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Bonnie says

This was a real page turner and it kept me thoroughly engaged and entertained. I had no trouble staying awake on a 4 1/2 hour flight. I had to get up at 4:45 a.m. and never got sleepy. I was a little disappointed at some of the resolution of the story. Also I could have done without some of the gruesome details of what the serial killer in the story did to his victims. But I enjoy the main character and the story was quite intriguing.

Roger says

This is such a fun book to read! Lots of twists and turns. Very believable characters.

Freda Malone says

I could swear that every book I've picked up in this series just gets more and more complex. Sean Drummond is hired out to a private law firm to gain some skills in corporate contracts, syndicates, audits, and telecoms. When his JAG rival and friend, Lisa 'Moonbeam' Morrow is murdered shortly after his arrival, there is no such thing as coincidences. Three more women are violently murdered and there is a connection, but to get some answers, Sean must go up against the most powerful client in the firm. Once again he must out-wit, out-smart and stay ahead of the game of the infamous L.A. Killer copycat.

It starts with an audit of the firm and ends in a conspiracy and espionage involving syndicates, trade swapping, and money. Only a skilled accountant will manage to keep up with this novel and I am not one of them but there are enough twists and turns to keep you riveted to find out who is behind all these secrets. Sean's humor does not falter here as he continues to make me laugh at his wise-ass cracks and bring even the most powerful of tyrants to his knees.

Another great novel in the Drummond series. Brian Haig keeps his mind sharp and creative with great characters and ideas when it relates to our military, government, defense department and laws while at the same time makes you question the very foundation of your morals and ethics throughout. Weighing the greater good against the lesser wrongs.

Dan Smith says

The wisecracking, bull-in-a-china-shop JAG lawyer, Sean Drummond gets loaned out to a white-shoe law firm whose #1 client, a telecom giant, may be vacuuming up intelligence for a foreign power.

Great Story. Drummond goes head first into everything.

Robert Barbantini says

Oh, well...another one of them "quick reads" that has all the punch of a bag of over-ripe fruit. Got through it, anyways.....

AJ Moran says

Loved the storyline

What a great read. Reading whenever I had a minute. Twisted tale. Edge of seat. Memorable characters. Remarkably funny and scary

Matt says

Haig is back with his latest bestseller, in which he straddles the line between criminal and corporate law. Main character Major Sean Drummond in front and centre, sarcasm still dripping from his every pore and ready to tackle a new assignment, no matter what is tossed his way. While the story shifts away from the military battlefields and into the boardroom, the story still pushes forward as an apparent minor storyline, a killer on the loose, begins to gain momentum. One of the victims is close to Sean, bringing him into the investigation with both barrels blazing. What lies behind each and every corner when the killer discovers Drummond is looking for him and how will the JAG lawyer piece things together while stuck inside a corporate law firm? There is the same old John Corey-esque nature to the character, leading me to keep wondering if Nelson DeMillie picked up another nom du plume.

Haig experiments in a few ways with this novel: type of law, role for Drummond, and dual-narration (first person for Drummond chapters and third for the killer). Many of these experiments work out really well, though it is sometimes hard to keep track of who we are dealing with when it comes to the narration (perhaps a downside to a single audiobook narrator). The attention to detail, dialogue, and flow of the book kept it as exciting as any of Haig's previous books, by far. While Drummond is used to investigating, his sleuthing abilities become all the more important, as he is not looking for legal loopholes, but plain clues. Looking at things away from the military angle was refreshing, though I do miss some of the minor regular characters, just a little.

Kudos Mr. Haig for another great book. Bring on the next one!

Michal Hofkin says

Wow! I'm in love with this character. Sean Drummond is my kind of wise ass. Brian Haig weaves a wonderful tale. Read them all!

No oil for pacifists says

Entirely unbelievable that a criminal lawyer could be assigned to a complex contract in a white shoe law firm, but what fun.

Lee says

Another good Drummond novel which finds him outside the military. Assigned to spend a year with a Washington DC corporate firm Drummond finds himself investigating the murder of a close friend. She recently spend a year at the same firm and somehow became the target of a serial killer. As he investigates will Drummond be targeted by the same person.

Gopal says

Brian Haig is like a fine wine. He's maturing with each subsequent Sean Drummond books. I swear I like Drummond a bit more every series. Every Drummond book is a just a little bit more complex than the last, its like trying to solve a Rubix cube. All the pieces are there in front of you but they have to be put into the right places. They have to be aligned to get to the solution.

Sean Drummond as I said earlier is a wise ass true, but he's a nice wise ass. He's out of his comfort zone in this one by moving out of JAG cases to the corporate law side. The military says he needs to know how corporate law works.

In this book Haig delves into the murky relationship between corporate lawyers and companies. Drummond is out of his depth from the very first page when the Army loans him to a high flying corporate partnership. But he does not lose his pizzazz. He's the same wise cracking a-hole he was while handling criminal cases as he is while handling corporate cases.

The book opens explosively with Lisa Murrow murdered. 3 more women are brutally assaulted and murdered just when you think there is a serial killer on the loose, Haig twists the plot.

Everything is put together in the end but its messy. The shenanigans that's pulled in the name of investors, share holders and country leave you feeling a little dirty and a little bit in need of shower. Drummond pulls through in the end ensuring that Lisa is avenged but it is a close call for him. He almost succumbs to the pressure of choosing the nation over his personal thirst for revenge, but he finds a way out to keep both the parties satisfied while getting Lisa avenged.

Drummond comes across like a loser in most of the scenes. During a lot of the scenes I felt that Drummond was being dominated and he gave in alot easily than needed or did not come across as macho. Drummond gets the last laugh though. This book made me think about the importance of patience and waiting for the right opportunity to get things done. Drummond has it in spades.

I am a hardcore Drummond fan and I would definitely read the next books in this series.

My verdict: Read It

Joe says

Quick read. As usual a complicated plot with a collection of excellent characters. This one takes place largely in Washington DC and involves corporate law as opposed to the more common military law.

Jacob Peled says

Brain Haig is one of those writers that for me every book of his is a 5 star. This is the 4th book I read and sure enough it got my 5 stars. I love the witty of the main character -Sean Drummond. It is one of those few writers that although his genre is about legal drama he still make me laugh.

This book has everything in it with just the right measure. Legal, Drama, FBI, CIA. And even a little bit of romance.

I wish it was 700 pages and not “only” 500. The story has twists and surprises in every new chapter. I don’t recall reading so much on my cell phone, just couldn’t wait to get back home to my kindle

Maryann Winfield says

EXCELLENT book! This is the first book by Brian Haig that I’ve read and I loved it! Very well written, great storyline, no gratuitous sex, and no unnecessary profanity. I highly recommend this book. I look forward to reading more books by this author.

Melissa says

Let me just say this from the very start: Private Sector is a great mystery. Let me say this from the second start: Private Sector is NOT for those who are delicate to cuss words. I say this last part because for some reason I do a better job editing certain types of things when I read a book but when I listen, which I did with this one. Audiobooks, the curses just come right on through. For everyone to hear: grandparents, children, me. (Disclaimer over)

This was a great thriller and there were so many bad people who choose from, who could possibly be the killer except ALL OF THEM?

4 Stars. Lotta swearing. A whole lot. Innuendo and very suggestive situations. Some graphic descriptions of death scenes.
