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A prominent surgeon accused of murder and terrorism...

A corrupt healthcare administrator hell-bent on bloody revenge...

A mysterious seductress whose secrets could free the doctor and kill thousands...

A terrorist cell with missiles aimed at a leading hospital in America's Bible Belt...

Not for Profit takes you on an action-packed thrill ride that will have you questioning suspects, motives, and outcomes until the very last page.

Renowned plastic surgeon Dr. Scott James is charged with murder after two bodies are found at his surgery center. Just weeks before the start of his capital murder trial, Dr. James is approached by a beautiful woman claiming she can help him gain information that would prove his innocence.

As James hunts down the evidence that might free him, he faces a barrage of threats to his life and liberty-- and makes one chilling discovery after another: Corporate corruption. A conspiracy to frame him for murder and for terrorist acts. A secret drone-control operation that takes out targets in Afghanistan and Pakistan. The true identity and intent of his beautiful ally. And a plot to blow up the local hospital and surrounding community.

Not For Profit Details

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Becca says

I have to firstly get out that I was not sure if I was really going to like the book from the beginning. It starts with one story and then goes back into time with a totally different genre of story. I did have to reread some of the chapters while I was getting into the story to make sense about what was going on in the story. The author does hop around a lot and the imagery of the orchids kind of threw me a little bit throughout the story line. I still am kind of confused about where they fit in with the story line of a mystery and crime drama. Even though the stories did jump around a little bit, the imagery did everything justice. I felt like I was part of everything from the baby to Alpha Charlie.

I am a crime drama and mystery type of girl so the gore that the author included with some of the scenes did not really bother me, but the scenes may bother some readers that are not used to it. The fact that the author was an M.D. was apparent throughout the novel with how much detail was given to the scenes with the medical procedures. The twist that came with the bombing of the hospital really tugged at my heart strings. Keyes was then a character to me that was heartless and selfish. As long as nothing was going to happen to her, then the show could go on as planned. The plot was one that took great planning and effort on the author's part to make the scenes so real. Even though this novel states that there is adult content, I did not think that it was anymore than others that claim the same thing and actually a little less than those that have made the best sellers list without a hitch or second thought. I actually thought that those scenes made the reader take their mind off of all the crime and drama.

If you are a reader that does not like murder scenes to go into super detail then this is the crime drama for you. It was definitely not as graphic as the author could have gone with the scenes considering his medical background. Overall, once you get through the bouncing between story lines at the beginning of the novel, the story meshes together amazingly and had me hooked to the end wanting to know what was going to happen next. I would recommend this book with a FOUR star rating as a thrilling and captivating crime drama/mystery. I look forward to seeing what other works this author has in store for us.

I received this book to review through Beck Valley Books Book Tours, all the opinions above are 100% my own.

Wanda says

Wow-what an imagination this author has! The story is well written with meticulous detail.

Dr. Scott James is charged with two counts of murder in the deaths of Willie Wilson, a security guard, and Dr. Carey, an anesthesiologist. He is also charged with one count of attempted murder on Ethel Keyes. The odds were not in his favor. His wife, Alicia, didn't even believe him. He was facing the loss of his family and the loss of his medical license. Innocent or guilty, it looked like Dr. James was going away for a long time. Soon his humiliation and grief put him in a deep depression as he struggles to overcome a myriad of obstacles.

Ethel Keyes is the medical office manager for Dr. James and undergoes cosmetic surgery, done by Dr. James. Ethel, my favorite character, has a multi dimensional personality who shows compassion for Dr. James. It took me until the end to figure out what Ethel Keyes was all about.

Other interesting characters:

Alpha Charlie is a CIA hired civilian contractor. His mission is to control pilotless aircraft and destroy enemy targets. Charlie wanted to eliminate Ben Garza, the terrorist. He had been waiting a lifetime for this opportunity. Al-Queda leader Muhammed Ben Garza was responsible for suicide bombings in different areas and had connections to the World Trade Center attack.

Detective Harris is in charge of the murder investigation. He is very tough on Dr. James, but he soon changes his way of thinking. Why?

Herb Waters is a hospital administrator and a very complex character. Is he really who he appears to be?

Omar Farok was a thirty five year old Prince from the Sudan who traveled around the world sponsoring terrorism.

And - a positive comment - I must say, I found the blurbs done on the orchids to be quite interesting.

A few negative comments: The middle section of the book I trudged through, losing interest for awhile, and some parts of the storyline felt disjointed. There were sexual scenes that I felt didn't add to the storyline - adult reading only, for sure! I also found some of the torturous scenes very disturbing.

If you enjoy a terrifying and intense book, horrific crimes and torturous acts with overtly sexual themes, this book is a good read. It just wasn't for me - not my genre. I wavered between 3 and 4 stars, giving it 3.5.

I received a complimentary copy from Mystery House Publishing and the author for an honest review of this book. The opinions shared in this review are solely my responsibility.

Sharon says

I was given an electronic copy by Mystery House and NetGalley, in exchange for an honest review.

The beginning of this book is so absurd, with main character Dr. Scott James being accused of multiple crimes. I find it difficult to believe that a respected member of society would be charged for a crime with circumstantial evidence pointing in his direction. It would have been easy for the police to check his alibi for Dr. Carey's stabbing, as Dr. James was on the phone with his wife at the time. It would have been easy for the police to check his hands and clothing for gunshot residue, which would have cleared him for Office Wilson's shooting. With this, and other plot lines running concurrently, it was difficult to follow any of the stories. Adding terrorism and civilian contractors into the mix muddled the book with too many ideas. I found the conversations between characters to be stilted and forced, with a plot that was all over the place. With some editing, this book has the promise to be a good mystery/thriller.

Maggie Fout says

Author Glenn Shepard MD uses his extensive medical knowledge and literary genius to spin a tale of deep intrigue. In his story Not For Profit we are introduced to Dr. Scott James an amazingly skilled plastic surgeon, whom is lovingly obsessed with his orchids. James is professional yet nurturing in personality and

is highly respected.

Alternatively we are also shown an immeasurably accurate drone operator working on contract for the U.S. Government half a world away in Afghanistan. He is only known as Alpha Charlie. Charlie uses drones to hunt down and destroy terrorists.

Now that seems like that would be enough.. but no Mr. Shepard throws us a curve ball. He adds a cast of terrorists. They are planning some sort of attack, but who knows what! The terrorists lay low in a small town sending out secret correspondences and readying themselves for their next move.

Mr. Shepard weaves a plot exceedingly cloaked in mystery. He shows the reader glimpses of three intricate, seemingly unrelated story lines. Although the jumping back and forth was a bit difficult to follow the winding, twisted path towards a shocking outcome was well worth it!!!!

**** Note****

This book contains adult content, sex and violence

Shannon McGee says

Our main character Dr. Scott James, a plastic surgeon, finds out after a minor surgery on his secretary that murder is afoot and not just one. The police and his wife believe he is the murderer as he was the only one there. He hides and searches for answers on who is framing him. Through this hunt he is going to find out what is going on and that terrorism ties into it all.

I do not read thrillers often. That being said, this one did keep me interested for a while. I did like the thought of the main character Dr. Scott James falling for Elizabeth especially after his wife immediately believe the worse in her husband once second after hearing about it. What A B.I.T.C.H.! It is funny but even though she was a background character I think I hated the wife the most.

The thought that everyone was blaming the doctor for every murder that kept happening seemed far fetched. The police barely did any investigating once they got to the scene and then would start barking at Dr. James that he did it. I had to go back and reread chapters because sometimes I did not realize I was reading another person or what they had to do with the story I was already processing.

Sometimes the book was too over the place other time there was just enough thrill to keep me reading. Would I read another from this series? My answer would be maybe. It was not bad it was not great. It was just a typical thriller.

Julie says

Brilliant ... Could not highly recommend the book enough well worth the five stars I am giving it.

Amanda says

This book has a great story. It starts out quickly with a murder. It gives no immediate clue who did it or why, which I love. I don't mind knowing who the murderer is in a book at times, but the best ones are often the

ones where you are as clueless as the people trying to figure it out in the story. This book does that very well. I enjoyed that there was more to the story line than just the murder. Terrorists, military, and the Dr. being framed, all go hand in hand to make this a thrilling book.

The reason I only gave this story four stars is that I just couldn't lose myself entirely into the book. I don't know exactly what the issue was. The writing is good, the characters are believable, and the story line is engaging, but I kept finding myself not completely lost in the story. Maybe I was just having one of my off days.

I recommend this book for any adult reader that likes a good thriller or murder mystery. This contains graphic scenes of violence as well as many graphic sex scenes.

Disclaimer: I received a free copy for review. Regardless, all opinions are my own and were in no way influenced. I was not required to write a positive review.

Christy says

I really liked the book, but felt at times I had to reread certain chapters as we hopped around a lot i felt in the whole idea and story line. I liked the imagery of the characters from Scott to Alpha Charlie and felt they were well defined and pictured.

I am not a blood, guts and gore book reader therefore I was kind of off set by the murders and decapitations that were prevalent and in great detail. It was not overly sexualized yet for some readers it may cause some uneasiness as certain scenes are very visual.

The idea of him and his Orchids were kind of off the wall and bizarre to focus on throughout the entire book, I mean the details were great for Orchids but belong in a botany book not a crime, drama,mystery. After the first few chapters I did stop reading about the orchids because really it was just not something that interested me. I read to enjoy my quiet time not learn a lesson on flowers I do not own.

The idea of the author being an M.D was very pronounced as it was in great detail he could create a picture in your head of the actual medical procedure and the great lengths he went to explain his twists and turns. Would I recommend the book? Yes, to someone who enjoys a good thrill ride. I love to read and would more than likely be interested in other books by this offer, as his first and third characters did not really bother my perception to much. He does need to stop using his !!!!!!!!! that does kind of get to the reader, as we understand a point is being made.

Overall I felt it was a good read**I did receive this book for review from the author in exchange for an honest review**

Leila says

Wow. I finished this book in a day and a half. I could not put it down.

I have to say, it was quite confusing. For most of the book, I really didn't know who was who (with the exception of maybe four people – Harris, James, Keyes, and Waters. Oh, and Alpha Charlie. Outside of that, I really didn't know who was who or what was really going on. But I could not put the book down regardless.

There were many different stories within the story. You follow many different scenarios, people, groups, schemes. It was hard to keep track of it all. But again, I just couldn't put it down regardless of my frustration to keep everyone and everything straight.

I had to know what was what, who was who. It drove me to keep reading.

The suspense kept pushing me forward.

I will also admit, I had been warned of adult content, but some of the content was vulgar. There were a handful of "adult content" areas in the book, I'd say one, possibly two parts were vulgar.

The book was also violent and descriptive. If you are not a fan of violence (with descriptive words that bring to life the imagery) I would not recommend this book.

I personally thoroughly enjoyed reading this book. Although it was very confusing, it all cleared itself up in the end (as I figured it would).

If you enjoy suspense and action, I would recommend this read.

Sharon Martin says

A interesting story encompassing two causes which are drawn together in very strange circumstances.

The author uses his experiences to write a thriller which keeps the reader involved on every page .The use of the language and short paragraphs detailing the main characters movements make it a very easy read to follow and enjoy.

You become involved in the story and feel the emotions that our hero is suffering and have to admire his courage and bravery in the fight to prove his innocence and to restore his reputation .

In every book I read I try and find or see a message or point of view the writer is trying to make. In this book I think the message is do we know who is really protecting or looking after us? Also where does the real threat to our life's come from?.

A renown doctor is accused of murder and at the same time a terrorist group are threatening to attack. In the course of proving his innocence his investigation and leads draw the two together.

Overall an exciting page turning thriller with up to date threats which could happen or effect anyone . The author has used his knowledge in both the medical and the army profession to produce a noteworthy story which will be enjoyed by many.

It was a pleasure to be asked to review this novel and I wish the author all the best for future publications, and hope to be on his mailing list.

A.B. Shepherd says

I was given a copy of this ebook in exchange for a fair and honest review.

I have a confession to make. I am guilty of a grievous sin. When Glenn Shepard approached me and asked me to read this fiction novel, I did not investigate it fully.

He told me it was "a new medical thriller about a surgeon who gets framed for murder, and who has to vindicate himself in order to halt a deadly terrorist plot. If you like compelling, action-filled thrillers, then I think you will love this book" and I accepted it solely based on that description. I really should have gone a step further and read the blurb.

Not for Profit is everything that Glenn said it would be, but it is also more.

The blurb does better justice to this very complicated and action-packed story. There is terrorism, many murders, lots of bad guys and you are never quite sure who to trust. It is very well written and the plot is complex, yet believable. (There is some pretty graphic violence and a bit of graphic sex - just a disclaimer in case that kind of thing bothers you.)

The problem is, I don't really like stories about covert military ops, terrorist cells, espionage and the whole shabang. I do love murder mysteries and there was certainly a lot of murder and quite a bit of mystery. If this type of story were my thing I would be screaming this book's praise, because it really is good.

But this book is not really my thing, and while I can appreciate the book's potential for greatness I can't say I loved it. If you love action packed stories of terrorism, espionage, AND you kind of like orchids (did I not mention the orchids?), you really WILL love Not for Profit. I liked it. I just didn't love it.

Tina says

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Title: Not for Profit

Author: Glenn Shepard

Genre: Thriller/mystery

Review

Not for Profit, written by Glenn Shepard, is part thriller, part mystery and a lot of heart pounding action. This novel is very engaging and kept me on my toes the whole time. The characters were very dynamic and it was interesting to read the story from both the protagonist and the antagonist's point of view.

The main character is a plastic surgeon named Scott. Scott is a very talented surgeon with an affinity for orchids (something that often crops up in the novel). He has a good heart and always puts the care of his patients before earning a profit. Herb Waters, his former classmate and teammate from high school football, is a different story. All Waters is interested in is making money and he will do anything to get it—including

“borrowing” money from the community hospital.

Scott and Waters haven’t been in touch for several years, even though they both work in the medical field in the same town. Waters is the head of the local hospital he has been taking advantage of; Scott runs his own private clinic. The two men rarely—if ever—cross paths. However, Scott begins to see a lot more of Waters than he would like when Scott is accused of two murders and Waters is urging the mayor and detective Harris to arrest Scott even though Scott is innocent.

Now, add a mysterious person called Alpha Charlie, a woman named Keyes who is more than she seems, the CIA and a terrorist group and you have a plot/mystery with so many twists and turns you just might get lost in

it. As I mentioned before, the book was told from more than one perspective; actually, it was told from many points of views. As I might have mentioned before, I start to get a bit confused if a book I’m reading is told from more than 4 characters’ POV. And although Not for Profit was definitely told from more than 4 POVs, it wasn’t too confusing for me. I think it was because about 50-70% of the book was told from Scott’s point of view.

However, one thing that I think should be noted is that the novel switches from 1st to 3rd person limited and 3rd person omniscient. That didn’t bother me as much as I thought it would, since I usually like consistency in the books I read.

The last third of the novel was very jam packed with action. The chapters were quick and kept the plot moving at a rapid pace. The chapters were divided into smaller sections that tells readers when the POV is going to switch since some chapters are told from multiple POVs.

I would recommend this book to anyone who enjoys a fast paced mystery and thriller, particularly if you like trying to solve the novel’s mystery as clues are presented as you read.

Likes:

- *I really liked Scott’s character

- *who Alpha

Charlie was (you’ll get this once you read the book—Alpha Charlie is one sneaky guy)

Dislikes:

- *Stating the obvious a lot of times (ie. I could hear the wheels spinning in the mud. It was stuck!)

- *too much exclamation

points...I don’t know why it bothers me but it does

Mary Bearden says

I wasn't so sure when I first started reading the book if I was going to like it or not but the more I read, the more I got into the story. It does take a little while for it to kick in but once it does, Dr. James runs with the

ball and the action never lets up all the way until the end.

I wasn't too crazy about the weird Herb Waters and his wife's sex scenes, but for whatever reason, I guess they played a role in the book. The only thing that made me a little skittish was that Keyes was helping terrorists who planned on bombing a whole hospital of innocent people just to get at one person and she seemed to not have any care as long as she didn't die.

And I was very surprised that Dr. James still stayed with her and still had sex with her. That was the only thing that didn't set well with me. I know men are men and sex is everything but really? With a terrorist? I know in the end she turned out okay but during the bulk of the book, he didn't know one way or the other which way she would land. So, that was a little unnerving but maybe that was the point. Maybe they wanted us to discuss that and get the conversation going, but hopefully, next time, let's not sleep with the enemy.

There are quite a few people who get killed during this story but they don't go into too much detail so you won't have to read graphic details. I was sorry to see that they killed off the good guy detective, though along with the good cop who liked Dr. James at his practice. Sigh, I wish he could have kept at least one of them as his friend. But definitely glad he got rid of his wife!

Otherwise, it was an action packed crime/thriller book that will keep you glued to the story and finishing it to the end just so you can safely say all is well.

Charli says

****I received a copy of this book free from NetGalley in exchange for my honest review. All opinions expressed are 100% my own.**

I have to say, this book was definitely fast paced and very hard to put down. I ended up not going to sleep because I couldn't bear to put the book down and go to sleep. I had to know what was coming next.

I was intrigued about the title of the book, expecting more of a military-type novel than what it actually was. I certainly wasn't expecting a plastic surgeon accused of murder to figure out a terrorist attack, so it was a pretty interesting read.

I longed for a bit more information on Elizabeth Keyes and on Dr. Scott James's wife Alicia - I'd love to know what made her such a cold-hearted person toward her husband. Other than that, the characters that needed a lot of development had it, even if you didn't get to see it right away.

All in all, the book was very well written and I can't wait to read more of the Dr. Scott James thrillers!

Tracy Terry says

Oh no! One of those books that reinforce my dislike of the star rating system and I find myself in such a dilemma reviewing. Do I give it a four star rating for being a fast paced, intelligent novel that combines the medical with the military (not to mention orchids)? OR do I rate it three out of five because, peppered with a

tad too much physical violence and worse still, sexual violence, it wasn't altogether to my taste?

Star ratings aside.

A novel that certainly lives up to the claims on the back cover. 'An action-packed thrill ride that will have you questioning suspects, motives and outcomes until the very last page'? Yes, Not For Profit was all of this and more.

As a very much up-to-date, suspense-filled thriller this is a read that has it all - terrorism, politics, more technology (drones included) than you can shake a stick at, and male and female characters that are on an equal footing in all ways. And yes, the orchids.

Such an original addition, I found the occasional tracts devoted to the history and care of main character, Dr James, beloved orchids a welcome (and fascinating) relief from the violence which though realistic rather than gratuitous I still struggled with.

Definitely for adult readers only. Essentially a good read but one I suspect may well appeal more to men.

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