

# The Chain – by Adrian McKinty

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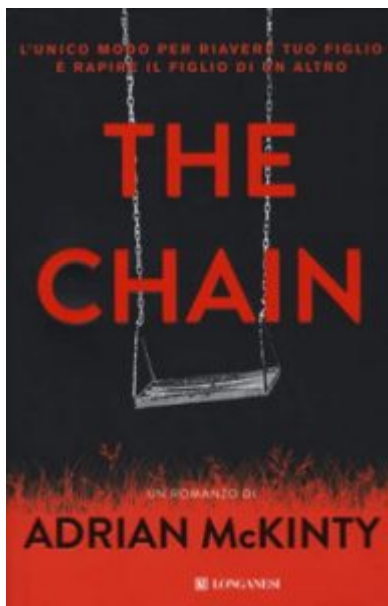
Started on 7/16/2021. Don't break the chain. Your child gets kidnapped and you must pay a ransom AND kidnap someone else's child to NOT break the chain.

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So she did the deeds and she got her daughter back. That's the first 50% of the book. I just finished that chapter last night. So what's the rest of the book about?

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That ending though...She got her daughter back, got the bad guys and lived. Great book I would highly recommend.



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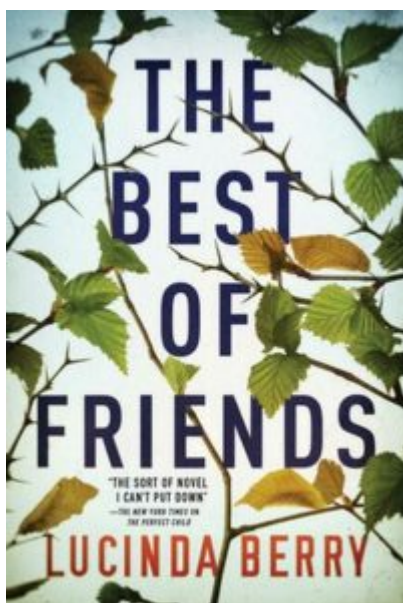
## The Best of Friends

Lucinda Berry – The Best of Friends.

Kendra, Dani and Lindsey have been friends for a very long time (like since grade school) All three with 2 kids, all three with “perfect” husbands. The boys play soccer together and 2 of them are stars of the team. One night while together one of the boys tries to kill the other 2 (I think....) and somehow make it look like a suicide attempt. I’m sure there will be lots of twists in this story. I love Lucinda Berry’s style. She is gritty and doesn’t hold anything back. So I started this book on 7/9/2021 and finished it on 7/16/2021. It was a good read. Like I said before I really like Lucinda Berry’s style.

For me (and some of the other reviews I read (before finishing the book(which I shouldn’t have done))) the characters seem to meld together to much. It was hard keeping track of who was who and who’s son was who’s. The twist at the very end though.....the very end.

I give this book a 8/10. The characters weren’t really well rounded and kind of all on the surface. There were to many times during a chapter that they (the chapter character) would have a flash back and I was like WHAT????

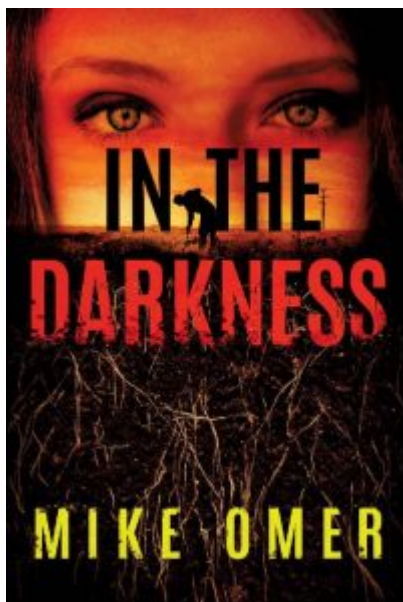


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# In the Darkness- Mike Omer

This is the second book in the Zoey Bentley series. I've already read the first book called "A Killer's Mind". I read that one last year so there won't be a review on it. I started this book on 6/18/2021. I finished this book on 7/7/2021. OMG!!! This book was exciting but just due to life it took me longer than usual. I really (REALLY) like Mike Omer's writing style. This book is very suspenseful. It didn't take long to get interested in the story because this is book 2 of Zoey Bentley and she is a bad ass! I'm not going to give too much away but I wouldn't have wanted to be her in this book. She becomes the victim and her sister is victimized at the same time. Different people but MAN.....

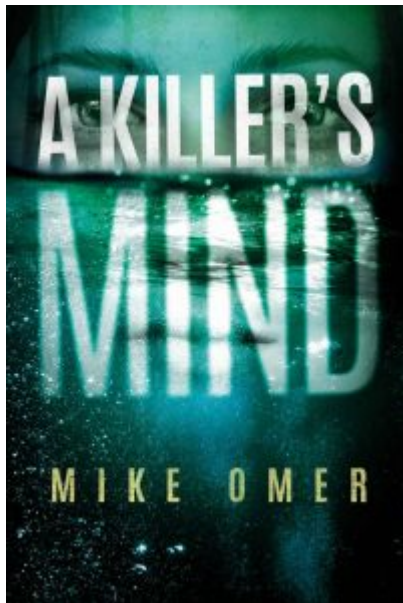
Her partner really came through for her and dug up (pun intended) some very helpful intel to get her safe.



# A Killer's Mind – Mike Omer

Started this book on 6/16/2021. I like Mike Omer's writing style. I think I may have read this book before though. This is the first book in the Zoey Bently series. I'm only a few chapters in and so far I like it. There are a lot of themes in the first few chapters of very similar books that I've read.

So...I actually have already read this book. It was really good. I'm going to NOT count this as a book read this year. I will start book 2 in the series today. 6/18/2021.



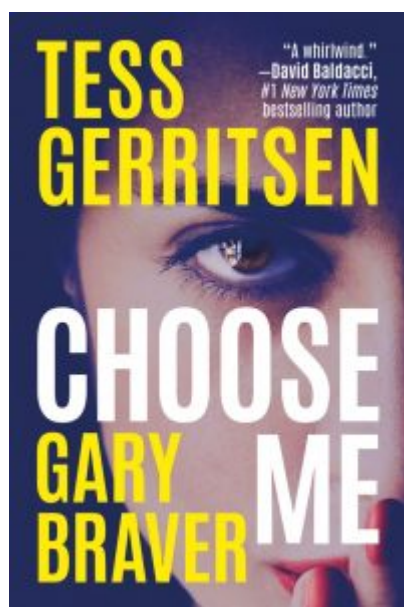
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## Choose Me by Gary Braver

This is another Amazon first read book. So it was free. Starting it on 6/7/2021. Looks like another Character Chapter style book. I tend to like those style of books. Lets you have a different perspective throughout the read. 290 pages long. Kindle says it is a 4:50 minute read.

I'm just a little over half way done with this one. Writing style is just OK. I'm sure the twist is coming but it's really not a page turner. Taryn committed suicide...or did she... The more we learn the more it seems it may be a murder. A "whodunit". There's only a couple of characters so Scoob finds some clues. She was pregnant, probably by her professor who is married and had a one night stand with her. She is clearly a little Koo Koo though too. Jack her prof is a straight shooter, until he cheats on his wife with Taryn at a literature conference. Taryn is still crazy about her ex-boyfriend Liam. Liam has moved on but Taryn doesn't accept that...yadda yadda. Cody, Taryn's friend, wants to be more than friends by Taryn isn't into him. I suppose it could be Jack's wife who pushed her off the building though. We'll see "whodunit".

6/15/2021 I just finished the book. Never saw the ending coming. This was a really good ending.

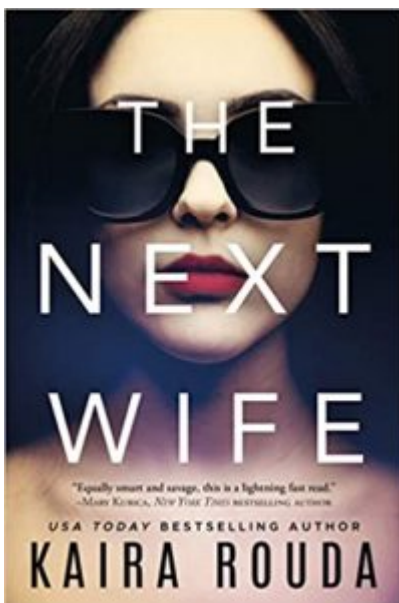


# The Next Wife by Kaira Rouda

Started on May 28th, 2021. An Amazon first read. Never read the author before. Looks like short “person” chapters.

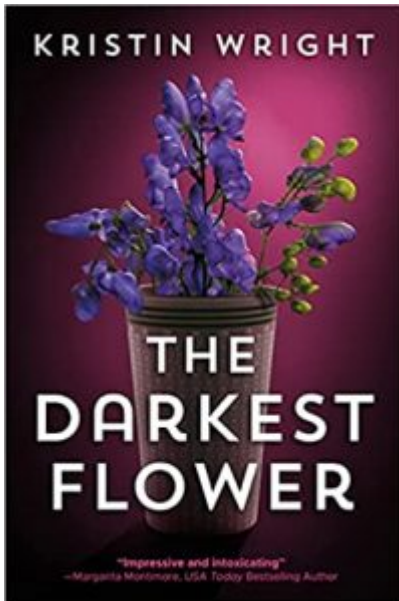
So far I’m about 15 chapters into the book. I don’t really like it and I’m sure there is a twist in the book. The writing is good, I just don’t like the content. Man cheats on his wife with a girl half his age (actually just a few years older than his daughter). The man and his ex (and actually his new wife) all work together that he and the ex built and own. After the company goes public the new wife takes him to Telluride and he dies. Funeral goes on in home town (after cremation in Telluride) and ex wife and new wife are fighting over the company. I’ll let you know how it finished.

Finished on June 7th, 2021. Didn’t really care for it.



# The Darkest Flower

Kristin Wright's book. An Amazon first read book. Reading it now. Four chapters in. It uses the "person as chapters" writing.



So far Kira, the PTA president has been arrested for possibly trying to commit a poisoning of another PTA member. This book should go quick.

Finished on May 28, 2021. Wow!!!! Kira is crayCRAY!!!! She "didn't" do it but she sure wanted to. The depths of a mothers love goes deep. She's fighting desperately to get her fifth grade son into Yale (yes at that young age she has a "path" she wants him to take) but his son's friend is as smart or smarter than he is. Oh and he is black so Kira thinks he has an advantage to get into Yale.

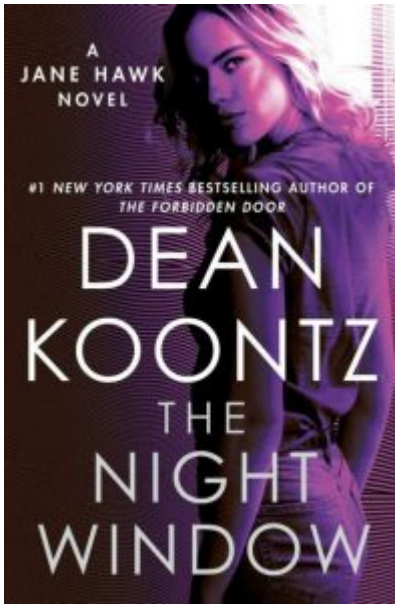
She wanted to poison Finn's friend so that Finn would stand out more but ended up not going through with it. Then someone else gets poisoned and she gets accused of doing it. Aconite from the Wolfsbane flower is doing it...Well you get a deep dark in depth look at her mind.

I like the writing style, the chapters were long (some of them too long to finish before I fell asleep) but it was a fine read anyway.



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# The Night Window



Jane's at it again with the Techno Arcadian's. Just when you think you've cut off the snake's head, another pops up. This one bigger, badder and richer than the last.

So far her son has been taken hostage, she's on the run again with a guy named Vikram who is a hacker with backdoors to all the alphabet government agencies.

Bernie and Jasper are watching over Travis and are sedated and just now waking up.

Vikram makes a deal with the Nogales underground car thief to get them another vehicle.

The movie maker Thomas Buckle is being hunted by the worst of the worst Techno Arcadians to either turn him into an "adjusted person" or just plain kill him. My guess is Buckle will get free and end up helping Jane end these very bad



people.

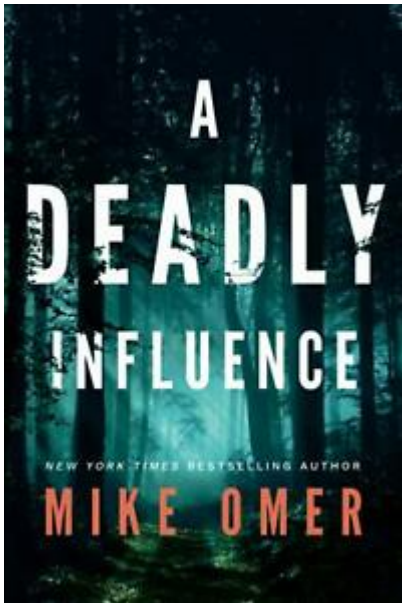
Just finished to series. Great read...All 5 books.

My favorite thing in this last book is "YOU HAVE BEEN VIKRAMIZED!" Hacker at it's best...

I would recommend this series to anyone.

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## A Deadly Influence



This is a book review for: A Deadly Influence by Mike Omer.

I started this book on April 9, 2021.

So far the story lines are good. They have started to interweave a little and you can see how the characters know each other. It's suspenseful enough to keep me wanting to read the next chapter.

Gabbi is a young online "Media Influencer". One of her followers has a crush on her and has kidnapped her younger brother to get her attention.

The twists and turns from the Cult to the “influencer” to the NYPD and stuff got a little muddy late in the book. Was a good read though. I would recommend it. I finished the book on 4/26/202. 17 Days to read.

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## **The Forbidden Door**

A Review of “The Forbidden Door” by Dean Koontz:

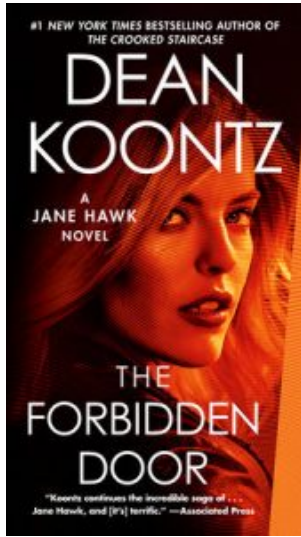
This is book 4 of the Jane Hawk series.

As with the previous two books, Dean repeats some of the key points in the series to make sure the reader knows what’s going on.

I personally hate jumping into a series in the middle and not starting from the beginning.

Jane does her best to avoid the Arcadians, save her son and get the really bad guys.

It took me a little longer to finish this book than I anticipated. Personal things going on. Projects, hockey and life.



I liked it and give it a 9 out of 10 enjoyment level