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Devious Intention (A Gripping Psychological Thriller) (Intention Series Book 3)



Synopsis

The third book in the Intention series from M. A. Comley the New York Times and USA Today bestselling author of the Justice series. The stakes are high when a holiday turns tragic... When Louise Gillespie regains consciousness after a traffic accident, she learns that her husband and four-year-old daughter are missing. Her frantic search to find them is encumbered by her own brain trauma and the local sergeant in charge of investigation, who thinks she's crazy. Her luck finally changes when she bumps into PIs Ellen Brazil and Brian Lynx. Despite being on holiday themselves, they take on Louise's case. It's not long before Ellen and Brian discover the truth behind the family's sinister disappearance. What fans are saying about *Devious Intention*: "Oooh this book was deliciously fast paced and action packed. It was also very well plotted." - Top 500 reviewer. "Gripping read" - David Chesterfield "The story twists and turns, never quite going in the direction I had expected." - Top 1000 reviewer. "WOW....I've been left crying and to me that's one of the biggest compliments I can give to a book." - Michelle Baldwin "Devious Intention did not disappoint." - NY Times Bestselling author Linda S Prather "With a sprinkle of romance and humour in the mix, *Devious Intention* is another cracker by Mel Comley and I highly recommend it." - Relax and Read Reviews "I could not put it down." "I have been on a bit of a slow read recently but this book jolted my reading mojo into action." "If you only read one book this year make it this one." - Tom Elder "A belter of a read. Mel Comley just gets better and better" - Angela. "From page 1 you are catapulted into the story." - Jackie Roache "This is a fast-paced book and kept me enthralled enough to read it in one sitting." - MazLee "Fast paced with some interesting characters and well thought out storyline" - Craig Gillan "I particularly loved this book because the characters were likeable and believable, as was the plot." - Philippa McKenna "A well thought out thriller" - RJD "Although I have read and loved many of the brilliant Mel Comley's previous books, I think this one is one of my favourites so far" - Sue Kitt "Thank you M. A. Comley for keeping us up late at night. For shouting 'I knew it' in a quiet lobby full of people" - Diane Peoples "Each is better than the last" - Diane Walters "Devious Intention is a fast paced thriller which grips you from the first page" - Karen V "The first two were great, with this one the author definitely raised the bar, I went through so many emotions alongside Louise that it felt like I was right there living the ordeal with her, by the end of the book I was crying." - Teresa Nikolic "This one did not disappoint, brilliant read. An absolute gem of a book." - Audrey Gibson.

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Customer Reviews

I was lucky enough to receive an ARC of this book for an honest review. A long-time follower of British author, M. A. Comley, I had little doubt I would enjoy it as I had previously read *Sole Intention* and *Grave Intention* and loved them both. I'd actually missed Brian and Ellen and was looking forward to renewing my enjoyment of both their personal and professional antics. *Devious Intention* did not disappoint. It's always difficult to review a really good book without adding spoilers, but I'll do my best. While on holiday with Brian's daughter, they come upon a young woman who appears at best lost, and perhaps at worst suffering from delusions. Louise was involved in a horrible accident and her memory of the accident doesn't coincide with the evidence or the police report. Can Brian and Ellen uncover the truth and help Louise be reunited with her missing husband and daughter, or is Louise suffering from delusions and actually dangerous? To tell you more would ruin what I found to be an excellent plot, with character driven action.

I am a huge fan of this author's books but have to say I am quite embarrassed to not have read the first two books in the *Intention* series. This isn't a bad thing though as it shows how easy this book was to read as a stand alone. The story literally had me gripped from start to end. Reading of

what happens to Louise had me as confused as she was. Everyone she seems to meet thinks she is a crazy woman and no one believes her, that is until she meets Ellie (Ellen) and Brian. What I love about this author's leading female characters is how compassionate they always are. They are strong and are very good at their job but I love how they haven't been hardened by what they do and still very much feel compassionate to people who have been victims of crime. These are the sort of people that the public would love to have working on their cases as you get the overall feeling that these people truly care about you. To start with I have to admit I was starting to agree with the people that thought Louise was going crazy as there didn't seem any proof to back up what Louise was saying but when Ellie and Brian get on the case things start to become quite clear. I loved the whole angle of this case and the plot has been very cleverly woven so that the author shocks and surprises us. This is a highly enjoyable read which I will definitely be going back and reading the first two books to see what I have been missing out on. My thanks to the author for a copy of this book in exchange for an Honest review.

I got this book first, but then decided to buy the first two books in this series to read first!! I absolutely loved them and finished all 3 very quickly. These books are in England so had to figure out the meaning of some of the wording the British use. All three stories are about 2 private detectives that find people who are (lost). They get into some hairy situations!

I'd been hoping Mel Comley wouldn't abandon the Intention series as I really had enjoyed the first two books and it's been a while since she published *Grave Intention*. So imagine how delighted I was when the author announced the publication of the third installment and offered to send me an ARC copy. While travelling in their car, Louise Gillespie, her husband Matthew and young daughter Sophie are involved in a horrific car accident. When Louise regains consciousness and asks about her family, she's told that she was the only person in the wreckage. There was no one with her at the time of the accident. But how could this be? Are they joking? Where are Matthew and Sophie? But no one seems to be joking. Her family has simply vanished into thin air... While on holiday, Ellie, Brian and his daughter Cally meet a distraught Louise. When they listen to her story, they decide to forget their holiday and take on the job of finding out what happened to her family. Is Louise just a very confused woman? Or has something sinister happened to Matthew and Sophie? Something surely smells fishy in this story and they want to find out what. Of all three Intention books, this is by far my favourite. Even though it's third in a series it can be read as a standalone. It's got a great cover (I LOVE it!!). It is fast-paced with a clever, gripping plot that kept me hooked to my kindle

biting my knuckles and I ended up devouring it in one sitting. I missed Ellie and Brian and it was great to see them back. Such great characters. Together they form a terrific team. The tension picks up at the start and never lets go. I hope no one finds themselves in poor Louise's situation, but unfortunately I'm sure these things happen more frequently than one may think. With a sprinkle of romance and humour in the mix, Devious Intention is another cracker by Mel Comley and I highly recommend it. With thanks to the author for an ARC of this book.

I would like to thank the author for allowing me to read an ARC of this book. Although this is the third in the series it can be quite easily read as a stand alone thriller. I love Ms Comley's books and have read nearly all of them. I was delighted to be given this book. From page 1 you are catapulted into the story. It's very intriguing from the start and I had no idea how it was going to end. At one point I even thought that it was going to be a paranormal story! As usual Ms Comley has produced well drawn characters that you very quickly like, or don't like. I read this in 2 sittings as I was so desperate to find out what was going on. This is an engrossing read from an exceptionally talented author whose books keep getting better and better. If you have yet to read the books you are in for a treat. Highly recommended.

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