win her father's approval and her relationship woes made for some very touching moments.

I would recommend this book to anyone who enjoys a well crafted mystery suspense with lots of twists and turns. This is the second book I have read by this author and I really liked them both. Do yourself a favor and check them out.

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Anne Robinson says

Let me start by saying that this was a great read and a gripping thriller. I simply didn't enjoy it as much as the first book in the series. In this one, Jamie allows herself to be so distracted by the men in her life that her supposed skills as a security expert seem to be almost non-existent! The fact that the reader can see her blatant mistakes and she cannot gets very annoying. Also, as a non-puritanical reader, I wish she would just get on with it and bed her man. The way that the author puts so many obstacles in the way, including numerous broken limbs, is irritating to say the least. If Jack Reacher can kick ass and have sex in each book, then Jamie Sinclair can too!

Debbie Oxier says

Jamie Sinclair is back in another adventure. She is a private investigator. Her father is a formal general, now a United States Senator. Nothing Jamie has ever done has been good enough for the man but that doesn't stop her from trying to earn his approval. So when the Senator asks her for a favor she jumps at the chance to help. He wants her to escort a courier to London, make sure she arrives safely with the diplomatic pouch she's carrying, then return home. It sounds simple but as soon as she and Katie, the courier, arrive on British soil, they're attacked. From that point on they're in a fight for their lives. Jamie is surprised when Lieutenant Colonel Adam Barrett of the U. S. Army shows up at every turn. He and Jamie are attracted to one another but have yet to act on it. Things get even more complicated when an old flame from college is also on hand to supposedly aid Jamie in her quest.

When the pouch the courier is carrying happens to be two passports for a physicist and her father then Jamie is tasked with protecting them from foreign operatives who either want to capture them or kill them for their knowledge regarding a nuclear threat. This adds to the suspense of the story and is the catalyst for a whole lot of action as Jamie and her party try to outrun their enemies.

Another top notch story from this author. Her plots could be taken directly from the pages of modern day headlines, full of mystery and intrigue with a bit of espionage thrown in. I'm really enjoying this series. Jamie is tough, determined, and more than capable of taking on any case that comes her way. When she pairs off with Captain Barrett they make a formidable team and I'm looking forward to seeing where his relationship with Jamie is headed. A solid four and a half stars for me.

Linda Strong says

Jamie Sinclair is a security specialist. She is also the daughter of a US General turned Senator who also has control issues when it comes to his daughter. When he comes to her asking for her help, she jumps at the chance to do something to finally earn his approval.

She is asked to escort a diplomatic courier to London and to return the next day. Unfortunately, they have a greeting party .. one inclined to steal the papers that the courier is carrying. It only gets worse from there

I really like the toughness of Jamie, and understanding the relationship with her father through the author's words is at times sad and heart-breaking. Jamie has a love interest .. Adam Barrett, a US soldier who seems to care deeply for her. And then there is Philip, an old friend who professes to love her. One of them will betray her.

I really enjoyed the book. ... lots of action, a bit of romance, but it doesn't detract from the bigger story. I have not read the first Jamie Sinclair book, but this one held up firmly as a stand-alone.

Thank you to NetGalley and Publishers for furnishing a digital copy of this book in return for an honest opinion.

Patrice says

I received a free electronic copy of this book from Net Galley/the publisher, for an honest review. This is the first story in the Jamie Sinclair series of mystery/intrigue books. I liked this introduction to the series. It is well written, the major characters are 3-dimensional, and the story flows. Jamie is a private investigator and security specialist and former Army brat. Her father, now a U.S. Senator, is also a 2-star General. Even though Jamie grew up on a number of army bases across the globe, she calls New Jersey home.(I think that's what makes me like her even more since I am a Jersey girl too!).

It is an interesting story of a physicist from Iran wanting to leave that country and the Security Council for the U.S. is trying to get the doctor and their family safely to the U.S., enlisting the help of the British government (all hush-hush). Senator Sinclair asks Jamie, as a favor, to accompany Katie DeMarco (a State Dept. Courier) to London, to meet up with them and see them safely to the U.S. Simple, right? Nope. Immediately upon landing at Heathrow, the two women are attacked and the documents Katie carries are stolen. Thus begins their trials and tribulations throughout England. She meets her former college friend, Philip, now an up-and-coming member in the British intelligence agency.

All-in-all this is a good story, not a lot of cursing and mostly innuendo with any attractions between the sexes. If I had to pick one thing that did bother me with the story, it has to be the fact that there were times in the story where I would have thought a security consultant would pick up on some important details, that I, as the reader picked up on right away. It seems she made some "rookie mistakes" throughout the book. This did not detract from my enjoyment of the story.

Melinda says

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Jamie is a likable character, a true professional, however, I am confident all the romance in both novels overshadows Jamie's full potential to the point where it solidly distracts. Given the seriousness of her assignment, she wasn't as sharp as she was previously. She seems overly preoccupied with both men's interests - Barrett and Philip, which is understandable to a degree. Her diversion conflicts with the impression she's created of herself with the reader, at least for this peruser.

I would have preferred more action, thriller, mystery as opposed to yet again, hefty romance. Too much for my taste, a repeat of my issues with the first book. I would have preferred more development in the personalities of the two men in the quasi love triangle over the political hand.

Jamie's distraction, the weighty political facet, the romance component deflected what could have been an even better narrative. I'm not opposed to my thriller/mystery containing romance, only a much smaller dose and less domineering. Showcase Jamie's smarts, professionalism, independence along with strength and a whole lot less amorous man hunting.
