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Devil's Corner



Synopsis

From inside dust jacket: "Vicki Allegritti always wondered what it would feel like to look into the barrel of a loaded gun, and now she knew." From the very first sentence of Devil's Corner, Lisa, a New York Times bestselling author, launches an action-packed tale of murder and conspiracy set on the gritty streets of Philadelphia. When prosecutor Vicki Allegritti arrives at a rowhouse to meet a confidential informant, she finds herself in the wrong place at the wrong time—and is almost shot to death. She barely escapes with her life, but cannot save the two others gunned down before her disbelieving eyes. Stunned and heartbroken, Vicki tries to figure out how a routine meeting on a minor case became a double homicide. Then she sets out to see justice done. She can identify the killers—now all she has to do is find them. Vicki's suspicions take her to Devil's Corner, a city neighborhood teetering on the brink of ruin—thick with broken souls, innocent youth, and a scourge that preys on both. But the deeper Vicki probes, the more she becomes convinced that the murders weren't random and the killers were more ruthless than she thought. Agreeing with her is her office crush, golden boy Dan Malloy—who is unfortunately too married to give Vicki the kind of support a girl really needs. When another murder thrusts Vicki together with an unlikely ally, she buckles up for a wild ride down a dangerous street—and into the cross-hairs of a conspiracy as powerful as it is relentless. Set against the pulsing, real backdrop of a modern American city, with a storyline driven by the strong female characters and breakneck pace that has become her trademark, Devil's Corner is Lisa most satisfying novel yet.

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Customer Reviews

If wading through a minute-by-minute surveillance of drug dealers and murderers in a grimy Philadelphia neighborhood, alleviated only occasionally by the protagonist's inappropriate and ill-fated lust for a colleague, is your idea of a good read, this one's for you. For the rest of us, not so much. Vicki Allegretti has to be one of Scottoline's dumbest, most slovenly heroines ever, dropping her drawers on the floor to have sex for hours, then climbing back into them and rushing back out on surveillance (with her new BFF, an inner city black woman--right!) without so much as a shower or toothbrush. Yuck! I just couldn't bond with this book or Vicki.

I generally love Scottoline's books and characters but for the life of me I could not get into one of the main characters in the book. The fact that the title is Devil's Corner: 1 tells me that we should expect more in the serious, similar to the Rosato series. I will certainly buy the next one in hopes that there is some improvement but if not I might stick to Scottoline's other books. What was good: Strong, intelligent & bad a\$\$ female characters. I loved seeing the developing bond between Vicki and Raheema. While I love the warmth of the DeNunzio family in the Rosato books I liked seeing a different side of the Italian family that was looking to change. What was not so good: Hate is a strong word but I seriously hated Dan - Spoiler Alert - How does he go from married (bad or not) to jumping into bed with Vicki? How did she have so little respect as to let herself be a rebound. I spent most of the book hoping he was the bad guy and was so disappointed when that was not the case. Hoping to a better second book.

A very fast read, yet one that captures your attention. There's an underlying message in this book about evil verses good not only on the inner city levels, but also on the governmental levels. One of the main characters chooses to make a positive difference through personal and community change. Another character works tirelessly to right wrongs. We desperately need more of this righteousness in our world. For this reason, I recommend this book.

This is not world-class literature, but I just love the way she writes!! i must confess that I don't remember the exact story line in this book, because I have just been wrapped up in her books! The last one I read (and just finished) was a little disappointing ("courting Trouble") but I think I read that it was one of the first of her Rosato books, and maybe she just had not quite hit her stride yet. I

must check to determine if I have read all of her works yet, but I will read them if and when I find them. Incidentally, in case there is anyone who is not aware of it, she writes a column (not sure of the frequency) in the Philadelphia Inquirer called "Chick Wit" - and although I am admittedly sort of a sexist I think her columns are great!

Very well-written, very deep with excellent descriptive details. You won't want to put this book down, I sure didn't. I highly recommend 'Devil's Corner' as a very good read and Scottoline as a top notch writer.

Another knock your socks off story from one of my favorite authors! She just can't write them fast enough for me ! Thanks for the great story!

Loved it. This books keeps you quite interested.

I absolutely love Scottoline's female characters, and Vicki and Reheena are true to form: determined, gutsy, bright young women. Scottoline's plots are tightly woven and constant ly twisting. When I finished reading all the Rosato and Associates novels, I was devastated, worrying that there would be no more strong women to admire. Thank goodness I was wrong!

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