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One woman's quest to discover the truth behind her husband's death will pit her against a new generation of cutting-edge surveillance technology and the most dangerous conspiracy in America—*Invasion of Privacy* is the riveting, new standalone suspense novel from *New York Times* bestselling author Christopher Reich.

On a remote, dusty road forty miles outside of Austin, Texas, FBI agent Joe Grant and a confidential informant are killed in a deadly shootout. Left to pick up the pieces is Mary Grant, Joe's young wife and mother of their two daughters. The official report places blame for the deaths on Joe's shoulders . . . but the story just doesn't add up and Mary has too many troubling questions that need answers. How did Joe's final voice mail—containing a cryptic warning for Mary, recorded moments before the fatal shooting—disappear without a trace from her phone? Stonewalled by the FBI, Mary will be drawn into a deadly conspiracy that puts her in the crosshairs of the richest and most powerful men in America . . . and the newest and most terrifying surveillance system known to man.

New York Times bestselling author Christopher Reich is the master of crafting thrillers of the highest caliber, with nonstop action and nail-biting suspense. *Invasion of Privacy* is his richest, most relevant novel to date and will have readers hooked from the first page to the last. Your privacy is for sale.

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Skip says

Endorsed on the back of the book by some of the best in the business (Brad Thor, Lee Child, David Baldacci, James Patterson, Clive Cussler, and Robert Crais), Christopher Reich writes very good, topical thrillers. This one is prompted by the death of an FBI agent, who manages to leave a coded voicemail for his wife, who does not accept the "whitewashed" version of his being killed by a confidential informant. She is joined in her quest to discover what really happened and why by a disgraced reporter and former college football star, Tank Potter. The novel is very cutting edge in technology, communications, and cyber security: a computer genius sociopath is assembling an all-powerful super computer to monitor the Internet, akin to Samaritan (from CBS's TV show, *Person of Interest*. Recommended.

Kdorman says

We click 'accept to all the terms and conditions everytimne we download an app, sign up with telephone company, do things on the internet or sign up with a cable provider. What kind of information are we offering freely and what could be done with these bits and pieces of electronic detritus we are leaving in the cloud? Once you read Christopher Reich's "Invasion of Privacy" you might think twice about what you really need - even if you aren't in any way associated with the FBI.

Those who like strong female protagonists will be particularly pleased to watch as Mary Grant tries to pull together snippets of information in order to gain a better understanding of how and why her husband was murdered.

Whether you read this sitting on a stoop, in a hammock, on the beach or if it gives you a reason to get into bed early on a summer night - you won't want to put this book down until you've finished it.

Lawrence says

This was a great read and I HIGHLY RECOMMEND this book to everyone. Talk about "Invasion of Privacy" is an understatement in this book. It's another non-stop thriller. Enjoy the ride because you'll not be disappointed...GUARANTEED!!

Tamara says

Good read!

Russ says

This thriller has an ingenious plot that skillfully personalizes the modern world of data mining by putting heroine Mary Grant in the crosshairs of big telecom. Her husband is killed and his last voice message to her is mysteriously deleted. A reporter takes pictures at the morgue which are deleted.

This book vividly depicts the types of programs the NSA could be operating for the purposes of homeland security, as well as the abuses that could arise when our government officials become so reliant on private industry for sensitive information about customers/citizens. If authors like Orwell were still among us, they might be writing novels like this!

Mary Grant is an engaging character and I found her to be plausible. I worried for her and her children's safety, so from that standpoint the book was suspenseful.

My reservations are that the villain is so creepy that he is somewhat implausible, the hacking subplot that didn't quite add up for me, and the end was over-the-top. But I doubt you'll find ever find another book about data privacy that is as thrilling as this one.

Pamela says

This should be a movie. It simply MUST!!

I stayed up waaaaaayyyy too late finishing this book. There was no way I could rest until the last page was turned. I simply had to know who the 'good' guys were (IF ANY) among the motley cast of alphabet-soup-characters.

White-Hats - Black-Hats. An all-to-real, global game of cyber supremacy.

How on earth was Mary Grant going to stay ahead of the game - ALIVE - to unravel the mystery behind her FBI husband's suspicious death if she couldn't discern who wore what hat? And how could she protect her daughters in the process, with all of their personal devices (smartphones, laptops, desktops, navigation, etc.) at risk of being compromised in the worst possible way.

The psychological suspense of it all is still reeling through my head! I certainly won't ever look at communications technology the same.

There were one or two scene set-ups that felt a bit contrived. A couple places had a sexually-disturbing edge - though not graphically detailed. And though expletives are present, they aren't excessive or out of character. Overall, a head-rush great read. Oh, and sloths??? In Beverly Hills??? Really????? Humorous, though.....

FOUR **** Top-Pick Head-Rush **** STARS

Kathy says

I think I read most of this book in the middle of the night, and that is my excuse for not making a note of what I liked. I have read quite a few of Reich's books and have considered them good reads. This one seems to follow a theme I have been on in honor of women's month (March 2017) as we have a real honest-to-goodness whip-ass heroine starring in this saga fighting against a corrupt FBI and one supremely evil-to-the-core Information King adversary. Totally implausible and highly entertaining!

Alex says

INVASION OF PRIVACY (Pub. 2015) is the first book I've read by Christopher Reich, and I will definitely check out more of his work. The story kept me turning the pages, with a solid thriller vibe throughout, in spite of the author largely allowing readers to know what was happening all along the way. Not an easy trick to pull off, but Reich manages it well.

This is a quasi-murder mystery wrapped inside a government-meets-big industry conspiracy. I enjoyed it because the author takes readers in sideways, rather than through the eyes of a detective, which is a nice change. It starts out in medias res, with FBI agent Joe Grant, in the midst of a very bad situation that quickly escalates to a no-way-out scenario for him. Grant and his informant end up dead in a fast and horrible ambush that both greatly feared could happen, but didn't see coming.

Joe Grant's wife, Mary, is called to the hospital, where Joe is on life support and surrounded by other federal agents. His supervisor, Don Bennett, gives Mary a cryptic explanation of what transpired to land Joe in ICU. Mary doesn't have time to ponder his words for long because Joe goes into cardiac arrest before they can finish their discussion. Mary can only wish Joe a peaceful passing, and try to hang on to reality for the sake of their two daughters.

But within less than an hour of Joe's passing, Mary is given reason to believe Don has not only withheld information, he's purposely lied to her. Then he tops it off by physically threatening her over possession of Mary's cell phone, which Joe left a final message on, and Mary suspects was not only a cry for help, but his own cryptic way of giving her a clue to the situation that has unraveled under Joe's watch -- a situation which threatens national and international security.

Mary can't bring Joe back to life, but she at least wants a clearer understanding of why her husband died, and she sets out to get the answers. That puts her and her family in jeopardy, right after she makes the first follow-up call, but she's willing to risk it. When Joe's supervisor threatens to besmirch her husband's name, and repeal his posthumous pension, Mary commits to throwing everything she's got at bringing the bad guys to light, and restoring her husband's good name, not to mention the pension she and her girls desperately need and deserve.

Mary quickly reveals herself to be an unexpectedly formidable foe for the people wrecking havoc behind the scenes. They think she's just a housewife and mother, but she has skills given by her long-deceased Navy admiral father, as well as what Joe taught her along the way, combined with sheer determination and motivation to persevere. Plus she's got a teenaged daughter that is every bit as tech savvy as the people she's up against, although Mary doesn't know it yet.

Quite a few plates are spinning by the time the story reaches the one-third mark, and they just keep spinning faster, with even more put into play before it's all said and done. And even though readers are 95% aware of who the bad guys are, and largely why / what they are after, Reich manages to keep us in great suspense right

up until the last page. The story draws to a satisfying conclusion, with all questions answered, and a solid serving of comeuppance meted out to the bad guys.

Ray Palen says

Extremely disappointing novel --- especially since the expectation was so high. Reich is on my 'must read' list, but this stand-alone novel never gains traction and the slow-burn plot is just frustrating. It's familiar territory --- FBI Agent dies under mysterious circumstances and his surprisingly clueless wife seeks answers. The enemies are everywhere and include fellow FBI agents, some 'powerful' men and an evil billionaire with a unique surveillance system.

It's like Reich just slapped this together from the plots of dozens of similar stories. None of the characters are engaging and could not wait for this one to end.

Matt says

What if there were a supercomputer that could track the entire digital presence of any single person? What if it were in the hands of one man, using a single program? Such is the premise of the latest Christopher Reich novel. When FBI Agent Joe Grant and his confidential informant are murdered in rural Texas, his wife Mary is left with a number of unanswered questions. A cryptic voicemail leaves her confused, which is only exacerbated by its sudden disappearance from her phone. Working with what she recalls of the message, Mary seeks answers surrounding the FBI case on which Joe worked. Those within the Organisation stonewall her, which only adds to the mystery and pushes Mary to delve deeper. What she does not realise is that these inquiries have been raising red flags with Ian Prince, a multi-billionaire in possession of the greatest supercomputer of all time, able to track all minutiae related to a person's digital footprint. With over ninety percent of the world's servers and Internet-capable devices at his disposal, Prince will stop at nothing to cover up what he is doing while gathering information to expose his enemies. With the help of a disgraced reporter, Mary seeks to peel back the layers related to Joe's case while dodging bullets (literally) from Prince's team. As the exposure heats up, Mary will find help from an unexpected source close to her, who seeks to discover a mystery as well. Another must-read by this formidable writer, who grabs technology by the horns and leaves the reader in complete awe.

Reich finds himself at the centre of social commentaries with every novel he has released in the past number of years. Examining the Internet and wireless technology, Reich posits that nothing is safe and no shred of information can be protected with even the most sensitive of security software. Reich shows the lengths to which those with means can go and how a person's online profile is more than a Facebook account or reservations through an airline's database. With a powerful set of characters and a story perfectly paced to keep the reader on the edge of their seats, Reich perfects another one-off novel. Chills will likely appear down the reader's spine during this aptly titled novel, turning us all back into Luddites.

Kudos, Mr. Reich for this wonderful piece. I am still in awe and wonder if I ought to be posting this review, for fear it may open a portal to further intrusions into my thought processes.

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<http://pecheyponderings.wordpress.com/>

Hilary says

If this doesn't make you rethink your electronic life, nothing will.

Ian Prince is obsessed. It seems that nothing will stand in the way of his achievements, and although people may be suspicious nothing has changed.

Mary Grant is used to her role as the wife of an FBI agent and the mother to two daughters, but when her husband is killed while meeting a confidential informant she has to reach further, trusting in her rights as a U.S. citizen and her belief in the FBI to keep them all safe. She has to protect her daughters, even though Jessie is so smart she risks cutting herself and thinks - as do most teenagers - that she's invincible.

There were a couple of small "huh?" moments for me, but the rest just kept on going.

You may find yourself mentally substituting another name for ONE as you read, but don't delude yourself into thinking, "This is futuristic stuff, it couldn't possibly happen now". It could, and that's the truly scary part.

Disclaimer: I received a free ARC from NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

Marti says

Invasion of Privacy by Christopher Reich was a well-crafted thriller and I am afraid maybe a little too close to home. Where does our privacy end and start in our high tech world? The novel is about a woman, Mary Grant trying to figure out what happened to her FBI husband. He was shot in the line of duty, but to her the clues don't add up and then people start to have problems around her and her children.

The book was good, hard to put down and not hard enough to disbelieve. Is it possible that the world is full of that many hackers? Is it possible that the government really does care to maintain that much control over the entire mass media? I don't know or understand the logistics. What I do know is the book was quite good, appropriately paced and creepy enough in its way too realistic way!

Tim says

Pretty good yarn about the invasion of personal data around a vicious mastermind. 7 of 10 stars

Vlorini says

Thanks for the galley. Another fantastic, edge of your seat, can't put it down thriller. Loved the shout outs to Sacramento, Dripping Springs and Palo Alto, all my town!

William says

Audiobook

Great and interesting plot based real or almost real technology threats. Problem for me was the WHOLE story was totally unbelievable
