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The irrepressibly charming duo of Emerson Knight and Riley Moon returns in another gripping mystery by #1 New York Times bestselling author Janet Evanovich.

Buddhist monk Wayan Bagus lost his island of solitude and wants to get it back. The island was about two hundred miles northeast of Samoa. It had a mountain, beaches, a rain forest, and a volcano. And now it's gone. Poof! Vanished without a trace.

Brilliant and boyishly charming Emerson Knight likes nothing better than solving an unsolvable, improbable mystery. And finding a missing island is better than Christmas morning in the Knight household. When clues lead to a dark and sinister secret that is being guarded by the National Park Service, Emerson will need to assemble a crack team for help. Since a crack team isn't available, he enlists Riley Moon and his cousin Vernon. Riley Moon has a Harvard business degree and can shoot the eyes out of a grasshopper at fifty feet, but she can't figure out how to escape the vortex of Emerson Knight's odd life. Vernon has been Emerson's loyal and enthusiastic partner in crime since childhood. He now lives in an RV behind Emerson's house.

Together, this ragtag, mismatched trio will embark on a worldwide investigation that will expose a conspiracy one hundred years in the making.

## **Dangerous Minds Details**

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## Sheri says

A line from the book sums up the story quite nicely: "another whackadoodle conspiracy theory obsession." And just like Riley, I got sucked in too. Was it a conspiracy? Was Emerson really off his rocker this time? I had to read on to find out the who, what, where, and when of Riley and Emerson's latest mission. What craziness would ensue this time?

A fun quick read, yet at times I felt as if the author was trying too hard. I got really tired of reading the idiom "for the love of Mike" and even some of Vernon's antics just seemed forced. It's not my favorite Evanovich series, but honestly, I will keep reading just for the zany adventures and the light read.

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## Barbara Rogers says

Series: Knight and Moon #2

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When I'm ready for smiles, giggles and guffaws encased in an intriguing mystery, Janet Evanovich is my go-to author. Just picture sitting on your sofa listening to or reading this book and you just burst out laughing and your spouse looks at you like you have suddenly gone nuts. That is the way it is through this entire book. The characters are busy investigating a very serious mystery and you are sitting there with a huge smile on your face. It is a thoroughly enjoyable read. If you like Evanovich's Stephanie Plum series, then you'll love this one as well.

Emerson Knight, gazillionaire, takes eccentric to a whole new level. He's brilliant and loves solving impossible, improbable puzzles. So, a whole island going missing and megalomaniacs seeking world domination and/or destruction are right down his alley. Oh, and by the way, add that he is romance cover gorgeous and charming as well!

Riley Moon has multiple degrees from Harvard and she can also shoot, rope and ride with the best of them. She's strong and resourceful – and attractive as well. Riley works for Emerson Knight because he caused her to lose her last job – and he pays her REALLY well. She always has really good intentions, but somehow she always gets caught up in the force of nature that is Emerson Knight and can't manage to escape.

Emerson once studied under Wayan Bagus who is a monk, so when he shows up at Emerson's home asking for help because his island has disappeared, Emerson dives right in and investigates. The investigation takes us to Yellowstone and Hawaii and includes a secret government organization bent on ruling the world.

I hope you'll give this book a try because I think you will like it.

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## Sophia says

For years, I've been meaning to try a Janet Evanovich book. I thought it would be her acclaimed Stephanie Plum series, but then this one which was only two books in, caught my eye and, yes, I confess, it was because I adore Lorelei King as a narrator.

I was a little concerned that I was picking up the second book in a series, but shrugged it off. Dangerous Minds ended up doing just fine out of order and would work as a standalone.

The book opens with a startling arrival to wealthy Emerson Knight's estate. His former mentor, a soft-voiced Buddhist monk states that his island home disappeared. Of course, it was funny, but also set the ball in motion for eccentric Emerson, redoubtable Riley, along with Emerson's hilarious horn-dog cousin Vernon, and the monk, Wayan, to head out on their latest adventure.

Throughout the book, I found myself bursting out with laughs, mostly at Vernon's juvenile humor, but nearly as often at Emerson. Evanovich knows how to write brilliant, quirky and engaging characters.

The setting for this latest case is America's Nat'l Parks that contain volcanic action. I loved this, particularly, since I just spent a bit this past summer camping at a Nat'l Park and exploring its volcanic region and I've been to Yellowstone, twice, where lots of the story took place.

This is a lighter suspense story with the bad guys evident from the beginning, but the mystery of what they are hiding in the national parks being the unknown element. There are a few 'ew' moments when things get gritty, but for the most part, the intrepid gang of heroes manage to keep life and limb intact while cheesing it up.

There is a very slow-build romance element between Emerson and Riley, but the situation they are in causes this to stop and start its way along. They are a fun pair of opposites.

Lorelei King told a saucy adventure well and I loved that though there are many more male voices than female, she nailed it. Great match for the tone and pace of the book.

So, my first outing with a Janet Evanovich book was a rousing good success and I will definitely want more Knight & Moon adventures. I think the cozy mystery and light romantic suspense lovers would be a good fit for this book/series.

My thanks to Penguin-Random House Audio for the opportunity to listen to this book in exchange for an honest review.

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## **Anita says**

I don't know why the National Park Service and Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders have earned JE's wrath, but she sure has made evil villains of them in this book. Actually, I kinda like the Rough Riders as Spec Ops warriors, just not the evil, murdering, plotting to take over the world kind. Anyway, this is a wonderful, entertaining, interesting, educational and humorous read. I am a diehard JE fan and this book did not disappoint.

Emerson Knight is an brilliant, eccentric, hot, handsome billionaire. His mentor, Wayan Bagus - a Buddhist Monk, shows up with at Mysterioso Manor with a tale of forced removal by uniformed thugs and the

disappearance of his small Pacific island near Samoa, Emerson has a mystery to solve and he really loves a mystery.

Riley Moon is the daughter of a small town Texas Sherriff and has multiple degrees from Harvard. She is the voice of reason and she can also drive like a race car driver and shoot with the best of them. Emerson caused he to lose her last job and had hired her and his amanuensis.

Riley and Emerson, along with cousin Vernon and Wayan Bagus set off to solve the mystery of the disappearing Pacific Island and end up in a whole lot of extremely hot matter. Starting in Washington D.C. where they rattle the wrong cage to Yellowstone Park, where they barely escape being boiled alive, to the Big Island of Hawaii where, well, lets just say that the earth is intact, because Riley and Emerson saved the day.

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## **Gail says**

I don't even know where to begin with this book. I 'liked' the first Knight & Moon book; not loved but gave it points for being the first book in what I thought would be a fun series. Boy was I wrong.

This book is a silly mess. Aimed for humor, I think, but most of the humor was juvenile and really not funny. Who wrote this book? This isn't the Evanovich of old, the lady who wrote some very funny, very enjoyable Loveswept romances, some of which I have in audio and listen to very often.

First it was the Plums - those deteriorated. I no longer read that series.

Now it's this so-new series - so new that it hasn't had time to become repetitious and cliché like the Plums did. So very disappointing. Even the quirky plot couldn't elevate this one to two stars.

Now I'm left with just the "Fox & O'Hare" series which I love, the mission impossible theme is its main draw for me, as well as the more subtle, sophisticated humor.

Don't bother with this one. Reread an old favorite. Or just try another author. I'm glad I didn't spend money on this one.

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## **Scott says**

You know what you get with a Janet Evanovich book. An independent, pretty girl, a hunky guy (or two) to team up with, and an adventure full of mystery and silly zaniness. Solving the mystery involves visiting different locations, lots of overwhelmingly crazy characters, and comical situations throughout the adventure. There will be lots of teasing and innuendo between the pretty girl and hunky guy as they work together, but in the end the mystery will be resolved whether on purpose or by accident within 300 pages of reading.

This description pretty well describes her Stephanie Plum, Fox and O'Hare, and now her new Knight and Moon novels. You may think it sounds fairly formula-matic, and that's true. However, in all honesty, nobody else is better at writing this type of sarcastic humor and risqué laden banter than anyone else. Evanovich gets

you to laugh out loud at least once every other page because of the downright silliness of her plots and character reactions.

“Dangerous Minds” is the second book in her new Knight and Moon series. Riley Moon, fresh out of Harvard into the business world, is assistant to Emerson Knight, a very rich man who has taken over his deceased parent’s large inheritance. Emerson is considered a bit odd, eccentric, and lacking social skills by many, but he is also brilliant and loves solving mysteries. In this outing, one of Emerson’s mentors, a Buddhist monk named Wayne Bagus has lost his northern Samoan island of solitude and wants it back. The island has literally disappeared. Emerson, along with Riley, and Emerson’s oddball cousin, Vernon, are off to discover who took the island, which includes visiting Washington DC, Yellowstone park, and Hawaii. The plot involves government conspiracies, a tin man, molten lava, strange matter, and a Penning Trap.

Having read a lot of Evanovich’s books, I still found this new duo to be fresh and funny. I loved the dialogue and constant flirting. I especially loved the crazy things that came out of Vernon’s mouth. What a cool sidekick. The mystery itself was okay and enjoyable for the most part, but it is the characters - their charm and idiosyncrasies – that is what drives the reading pleasure. This is a good summer’s book to escape the seriousness of life and enjoy some madcap and wacky adventures for a day or two.

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## **Barbara says**

### **3.5 stars**

This second book in the 'Knight and Moon' cozy mystery series finds Emerson Knight and Riley Moon trying to save the world from a nefarious conspiracy. The book can be read as a standalone.

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Since she lost her bank job, financial advisor Riley Moon has been working for hunky eccentric billionaire Emerson Knight, trying to straighten out his financial records. Knight has no patience for this tedious paperwork, so he's thrilled when his friend, Buddhist monk Bagus Wayans, shows up at his mansion - called Mysterioso Manor - in Washington DC.

Bagus, who was living on a small island in the Pacific Ocean, has a strange story to tell. He was forcibly removed from his island by furtive strangers - and when he escaped and went home, the island was gone.

Knight is intrigued by this odd occurrence, and the game's afoot. Emerson, Riley, and Bagus hurry off to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to ask about the missing land mass. The NOAA claims they have no record of the island, which seems very suspicious.

Meanwhile, Emerson's cousin Vernon - a crude but likable schlub who lives in an RV behind Mysterioso Manor and writes a blog about unexplained occurrences - learns that hikers have been vanishing from U.S. National Parks.....especially parks with volcanic activity. So Emerson decides that he and his friends - Riley, Bagus, and Vernon - will go to Yellowstone National Park to investigate the case of the missing trekkers.

All this activity brings Emerson and his friends to the attention of Bart Young - director of the National Park

Service, and Tim Mann ('Tin Man') - the murderous head of security for park resources. These two tough dudes spread their chests, try to intimidate the foursome, and tell them to mind their own business....or else.?

Of course the adventurers ignore the warning and proceed to search Yellowstone. They don't find any missing hikers but they DO come upon a multi-billion dollar installation with enormous pumps that are bringing up lava. Further investigation reveals a scheme that can endanger the entire Earth.

The intrepid bunch then make their way to Volcanoes National Park in Hawaii, where their peril from Tin Man escalates even further. Emerson, Riley, Bagus, and Vernon will have to fight for their lives if they're going to save the planet. (This series leans toward these kinds of fearsome, over-the-top scenarios.) ?

The globetrotters hilarious escapades involve hatchets; guns; cars; planes; helicopters; enormous lava tubes; science fiction-like matter traps; a forklift; and more - as wicked villains hunt the foursome, and allies and friends help them out.

We're also treated to Bagus's mystical Buddhist philosophy and sharp sense of humor. When asked how he got to Washington DC, Bagus says, "I walked." From Bali? "I walked onto a boat. Then I walked onto a plane. Then, when the plane landed in Richmond, I walked some more."

During the team's adventures, Emerson and Riley take baby steps in their budding romance?; Bagus demonstrates Houdini-like powers of escape; Vernon constantly makes (what he thinks are) hilarious raunchy remarks.....and we learn why Vernon's ex-girlfriend is SO mad at him (and the reason is a doozy!).

This is a fun cozy mystery. Recommended to fans of the genre.

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### **Nurse Lisa In Ohio (PRN Book Reviews) says**

funny funny funny with clever banter, real honest to goodness interesting information and action. an actual comment I once received on a report I submitted (junior high): "well written in your own inimitable style"...I think it applies absolutely to "Dangerous Minds"! Evan Ovid cracks me up and I reeeallllly needed some smiles this week.

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### **Darcy says**

I think I'm done with this series. This one was just as ridiculous as the first and had it not shown up on my library's website I wouldn't have picked it up. Too many things were too over the top and not believable even in the land of fiction.

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### **Meeghan says**

Ah Janet... you certainly have a formula, don't you. Not that I'm complaining, it's a formula that works, and is highly enjoyable, it's just predictable!

I will absolutely admit there came a point around fifty pages in where Riley's car take a hatchet to the hood and then starts leaking fluids - we assume at this point that the car is not going to make it - and all I thought was "Oh my god. She's Stephanie reincarnated." It was around that point I considered putting the book down, but then I thought to myself "There's no love triangle, so I think we're good."

We start this book leaving off (we assume) not that long after the events of *Curious Minds*, and find that Riley is working for Emerson trying to untangle his estate's affairs. Enter stage left a friend of Emerson's (a Buddhist monk named Wayan Bagus) who brings an unusual problem to Emerson for solving. His island north of Samoa has disappeared. Now, I know what you're thinking, Riley thought it too, how the hell does an island with a rainforest, beaches and a volcano just go missing? Well, it appears that Evanovich can make anything happen, and then seem strangely plausible. It's a gift, I tell you.

In terms of character development, there isn't a great deal with Riley or Emerson. We learn that Emerson enjoys Sherlock quotes and finds Riley attractive, and we learn that Riley still says "Crap on a cracker", and Emerson's eccentricities annoy her less. I'll give you one guess where this is heading. We do learn a bit more about Emerson's cousin Vernon, which is a nice distraction to the seemingly implausible plot.

There is absolutely something about the mystery/crime/chick-lit/bordering-on-fantasy that these stories hold. I guess we first see them in the Plum 'between-the-novels' with Diesel, and then he kind of to his own series with Lizzy which seems to have fallen off the radar. At best, this new series is a nice mix between the Fox and O'Hare and Plum series'. Some ridiculousness mixed with some far-fetched scheming. What I would like to see is Evanovich write about a relationship that \*gasp\* works. I know, right? Call me crazy. I do have hopes that either this or the Nick and Kate books will get that one day.

It was a good, fun, quick read though, and I think it will be my new favourite of hers. Call me crazy, but I think I like Emerson!

♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ - 7/10 hearts

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## Cyndi says

Wayan Bagus is a monk and a friend of Emerson Knight. When his island disappears Wayan Bagus asks Emerson for help in finding it.

This begins another adventure for Knight and our heroine, Riley Moon. In this episode we bring in Vernon, Emerson's cousin and partner in previous exploits.

These four characters are hilarious as they try to save the world. Excellent series! Can't wait for more!! ?

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## ?Dani? ?Touch My Spine Book Reviews? says

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Review from my personal blog

Hello fellow bibliophies and random internet users today I will be reviewing Janet Evanovich's newest NY Time's bestseller *Dangerous Minds*. This book made me laugh my a\*\* off and pardon me, that's a whole lot of a\*\*! I especially loved Vernon's character in this book! His ignorance is hilarious and quite charming. I



also thoroughly enjoyed Riley Moon and Emerson Knight's relationship and how they qork togetger to save the day! I enjoyed this book more than the first one in this series, I felt tgis book was a little funnier but both great. So many critics have compared this series to the Stephanie Plum series and I feel you have to look at it completley different. I really enjoy how there is so much awesome quotes used and how these books are based on conspiracies. I might even enjoy this series a little more than Stephanie Plum in some ways. I know to some I might be blaspheming! Lol. Furthermore, I would recommend this book to anyone who is looking for an adventure and needs their weekly dose of sh\*ts and giggles! Hope everyone has a book filled and fantastic day!

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### **Melissa ♥ Dog/Wolf Lover ♥ Martin says**

This book had me in stitches! I wouldn't expect less from a JE book!

Vernon gets all the stars. He's freaking hilarious ?

And the Bigfoot thing ? Vernon naked, covered in mud with a birds nest covering his lollipop ? I can't even people!

Mel ♥?

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### **Cheri says**

Although not my fave series from JE, I did enjoy the laughs I got out of this one. I liked it better than Curious Minds. Vernon never ceases to crack me up! I know ppl thought it was over the top but wth, it's fiction. I now know a ton of facts about volcanoes and strange manner,lol! I do look forward to the next crazy book :)

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### **Nique says**

Meh...I think this sequel is going downhill from the first. Or maybe I'm just feeling that all of Evanovich's characters are the same and it's getting boring

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