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In Vancouver, the wife of a millionaire is dead following an explosion in her own home.

Everyone thinks her husband is responsible, but former FBI profiler Jefferson Winter isn't so sure. The method is too perfect; the lack of mistakes, uncanny. He's seen a series of carefully orchestrated murders - once a year, on exactly the same day, a woman dies in a situation just like this one.

That date is fast approaching and Winter knows another victim has been selected. Can he identify the quiet man before he strikes again?

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Lynda Kelly says

Yayyyy, back to form with Mr Carol and back to 5* reviews from me !! However, Prey only lost one because the proofreading wasn't up to snuff but in this one it's more like it was with his earlier books. So I'm a happy camper !!

Once again he's created another great character for Jefferson to encounter in this case with Laura. This is a particularly nasty set of murders although at least he only kills one day a year which at least keeps numbers down !! It held my interest all the way as his books always do. A little annoyingly, I preordered this one so it's going to be a while now before the next full-length book. I don't bother with the novellas as I prefer to be more invested in a longer tale.

The passage referring to stealing laughter I found touching and I laughed aloud when he mentioned co-workers as well. He also got it bang on when he talked about the internet oversharing epidemic these days. Oh, and once more I see Jefferson is disposing of his cigarettes properly-good boy !!

There were still the odd errors-this first one in particular was a smack-you-in-the-face one so someone should've picked it up-"And that's easy to say when you're in your still in your thirties"....big ouch !!

Something was lost in translation when he discussed Bruno Hauptmann as Google's translation came out as him saying he was guilty but in the book he said he was innocent. Then the word "a" was missing from a few sentences and a couple of commas were dropped, too. Then toppling a chair was referred to when the victim was on the bed and we had police's and not police. Altogether, it was so much better presented than his last book, though. A terrific read.

Paromjit says

This is the first I have read of the Jefferson Winter series, and I found it an excellent read. It works fine as a standalone. Winter is a serial killer specialist and he has personal experience of the phenomena. His father was a serial killer, neither he nor his mother had a clue although it changed both their lives forever. Having been a rising star with the FBI, he quit to become a consultant to local law enforcement agencies facing a serial killer. In this case, he arrives in Vancouver at the behest of prematurely retired cop and now PI, Laura Anderton, whose client is Nicholas Sobek. Sobek's wife, Isabella, was the first victim of a serial killer who ties women up and straps a homemade bomb on them which is triggered when the husband returns and opens the kitchen door. The only fatal casualty is the wife. The killer is a patient and quiet man who only kills once a year on the 5 August. Winter has been kept up to date by Anderton but due to other commitments has been unable to get involved until now when another murder is expected.

Winter clearly knows his stuff, and his methods focus on getting into the heads of killers and the victims to hone in on motive, what drives the need to kill and the criteria for victim selection. Sobek is an odd client, with many features in common with psychopaths, he will not stop until the killer is apprehended and made to pay for the death of his wife. Winter and Anderton make an excellent team and utilise her past experience as the lead investigator on the case with the Vancouver police until Charlotte Delaney, a TV journalist, succeeded in getting her removed through her media influence. No trace of the killer has ever been found. Winter does whatever he needs to do to get his man, whether it is using the media for his own ends or deploying unorthodox means to access evidence, information or people. The newest victim and their circumstances have abnormalities that differ from the norm, Winter relentlessly chases down the reasons why. After some time, Winter and Anderton begin to close in on their murderer.

I can see why this is a successful series, the lure of Jefferson Winter's character is completely understandable. This is an intelligent man who has charisma in spades with a compelling and traumatic backstory. His obsession with serial killers is his reason for living. He is his own man and he is not going to kowtow to the pressure that Nicholas Sobek puts him under for a specific outcome or conform to police or media demands. A well written thriller that easily ensnares the reader with plenty of suspense and tension. Thanks to Faber and Faber for an ARC.

Brenda says

I've read and enjoyed the previous Jefferson Winter books. Although this is a series, the books work well as stand alones. Winter is the son of a serial killer, former FBI agent, and now a globe-trotting private consultant. I was set to give this three stars because I couldn't understand how Winter made the jump to a certain conclusion three chapters before the book ended. I should have stopped right there to figure it out, but I accepted the situation and continued on to finish the book. But because it still bothered me after a few hours, I re-read that section and miraculously opened to the exact page I needed in the earlier part of the book. What are the odds?

That brain glitch did not affect my enjoyment of this book, though. This serial killer had a very unique method, one I've never come across before, and Winter has a unique perspective on serial killers. The pace slowed down a little in the middle, and dialog occasionally felt like a lecture. Still a good book, and I'll pick up James Carol's next one.

Kaceey - Traveling Sister says

Hooked right off the bat!

Jefferson Winter: former FBI, now crosses the globe hunting serial killers using all his highly-honed skills and expertise. A tragic past lent itself to his career in the FBI profiling serial killers. While I would like to explain that tragic event, I think it best to discover that for yourself. (I think you'll appreciate that.)

Now he's off to Vancouver to help track down a killer that murders one person on the same date every year. Assisting him on this latest search is former detective Laura Anderton, previously the lead detective through the first three murders, before being un-ceremoniously pushed into early retirement. It's up to Jefferson and Laura to find the links between these murders and hopefully the killer, before he can strike again.

When I requested this book I didn't realize this was the 4th in the series. Having never read the first three, I was concerned I wouldn't be able to follow the story or understand the characters. Not true! This book absolutely stands on its own. I was immediately caught up in the story-line and easily identified with the main character and didn't feel like I missed out on a thing.

Most serial Killer books I have read tend to be little on the gruesome side. Not the case here. This story took a completely different tack. There are details of the killings, but the big thrill is the chase and the characters that hold the focus. I am a new fan of this series and will be watching for the next release.

If serial killers are your thing (ooh that sounds diabolical!) Then you will love this book/series!

Thank you to NetGalley, Faber and Faber Ltd. and James Carol for an ARC to review in exchange for an honest review.

Liz Barnsley says

I'm a fan of the Jefferson Winter series – The Quiet Man is basically just another brilliantly addictive fast paced thriller that is just gripping right from the very first moments.

Jefferson Winter as a character is completely fascinating, son of a serial killer, former FBI agent who now freelances around and about catching the worst of the worst. The case he finds himself embroiled in this time is unique – the victims are twofold, one dead one left living with that death having caused it – this allows for some emotive moments that just add to the whole.

I love the simple intricacy of James Carol's plotting in this series – Winter as a kind of twisted Holmes character has terrific insight but is not always that warm, his interactions with other characters always make for great reading, often bringing on a smile. The cases are always cleverly twisted, mostly unpredictable and the pace is pitch perfect, what I like to call readability factor high.

The Quiet Man has all of that and then some – another one sitting read for me, no messing, you simply do not want to put them down once you have picked them up. For that reason I highly recommend all of the Jefferson Winter novels including this one. Easily read as an ongoing series or standalones just pick one up and dive right in. I doubt you'll be disappointed.

Bookread2day says

James Carol is the creator of Jefferson Winter, a former FBI profiler who travels the world hunting serial criminals. The Quiet Man certainly is tense and quite frightening.

If Laura Anderson and Jefferson Winter know where the next murder is going to take place then they just might be able to ambush the killer. If they knew who the intended victim would be they may be able to protect them.

Increasing the tension Nicholas Sobek still lived in the house where his wife had been murdered. Which definitely is classed as strange. Normally if the person you loved is brutally murdered in the place you call home, you wouldn't want to spend another minute there.

But three years ago Anderson was convinced that this guy was the killer. Two years ago she was still trying to find a way to make the facts fit the scenario.

Although As the scenes accelerate its gets painful and frightening I couldn't stop reading. I wanted to know what happened next.

I'm very happy recommending The Quiet Man, with its screaming pages towards its final.

Zoeytron says

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After all is said and done, it almost always turns out to be the quiet one, doesn't it? The one who blends in without effort, but who is always there to see and hear everything. He may be shy, he may be charming, but underneath the feigned normality he may turn out to be your living nightmare.

Riveting plot here, one I have not encountered until now. Jefferson Winter, ex-FBI profiler, has a seemingly unsolvable puzzle on his hands. The madman in question kills only once a year, on the 5th of August. Winter employs the use of cognitive interviews to tap into the mind of murderer, to understand his rationale. The idea behind it is absolutely chilling.

(view spoiler)

Kate~Bibliophile Book Club says

I've read and loved all of the books and short stories featuring Jefferson Winter so I was thrilled to be able to read and review *The Quiet Man* as it's been aaaaaages since I've read anything by James Carol.

The Quiet Man is another cracking instalment in the Jefferson Winter series. In this one, Winter is tasked with investigating a serial bomber case in Vancouver. Winter is up against the clock as the bomber strikes on the same day every year and he comes into the investigation in the run up to August 5th, the day the attacks usually happen.

The thing I love about these books is that we know Winter is the son of a serial killer, but it is never the main focus of the story. It is always there, bubbling under the surface, alluded to often but rarely mentioned. I love the inner turmoil that this causes to Winter, how he uses what he's seen and knows from his past in trying to get into the mind of the killer.

Loved the sense of tension and urgency within this book too. And I really liked the characters Winter works with in this one. Laura is an ex-cop who was on the case, now working out on her own and still investigating the annual bombings. A great female lead, strong and unafraid.

One of my favourite book series, and I think that die hard fans of the series will thoroughly enjoy *The Quiet Man*!

Definitely recommended!

Pat says

Now that was a bit different, yippee. Jefferson Winter is a former FBI agent who now consults with law enforcement across the country to track down serial killers. He knows a thing or two about serial killers as his father is one. He gets called to Vancouver by Laura Anderton - a former cop and now PI whose client (Nicholas Sobek) is the husband of the first victim. The killer is due to strike again.

This particular killer strikes once a year, on 5 August. He kills from a distance. The victims, usually wives, are strapped to a chair in the kitchen with a bomb that goes off when the husband opens the door. Winter is a little perplexed by this killer as his methods and timing are not normal serial killer behavior. Nevertheless Winter and Anderton persist and gradually get closer to their man. This was quite a thoughtful book and a great addition to an excellent series. I'm looking forward to the next one already.

The Book Review Café says

All my reviews can be found at <http://thebookreviewcafe.com>

I can't tell you how excited I was when I was offered the chance to review an early ARC of *The Quiet Man* by James Carol, I'm a huge fan of the Jefferson Winter series so I was desperate to start reading and see if it met my expectations. I'm thrilled to report it certainly did. *The Quiet Man* makes for a gripping read and despite it being the fourth book in the series James Carol certainly doesn't appear to be running out of steam or fresh ideas to make this series a unique read.

Jefferson Winter former FBI agent, son of a serial killer is a marvellously drawn and unique character, he's not particularly endearing, he's very much in control and shows little emotion, and in many ways has the qualities of the sociopaths he chases. In *The Quiet Man* we see a very different side to him which makes him all the more intriguing, as he shares more of his past I can't help hoping that at some point James Carol will write about his early years. In this book Jefferson partners up with PI Laura Anderton to track down a serial killer who strikes once a year, what follows is a tense and suspense fuelled read.

What I love about this series and fascinates me is James Carol's attention to the profiling of his killers, it's something that's always intrigued me. Jefferson Winter's is an expert in the subject and so convincing is James Carol's writing you exactly feel your there amid the investigation building a picture of the killer, and what makes them tick. Tightly plotted with enough twists and turns to cause me to have many a "heart in the mouth" *The Quiet Man* is a worthy edition to the Jefferson series and I shall certainly be looking forward to the next book in this highly addictive crime series.

Emma says

4.5 stars

This series has taken a big step forward with this instalment. Like Robert Hunter in the Chris Carter series, Jackson Winter is a bit of a bloody know it all. Both characters seem all surface; intelligent and effective at catching serial killers, but just a bit too perfect to be real. James Carol has changed that for his creation, this is the first book i've seen and felt Winter as a real person. Still damn good, but human. Of course, that doesn't mean he's lost his deductive reasoning or ability to inhabit the killers he comes across, but it makes the interactions he has with others that much more authentic. The character uses real evidence and the insight of others as well as himself to make progress and there are some excellent moments of behaviour manipulation (of a particularly awful reporter) that made me cheer out loud. Add all that to a plot that comes to murder from a different direction and it makes this book well worth your time.

Sarah says

The Quiet Man is the fourth book in the Jefferson Winter's series. I don't think it is essential to have read the others in the series but I think you will kick yourself for missing out on some great reads if you don't go back and read them.

Jefferson is such an interesting character, his father was a serial killer and he has spent his adult life as a profiler catching criminals. Both of which is something that fascinates me. It's incredible that from a crime scene that someone can give the police an idea of who they want to be looking out for. It really does make for some thrilling reading.

The way the killer kills their victims is something I haven't come across before which made it stand out even more. The fact that they know when the killer is going to strike you would think makes Jefferson's job that bit easier, but it doesn't. It becomes very much a race against time whilst the clock is ticking.

The Quiet Man is another great book in a fast paced and thrilling crime series. If you want something a little bit different to your detective books then I highly recommend this series. You won't be disappointed.

Julie says

The Quiet Man- Jefferson Winter # 4- by James Carol is a 2017 Faber & Faber publication.

Solid thriller- but a little too restrained.

This set-up is unique- a serial killer's modus operandi involves attaching an explosive device to his victims, then rigs it to go off when someone, preferably a loved one, opens the door. Therefore, technically speaking, the person opening the door is the killer. Yikes!

The killer repeats this scenario on an annual basis, always on the same day of the year. But, this year, Winter is determined to find the killer before he strikes again.

This means involving the previous victim's families, one of which was a prime suspect, and still could be. But, the millionaire husband of the first victim seems every bit as obsessed with the case as Winter.

Winter exercises his unique profiling techniques, while teaming up with a private detective, Laura Anderton, whose knowledge of this highly disturbing and chilling case, along with her experience with the rank and file within the local PD, helps him navigate through a few roadblocks.

This crime thriller has a lot going for it. It's gripping and intense, featuring a cunning and diabolical serial killer, along with a smart, cerebral plot. While this is fantastic on the suspense-thriller side of things, I felt a disconnect between all the characters- including the killer, and by extension, a disconnect with me.

Winter didn't win me over completely, as I found him manipulative, and a bit overconfident. I do enjoy SOME emotion in my books, no matter which genre, and that includes thrillers- but sadly, I found there was little chemistry between the characters, most of which were one dimensional, showing little or no fervor, with a glaring absence of compassion for the victims and their families.

Other than the story having a sterile feel to it, the plot was clever and unpredictable, with plenty of psychological aspects that gave my brain a nice workout.

I didn't realize this was book four in a series when I picked it up, but it didn't lessen my enjoyment of the book, at all. However, I did wonder if I was missing some key information about Winter that would explain the significance of his 'zoning' out, or perhaps some background about his past that would explain his personality, but other than that, this book can easily be read as a stand-alone.

Despite my issues with the characterizations, I still felt this was a solid thriller and worth the time it took to read it. I'm a little conflicted about how to rate this one- but have decided to go with a 3.5, but will round down in this case.

Wilde Sky says

An ex-FBI profiler hunts a serial killer.

I really enjoyed this book in terms of story, but in a couple of places there were too many plot co-incidences and the pace of the book was pretty slow.

BookwormCatLady says

I'm a big fan of James Carol's Jefferson Winter series and am always on the lookout for the next one (This is the 4th in the series). However for some reason I didn't feel this book hit the same standard as the rest but I'm unsure what it was I felt was lacking, although this certainly does not mean that I will be avoiding further books in the series - Jefferson Winter gets under my skin!

Although this is the 4th installment of a series it could be read as a standalone as there is a fair amount of Jefferson's unusual & complicated back-story to fill in some blanks.

Thanks to Faber & Faber for allowing me to read this ARC in exchange for an honest review
