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Fast, furious, and flirty, Lynette Eason's relentless suspense barely gives her readers time to catch their breath in this third thrilling installment of the Elite Guardians series.

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Kav says

No!

Nooooo!

Seriously? NO!!!!!!

That was me intermittently throughout the whole read. Mercy, my heart can't take these creepy, sinister suspense novels. Some of the time I was yelling at the characters and some of the time I was chiding myself and occasionally I was fuming at the author. Oh yeah...big time. Gah! She made it right in the end but still. I think this story shaved ten years off my life!

The kind of novel that keeps you nervously checking over your shoulder days later. A truly twisted, evil mastermind brings a new level to the meaning of stalking. Edge-of-your seat from start to finish. A sense of urgency. A muddied trail of clues. The shadow of danger lurking on every page. Cue dark organ music and make sure you have replacement bulbs for your night lights!

As always, Eason expertly weaves romance and suspense in equal measures which thrills me no end. Love the fact that Maddy and Quinn have a history as friends...with the hope of something more. But both have personal issues that prevent them from acting on those deeper feelings.

This is the third book in the Elite Guardian series but it reads great as a standalone. I'm a fan of the series so I enjoyed the 'page time' previous heroines and heroes received in this one. Love the continuity of the bodyguard angle. And there's a delicious teaser from book four which has an Irish connection. Woot!!!! Chasing Secrets will be out this summer.

Dawn says

Maddy McKay and Quinn Holcombe didn't show up for Quinn's surprise birthday party, despite Maddy assuring their friends that they would be there. Their friends know something's wrong, and when neither of them can be reached, their friends are really concerned. But the question is - where are they? Maddy awoke to find herself in a cement room with no knowledge of how she got there. Her one consolation is that Quinn is with her. Soon this pair must use all of their wits to try to survive a cat and mouse game where they are the bait and a serial killer is the hunter. Because if they fail, they die.

I've enjoyed each of the books in this series. This one was no exception. I loved getting to know Maddy and Quinn more. In some ways this book felt like a cross between the Hunger Games and Survivor. This was a very fast read for me. It's been one of the few books this year that I really couldn't put down. The action kept me guessing and I ended up really enjoying the book.

I received a copy from the publisher for free as part of the Revell Reads blog program. I was not required to like the book, only give my honest opinion.

Recommended to fans of Irene Hannon, Lynette Eason, Dee Henderson

Rating - 4 stars

Toni Shiloh says

Y'all, Moving Target has the best, explosive opening I have read in a suspense book in a long time. I mean seriously. I had to take a moment, pause, breathe, and get my heart rate under control before resuming. And this is a BOOK!!!

Ms. Eason upped the ante with Maddy and Quinn's story, the third book in the Elite Guardians series. I mean seriously! I cannot express enough how awesome this book was. The whodunnit threw me completely! Every time I was sure I knew who the killer was, a twist would arrive. I LOVE THAT!!

And the romance! *Sigh* Maddy is my hero. That girl knows her heart and knows her man. You would think it would make for a dull combination, but not so. I couldn't help but smile during the romantic scenes between the two.

* Read full review at: <http://tonishiloh.weebly.com/blog/rev...>

**I received a free copy from the publisher. This review is my own, honest opinion.

Laura says

MOVING TARGET is a page-turning suspense that will keep you glued to the pages while the hero and heroine run for their lives. I told my fifteen year old daughter that I realize we live in a fallen world and "there is nothing new under the sun" but it absolutely terrifies me that something such as written about in this book could actually happen -- and did happen in the author's mind as she wrote the story. My daughter responded with "I think all suspense authors are scary." Hmm. Maybe. Maybe not. I don't know any in real life.

Whether Ms. Eason is scary or not isn't what is in question though. It's this story. And for the screamish, it'd probably be best to throw the book down and run screaming in the opposite direction. There are dead bodies everywhere. And more terror than you can imagine. For the not screamish, prepare to get no sleep until you finish this book because you just can't put it down.

The faith message is very solidly worked through the entire book, in both the characters' private lives and in the suspense. I felt sorry for Quinn but I didn't actually like him and he and Maddy argue almost constantly so I'm kind of wondering how well a relationship between them will work out.

The suspense itself keeps you guessing pretty much. I did sort of figure it out when something was mentioned early on in the book, but I didn't completely figure it out. Then the whole thing seemed to end too

soon, and the characters are like "we're safe" and I'm like no you aren't, there's too many pages left... and then unbelievably the heroine does something totally INSANE and that of course is the real black moment when all will be revealed.

Not my favorite Lynette Eason book but a still a page-turner.

This is book three in the series, but it stands alone. Still, fans will want to read Always Watching, Chasing Secrets, and Without Warning

I got a copy off Netgalley. All opinions are my own.

Alyssa says

Oh my gosh the cover is amazing!!

Lindsey (Books for Christian Girls) says

About this book:

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Series: Book #3 in "Elite Guardians" series. Review of Book #1 review [Here!](#) and Book #2 [Here!](#)

Spiritual Content- Scriptures are quoted, read & thought on (and twisted by the killer); Prayers; Going to a chapel; A bit of witnessing to Quinn; Talks about God, believing & getting right with Him; 'H's are not capital when referring to God; Maddy has a faith, but Quinn does not; Quinn doesn't understand why God would allow pain and suffering to happen & is still mad at Him; *Spoiler* (view spoiler)*End of Spoiler*; Mentions of God, His plans & faiths; Mentions of peace & wanting peace; Mentions of prayers & praying; Mentions of faiths; Mentions of biblical numerology, those in the Bible & events in the Bible; A few mentions of Bible reading; A few mentions of a priest; A few mentions of a fire-and-brimstone preacher; A

few mentions of Judgement Day (from the madman); A couple mentions of church going; A couple mentions of mission work & a missionary; A couple mentions of divine perfection; A couple mentions of sin; A mention of a hymn; A mention of a miracle; A mention of a religious fanatic; A mention of spiritual perfection;

*Note: The madman thinks he is God's chosen one to ensure justice and vengeance (twisting Scriptures) and has a very twisted sense of religion; A mention of helping someone have peace in the afterlife.

Negative Content- Minor cussing including: a 'darn', two 'shoot's, two 'stupid's, three 'dumb's, and three 'idiot's; Sarcasm & Eye rolling; A couple mentions of curses (said, not written); Pain, screams, being drugged, being kidnapped & passing out (semi-detailed to detailed); Threats, fighting, attackers, shooting and killing someone, kicking/fight dogs, blood/bleeding, being shot, injuries & fevers (semi-detailed to detailed); Watching a couple of recordings of deaths (up to semi-detailed); Finding a bleeding body (thought to be suicide, up to semi-detailed); Being held at gunpoint, knife point & crossbow point (?); Bombs, knifes, Crossbows & crossbow bolts (up to semi-detailed); Bombs at a school, children are put in danger & smoke (the killer is willing that a few children die to get his end goal, up to semi-detailed); Throwing up; All about a serial killer (who says he's a hunter), people disappearing (his victims), his game with the victims having a high possibility of dying (semi-detailed), his dead victims, chasing him & running away from him; The thought/plans to kill evil people or bring vengeance to others; We see the Killer's point of view (including a couple times when he wanted to kill someone, but didn't, and later suffocating another); Many mentions of dying, the possibility of dying, slow painful deaths, cheating death, those who should've been dead, killing innocents & bodies (barely-above-not-detailed); Many mentions of Quinn's sister's suicide that others think was a hunting accident & Quinn finding her (up to semi-detailed); Mentions of brutal serial killers, their dismembered/mutilated victims & the bodies being burned or delivered to the families (barely-above-not-detailed); Mentions of serial killers finding pleasure in killing their victims; Mentions of killers, a slit throat, being left to die, injuries & broken bones (up to semi-detailed); Mentions of the smell of death, bodies decomposing in a mass grave & those victims and how they died (barely-above-not-detailed); Mentions of an ambush, a sting to rescue trafficked illegals and arrest the perpetrators, & the agents' deaths (barely-above-not-detailed); Mentions of coming upon what looks like to be another suicide (up to semi-detailed); Mentions of crossbows, being shot at, pain & blood/bleeding (semi-detailed); Mentions of a drop-off with spears & the pain it could've caused (up to semi-detailed); Mentions of hurting a dog (though he didn't want to) & trying to help it later (up to semi-detailed); Mentions of a hit-and-run, a girl being hit on her bike & her injuries (barely-above-not-detailed); Mentions of threats & threats of killing; Mentions of hatred; Mentions of being drugged, poisons & poisonous gas; Mentions of traitors; Mentions of embezzlement, arresting someone, an attempted murder & car accident; Mentions of drinking, drinks, alcohol, a bar & (not) being drunk; Mentions of hunting & shooting animals; Mentions of lies & lying; Mentions of nightmares; Mentions of inflections of wounds & fevers; Mentions of throwing up (barely-above-not-detailed); A few mentions of punching someone; A few mentions of a divorce; A couple mentions of a terrorist; A couple mentions of a mafia case; A couple mentions of someone killed in a car wreck; A couple mentions of prisons; A couple mentions of stealing; A couple mentions of jealousy; A mention of a serial killer killed in a prison riot; A mention of a mugging;

*Note: A mention of *GQ* magazine.

Sexual Content- two almost kisses, a cheek kiss, an ear kiss, three head/forehead kisses, two barely-above-not-detailed kisses, two semi-detailed kisses, and a detailed kiss; Touches, Nearness, Smelling, Embraces & Warmth/Heat (up to semi-detailed); Mentions of a cheating spouse, an affair & her unfaithfulness; Mentions of a kiss & kissing (barely-above-not-detailed); Mentions of noticing a couple of men's muscles; A couple mentions of pictures of a woman with a lot of men (nothing too suggestive, but some could be questionable);

A couple mentions of helping someone of the opposite gender shower that could be taken the wrong way; A mention of a serial killer raping & then killing his victims; A mention of sexual assault; Love, falling in love, & the emotions.

-Maddy McKay

-Quinn Holcombe

P.O.V. of switches between them, Olivia (2x), Bobby (1x), & The Killer (7x)

318 pages

Pre Teens- One Star

New Teens- One Star

Early High School Teens- One Star (and a half)

Older High School Teens- Two Stars (and a half)

My personal Rating- Three Stars

{Add ½ a star for older girls interested in law enforcement}

I had a feeling this one would be creepier than the first two, and in a lot of ways it was. I honestly can't recommend it for anyone who doesn't like insanely suspenseful or serial killer chasing the main characters kind of books. It's definitely both. I admit, there were some times I thought "Eww, gore" or "Did I really need to know that?" (because my imagination is *quite* active, y'all) and did lower ratings for those parts. The whole plot wasn't a walk in the park, though. It's all about a sociopathic serial killer trying to get revenge (in justice, in his eyes, more on that below) on Maddy & Quinn. There were some parts I didn't see coming, but the majority of the time, I had an inkling what was going to happen next.

I'm not a fan of books that even mention twisting Scriptures. That's not okay to me. This one was different, however, in the fact you kind of figure out the killer is a madman and you really don't take him at his word. There was quite a bit of Spiritual Content (and not just from the twisted killer's POV), which was nice and seemed realistic. I really liked Maddy and Quinn, and do plan on read the fourth and final book in this series when it comes out. But, this series really isn't for those who don't like suspenseful reads or books with serial killers—and nothing is wrong with that, I definitely didn't when I was younger, but have become highly interested in Criminal Justice, so that's why I have read (and mostly enjoyed) this series. ;)

(If you found this review helpful, please give it a like!)

Link to review:

<https://booksforchristiangirls.blogspot.com>

*BFCG may (Read the review to see) recommend this book by this author. It does not mean I recommend all the books by this author.

Hannah says

Oh, wow, did this book ever freak me out!! The MCs get kidnapped from the heroine's South Carolina home and taken to an island off the Florida coast to be hunted like wildlife!!

I kept being sure something horrid was going to happen to them, as they passed booby traps and pits of spears and ran past arrows being shot...at first this novel is strict thriller. Even when we get to more

procedural stuff, you know something terrible is waiting to pounce on them...well, I couldn't put it down. I had my suspects and I stuck to them from the moment I met them, and in the end one of them was the right guy. But it was SSSOOOOO creepy that I had to finish it past bedtime, and then left a nightlight on to keep from dreaming about it!

One of Eason's best books.

Caitlyn Santi says

5 Stars!

Lynette Eason is one of my all time favorite authors, her new releases are always on my list of books that I most look forward to reading! Moving Target reaffirms yet again why Lynette is one of my favorite authors. Quinn and Maddy's relationship has been slowly building since book one of the series and I have been rooting for them since the start, so needless to say I was really excited to see them get their happily ever after! I was most definitely not disappointed with Moving Target, it was soooo good! Even though I have read every single one of Lynette's books I am always blown away by her talented writing as well as her ability to keep things fresh and new. I was very impressed by the complexity of both Maddy and Quinn's back stories, up until this book we have known very little about Maddy or Quinn and as I learned their stories my heart really went out to both of them. I can always count on Lynette's books to have a great faith story and the faith thread in Moving Target was woven into the story beautifully, I loved seeing both Maddy and Quinn come to rely further on God!

I loved the suspense in this book, so much of it was unlike anything I've ever read before!

I usually end up binge reading Lynette's books in 24 to 48 hours but this one took me several days to read mainly because I was busy and in a bit of a reading slump but I am really glad that it worked out that way because I got to appreciate and really savor the awesomeness of this book perhaps more so than if I had speed read it!

Overall, I loved Moving Target and highly recommend it as well as books one and two of the Elite Guardians series, I cannot wait for the release of Haley's book later this year, as well as anything and everything else that Lynette Eason writes!

I received a copy of this book from the author and publisher to help promote it. No review was required. All thoughts and opinions are one hundred percent my own.

Aerykah says

Wow. Just.... wow.

I'm the type of person who has trouble reading suspense books before bed. They don't give me nightmares,

but... if I don't finish the book before going to sleep, my mind has a hard time shutting down & I'll end up spending half the night subconsciously turning the story over & over trying to figure out how it'll end instead of getting the rest I need. This is the kind of book that I wanted-- no, *needed*-- to sit down and read all the way through without stopping. If only I could have done that... Because often, the only time I get to read is right before going to bed and this book is one of those that just sat on my brain until every last detail was revealed. On the positive side of that, I ended up figuring out part of the solution in my sleep. haha! ;P

This book is just as fast-paced and intense... just as interesting, and well-written, and enjoyable... as the previous books. However, this one somehow goes beyond what I usually read, I think. There were some pretty heavy topics ((view spoiler)).

I cried. I'm okay with admitting that. She definitely made me cry more than once. But she also made me grin and laugh.

Maddy & Quinn both have such difficult pasts that they need to come to terms with so they can move on. And making their way through this serial killer's plans for them forces them to face their pasts and reveal their struggles. The entire book is one battle after another-- some physical, others not so much. And learning to lean on and trust God plays an important part in it all. I love how Maddy asks Quinn how his relationship is with God. She loves him and wants a life with him, but she's concerned about his spiritual condition & that's where her love for him really shines through, I think.

I did pretty much figure out who the culprit was (in my sleep, as you may recall), but that still didn't detract from the suspense of wondering how they were going to piece everything together and what might happen in the meantime!

I loved this book. I really did. And after three such great books, I really cannot wait to get my hands on the fourth book!! There's a preview for it in the back of this book, but I refuse to read it. Why do they insist on tempting us like this?! I don't want a taste now if I'm gonna have to wait for a few months or more before I can have the whole meal! :P

I received a free copy of this book through the Revell Reads Blog Tour Program in exchange for an honest review. All opinions expressed are my own.

Sarah Grace says

Characters - 5 stars, amazing, I wuv dem so much, I want to wrap Quinn up and bubble wrap and keep him safe from his emotions and those mean people, and GAH!

Story\content - 3 stars, hmhm, ehhh.

I wanted to like this book a lot, because of the characters, but the story was a lot creepier than the other ones, which I didn't like.

Favorite character - Quinn. I don't know why, because he really isn't that likable of a guy, but I just loved

him! There's something about the irritable, sarcastic, smart detective that makes me like him even though he isn't that nice. (Cyril from London in the Dark, anyone?) I knew there was a lot of emotional baggage he was carrying around, which is perhaps why I was drawn to him. There were plenty of times I just wanted to wrap him up in bubble wrap and protect him from the world, and his inner accusatory voice. His story\character arc was phenomenal. Kudos, Eason! I also liked Maddy, although I felt that her character was a little underdeveloped. Which, I actually didn't mind so much, because Quinn's was therefore more prominent, which I was more interested in.

The storyline was fairly well done, although for my personal preferences and tastes, it was a little overmuch on the creepy side. People being kidnapped and brought to a tropical island to be hunted like animals? Umm . . . O:O Also, the whole premise of a serial killer is just super freaky to me. You could have basically ended the story in the first third, which I found odd\slightly annoying. The story had a lot of ebb and flow to it, which I wasn't totally partial to.

The ending was so sweet though! I absolutely loved it!

Recommended for ages 17-18+ for creepy stuff and content such as (view spoiler)

Katie says

I sat down, started reading this book and did not get up until I was finished with the book. Its been awhile since I've been this entrenched in a mystery. This series has been outstanding and I cannot wait for the final book!

Brittany says

Moving Target was a very chilling and suspenseful tale! The tension began early on in the novel, when Quinn and Maddy found themselves captives, forced to participate in a “survival game” with a madman.

This story is book three in the series, yet it can stand alone if you have not read the other books. However, if you have read books one and two, you will know that both Maddy and Quinn recovered from life-threatening wounds in the recent past and that they have feelings for each other.

Moving Target had many dangerous situations for these characters to overcome. There was also a good bit of detective work as Quinn and Maddy tried to determine who was behind their abduction. The romantic tension between these two was also quite good. Quinn, especially, had a lot he was struggling with from his past that he needed to deal with before he could look toward the future.

Moving Target is a nice addition to the Elite Guardians series and I definitely recommend it for fans of suspense.

I received a complimentary copy of this book. All opinions are my own.

You can read this review on my blog at:
<https://brittreadsfiction.wordpress.c...>

Donna (More Than a Review) says

Moving Target by Lynette Eason is book three in the Elite Guardians series. I read where Eason described the book as a cross between the Hunger Games and Survivor and I would agree with that description wholeheartedly. The tension in the beginning is full throttle.

In case you haven't been reading the series (which I would highly recommend), Quinn is a Detective and Maddy is a former FBI agent who is now a body guard. Quinn is working a serial killer case that he and Maddy end up being the focal point of. The Chosen One was one of the creepiest villains with his need to play games with his victims. The scenes on the island where they were kidnapped were described so well that you were holding your breath.

My one warning.... The excerpt for Chasing Secrets leaves you craving the rest of Haley's story.

Eason is one of my favorite writers and Moving Target definitely keeps her on that list with the perfect balance of romance and suspense. Well plotted novel that I enjoyed from start to finish.

Sexual content: kissing

Violence: several dead bodies, kidnapping, game of life and death on the island

I received this book from the publisher. I was not required to write a positive review.

You can see my full review at More Than a Review dot com where I rate the level of sex, violence, language and drug/alcohol use in books.

Melissa says

Moving Target is the 3rd book in the Elite Guardians series. The first two have been amazing and this one is no less awesome. The book grabbed me from the first pages and kept me devouring it to see how all the pieces fit. Maddy and Quinn were great characters with broken hearts from hurts in their past and it was a pleasure getting to know them and see those hurts healed. I loved the theme of God being able to take the anger and bitterness and make it something new. Now I eagerly look forward to Haley's story....August 2017 can't come soon enough!!

Emily says

Amazing writing, gripping plot, unforgettable characters....and very dark and intense. I can't not give it 5 stars, but let's just say that I've had my fill of this genre for awhile. I'm finishing Into Thin Air, and then it's all vanilla frosting for me for several books.
