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Someone is playing mind games with a cyber genius in this “fiendishly inventive psychological thriller” by the author of *Stolen* (Lee Child).

Charlie Giles is at the top of his game. An electronics superstar, he's sold his startup to a giant Boston firm, where he's now senior director. He's treated like a VIP everywhere he goes . . . until everything in Charlie's neatly ordered world starts to go terrifyingly wrong.

Charlie's mother is hospitalized, his prestigious job is in jeopardy, his inventions are wrenched away from him, and one by one, his former colleagues are being murdered. Every shred of evidence points to Charlie as a cold-blooded killer. And soon he is unable to tell whether he's succumbed to the pressures of work and become the architect of his own destruction, or whether he's the victim of a relentless, diabolical attack. Now he must save his own life—all the while realizing that nothing can be trusted, least of all his own fractured mind.

“Hits all the right notes. Terrific stuff.” —John T. Lescroart

“A high-speed thrill ride, filled with shocks and mind-bending twists.” —Tess Gerritsen

“Not just a great thriller debut, but a great thriller, period.” —Lee Child

Delirious Details

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Lisa says

This is my first read of this Author & I must say I loved every minute got me turning the pages great plot & the story delves into the illness of Schizophrenia which was very interesting as well as Epilepsy a good thriller well written will read more of this Author

Debbie "DJ" says

An excellent thriller. I found myself reading so fast just to see what would happen next. Lots of twists and turns, just when I thought I might have figured it out a new bit of information comes into play. This is a story of a powerful executive who starts receiving notes about who he is going to kill, but doesn't remember writing them even though they are written in his handwriting. His brother is schizophrenic, and he begins to question his own mind. Is he really behind the murders, or is someone else?

Corny says

This first novel was horrendous from start to finish. A good idea badly written is still a lousy book. From the beginning, our hero wanders through a series of frameups that a man of his supposed intellect would never have allowed to happen. The story is so preposterous that I could not suspend my disbelief and the writing is amateurish as well. I hate books where we are treated to the character's thoughts ad nauseam. Should he do this or should he do that. If he does this, this might happen but maybe not. If he does that, this might happen or maybe not etc etc etc. Avoid at all costs. I am now wondering why I finished it and have decided that I wanted to see how the techno things were accomplished. Some of those explanations in the last chapter were interesting but it took soooooooo long to get there!!

Judy Collins says

*Daniel Palmer's **DELIRIOUS** delivers an intense non-stop suspense debut with corporate espionage on steroids, for a bang up psychological thriller.*

Eddie Prescott was world-class software engineer whose life spiraled out of control, a partner of Charlie Giles, who took a wrong turn and ended his life from a bridge.

Charlie Giles sold his successful start-up company to a Boston electronics firm, where he now serves as senior director. As a top software engineer at SoluCent, developing cutting edge InVision, a high profile sophisticated car entertainment system. He is successful, intelligent, and lives to work money and a future.

This all changes when a woman, Anne, a SoluCent marketing employee, tips Giles off that one of his

superiors, Jerry Schmidt, will argue against a deal with GM to make InVision standard. When Giles crashes an executive team meeting and confronts Schmidt. Giles cannot prove Anne, works for SoluCent or even exists, and his betrayal leaking secrets to competitor, leads to his firing and is escorted out of the building.

He is astounded and has to prove he was set up. However, as things start stacking up against him, he fears he is falling victim to his family history of schizophrenia after finding a note in his own handwriting listing names of SoluCent executives marked for death. Someone is manipulating him as he is surrounded with deceit, lies, and betrayal, as he turns paranoid, slowly second guessing reality, fiction, or illusion.

Delirious in an acutely disturbed state of mind resulting from illness or intoxication and characterized by restlessness, illusions, and incoherence of thought and speech. This accurately describes Charlie's state of mind when no one will believe him, and all the evidence is pointing at him as a cold-blooded killer.

In the meantime, readers learn about Joe, his brother (a blogger-loved this) which gave the techno thriller and even more human interest side with family dynamics between the two brothers, and an inside look into mental health issues and caretakers. As Charlie fears of losing his mind intensify and his brother comes to his defense, he has a better understanding of the real brother behind the illness, he has overlooked. (loved Joe's character)!

I have read Palmer's newer books and making my way backward to read his previous books. Highly recommend *Desperate!* I actually liked **Delirious** better than *Helpless and Stolen*, as Palmer is brilliant as a lover of techno, and psychological thrillers, especially with the wrongly accused desperately proving their innocence.

Best of all love, love *Peter Berkrot, (swoon)* as he wows the intensity for an outstanding audio performance! (*Missed him in Helpless*). Hard to believe this is a debut; love the wicked twists of revenge!

Check out his latest upcoming May, 2015 suspense thriller, **CONSTANT FEAR**

Rick F. says

Delirious is billed as a thriller- but so much more- A very touching and affecting portrait of the effect mental illness has on a family- especially two brothers and how they come to understand each other under very difficult circumstances- so a great thriller indeed - but also a coming of age aspect too. David Palmer is a superb writer. The character of Charlie evolves so very much over the course of this superb book. The reader's understanding of the mentally ill and the challenges they face- not just from their illness but from the perceptions of others is expressed with grace and great skill. The thriller aspect of Delirious is gripping and coupled with the mystery inherent in the plot- David Palmer has hit a grand slam at his very first time at bat!

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Esma Tezgi says

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K?sa sürede okursan?z daha etkileyici hale gelecek, güzel bir fikir üzerine yaz?lm?? güzel bir kitap. Eksikleri yok de?il ancak zaman geçirmek için uygun bir kitap. Tamam? Yorum Atölyesi'nde

Diane S ? says

After coming up with a new invention that includes in one thin piece everything one needs for entertainment in a car, Charlie is on top of the world. Successful business, a lot of money, loves his job. Then everything falls apart and Charlie doesn't know if it's the same mental illness that has impacted his brothers and fathers lives. Or is someone out to get him, but that's the first sign of mental illness. Very good first novel, interesting suspense and storyline. This is a solid thriller, where even when the readers think they know who to believe, doubt creeps in. Well done.

Laura says

I found the writing long-winded and sometimes extraneous. I didn't particularly like Charlie, the main character and I couldn't bring myself to care about his plight. I skimmed the second half of the book, trying to see if it got better. For me, it didn't.

Jennifer says

You know the old adage "Just because you're paranoid, it doesn't mean they aren't out to get you"? That's the theme of *Delirious* in a nutshell. Charlie is a highly successful, detail oriented man whose life begins to unravel. He's seeing things and hearing things that others can't. He's finding notes to himself, written in his own handwriting, that he doesn't remember ever writing. With a family history of schizophrenia, it seems likely that Charlie's sudden career crash-and-burn is caused by the development of a mental illness. Is someone setting him up, or had he truly begun to lose his mind?

In *Delirious*, you will never know what to expect. You'll be convinced Charlie's crazy, while almost equally sure he's the victim of an elaborate plot to make him appear insane. His paralyzing terror of mental illness is so deeply part of Charlie's personality that you'll begin to fear it right along with him.

While a thrilling novel on many levels, *Delirious* is a psychological thriller in the truest sense. What if Charlie's mind is the real enemy here? How do you convince people you aren't crazy when you don't know why, or even if, you've done the things you appear to have done?

Delirious combines technology (the project Charlie is working on is amazing), psychology, mystery and adventure into something truly terrifying. I wasn't quite sure what to make of *Delirious* when I first picked it up, but it proved to be a shocking thrill ride in which I couldn't turn the pages fast enough.

The Sunday Book Review says

Rating: 2 out of 3 stars

What could have possibly gone wrong? Charlie Giles had it all. He had a great job with numerous people working for him. He was even allowed to bring his dog to work! Then he got that email. Saying his department was going to be shut down and someone in the company was behind the siege. Try as he might, in the end he gets fired and his biggest fear comes to light: He is becoming delirious. Just like his father and brother.

And then it becomes critical. He finds a hand written note, written by himself, where he lists some people from his old company that just must die. Did he really write that letter? Why can't he remember writing it? Has he done something about it already?

This book is strong throughout. As weird as it is, I really enjoyed reading about Charlie going mad (you know, the whole car crash mentality?). What I did find however is that as a reader my curiosity was built up so much that by the time the climax came I was a bit disappointed. I expected more. Something worthy of the first part of the book. Even with this dip I enjoyed the book. The twists were there, those that are into tech thrillers will be satisfied and the pacing was solid throughout.

Suspense Magazine says

Charlie Giles worked hard to get to the top of the high tech company Solucent. He also made more than a few enemies in the process. Now his success will come with a price and he finds himself in a desperate fight to stop a killer. The problem is convincing himself and others that he's not the killer.

Is someone out to get him, make him think he's the killer or is his worst nightmare coming true? With the help of his schizophrenic brother, he frantically tries to solve the mystery while still trying to keep his family's past a secret.

"Delirious", Daniel Palmer's riveting fictional debut takes readers on a mind-bending psychological ride. There are fantastic plot twists, wonderfully deceptive characters and most of all, it gives a look into how vulnerable we have become in this techno-driven society!

Reviewed by Catherine Peterson for Suspense Magazine

Pamela says

"Delirious" by Daniel Palmer was awesome...Charlie Giles, a software entrepreneur is on top of the world...he has money, success and a great future ahead of him; however, he's missing some of the most important things in life like family, friends, love...Getting to the top hasn't been easy for Charlie, but he's made it...even if he's had to bump a few heads along the way.

However, when someone suggests that Charlie crash a company meeting on a subject that will affect his product, everything starts spiraling out-of-control. Soon, Charlie finds himself at the mercy of someone who's trying to sabotage him - he starts thinking he's crazy, that he's written these horrible notes, and, worst

of all, that he's murdered in cold blood.

If you read "Delirious," it will definitely take you on a ride...it's very suspenseful. It really takes you on a roller coaster ride, and each chapter leaves you panting for more...

I give it 5 starts.

Kirsten says

I had a hard time reading this book. It is an excellently crafted thriller. It has a unique set up, but one that is particularly personal to me. I am not schizophrenic like Joe, the main character's brother. But I am epileptic and the twist in this book really bothered me. It is horrifying to think that something like this is possible. But, I'm scared that it might be.

Philip says

First book that I have read from the author, Daniel Palmer. At first I thought this was not going to be a book for me, but after the third chapter I was hooked. It was not what I expected. Delirious is a book that is full of surprises and has an ending that you never would thought of until the last few chapters. I would suggest if you enjoy a good mystery, thriller or suspense read pick this book up and give it a try.

This is a review from Craig, who is on my friends list and he has written a better review than I did. So go check his review out.

<https://www.goodreads.com/review/show...>

Daniel Audet says

Finished this book. Palmer has written a good first effort. no doubt we will be hearing, and reading, more from him. This book is a very internal or mental process narration and if this is your thing then this book is for you.

Coming up on pg 100 I'm, thus far, drawn into the mental, possibly disturbed, world of the main character still unsure who he is and if he has serious issues. Palmer is able to keep me at bay, mentally(laughing....), with his crafting and narration while the character is someone I can't decide if I like or not. Very cool, makes you want to keep reading. More soon on this first effort by Daniel Palmer. I wasn't at all surprised to see it yesterday on the bestseller rack in Target.

Anxious to get into this book, late last night I scanned the first few pages. Palmer doesn't waste any time pulling you off your feet and into the story. I'll let you know as I read through this critically acclaimed and much anticipated release. Love love love the cover art work! Read on people!
