

Lovereadng Reader reviews of Solitude Creek by Jeffery Deaver

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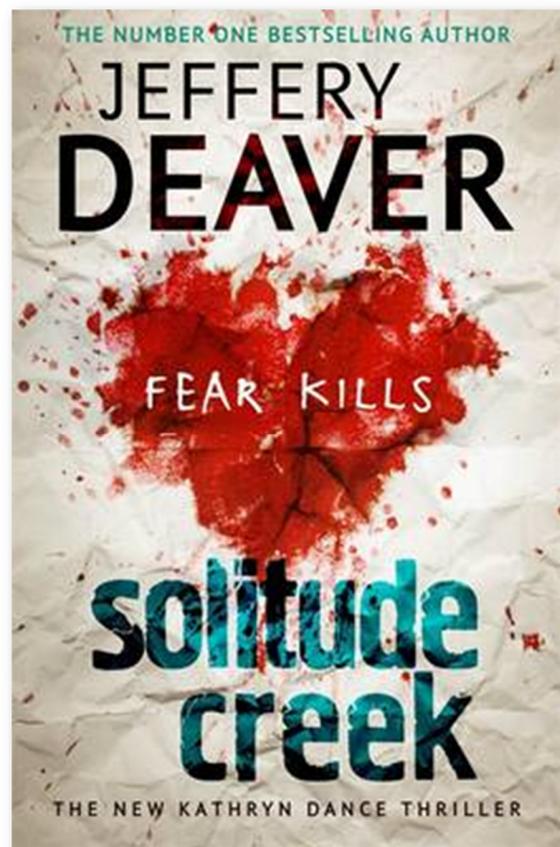
This was like putting on a comfy glove – fitted perfectly to my need for an engaging, full on, face paced thriller.

Kathryn Dance is moved from the criminal division to civil office after taking the blame for letting a murderer back on the streets – her kinetic talents for once letting her down. In this unwanted role she follows upon a night club fire to ensure no insurance scam has been conducted. What she learns is that the 3 deaths, and numerous seriously injured victims, are the result of criminal activities and not an accident.

Parallel to her ignoring protocol, she is after all no longer a criminal investigator, to hunt down the killer, we follow the tracks of Antioch March who appears to have an unhealthy interest in the TV reports of the fire.

Dance is driven to close the case before further attacks can occur.

This is a typical Deaver offering. Perfectly credible. Perfectly paced. Only criticism is that you have to put up with the 'high five, back slapping' language that is so American. However, it's worth persevering.



Lorraine Baker

One mistake is all it takes.

Busted back to rookie after losing her gun in an interrogation gone bad, California Bureau of Investigation Agent Kathryn Dance finds herself making routine insurance checks after a roadhouse fire.

But Dance is a highly trained expert in body language: her most deadly weapon is her instinct, and they can't take that away from her.

And when the evidence at the club points to something more than a tragic accident, she isn't going to let protocol stop her doing everything in her power to take down the perp.

Someone out there is using the panic of crowds to kill, and Dance must find out who, before he strikes again.

Jeffery Deaver never fails to deliver - every book is believable with never a dull moment. From the minute I started reading everything else was forgotten and the pages just flew - I only got to sleep because my husband made me put the book down and reminded me I had to work in the morning and it was 3am and the light was keeping him awake!

If you like crime thrillers then this is certainly a book you do not want to miss.

Suzanne Marsh

I decided it was time to read one of my much loved authors books again. I read 'The Blue Nowhere' and I honestly couldn't stop turning the pages. 'The Blue Nowhere' is one of the stories that has stayed firmly in my mind.

Now reading 'Solitude Creek' Jeffery Deaver has planted another story in my brain that I will never forget. It will haunt readers long after you have finished reading it. When an author can never make you ever forget a story you know that author is one of the best at telling stories.

About Solitude Creek - A mother and daughter are at The Roadhouse for a night of music to watch boy bands sing live on stage. Solitude Creek attracted a varied clientele of the young and old. As a boy band began to perform on stage a dreadful nightmare happens, everyone started to evacuate as the smell of smoke was pouring into the Solitude Creek club, causing a stampede where people were being crushed. Something was blocking the fire exit which caused panic within the crowd. Katherine Dance of the California Bureau of Investigations is going to find out what blocked the fire exit doors and why.

I can promise Jeffery Deaver fans this story is packed with his trademark suspense, rich characters and a roller coaster plot twist. Fans and new reader will be delighted with 'Solitude Creek'. I hope all readers enjoy reading Jeffery Deaver's new novel as much as I have.

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Edel Waugh

*The beginning of a nightmare starts when a lunatic called Antioch March causes a stampede of people at a music event by shouting that there was a fire. This man gets a thrill from this type of criminal activity and it's not going to be his last time creating havoc and terror as he is really getting a taste for it. It's up to Kathryn Dance who works at CBI , and her team to find this guy before he can do more harm but this guy is working quickly from place to place and it's getting very hard to catch him and is it really a thrill or is there more to it. I recommend this to all thriller lovers, **there was a real sense of claustrophobia and anxiety while reading some of the scenes which I think is great if an author can make you feel even a tiny bit of what the characters are feeling. Awesome!***

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Cathy Small

A thriller that lures you in front the first page and keeps you gripped until the end. Agent Kathryn Dance is a woman who takes on a case and doesn't stop until its resolve.

Agent Dance is a body language expert as well a great detective. She takes on a case because she has been removed following an error but it isn't the straight forward case that everyone expects and quickly expands to impact every area. It was a book that gripped me from the start and held my attention until the story unfolded. The only disappointment was that it felt the end was rushed to bring a conclusion to all the cases within the final couple of chapters. It was a great twist at the end because you definitely didn't see the resolution coming but it could have extra depth to the conclusion. However it didn't change my view on a great read.

George Willmet

CBI agent, and kinesics expert, Kathryn Dance returns. Reduced to investigating an incident at a concert where several people are killed in a stampede to exit from a fire her suspicions are aroused.

Kathryn Dance, Deaver's CBI Agent and kinesics (body language) expert returns. After losing her weapon in a gang related incident she is busted back to the civil division and sent to check on insurance relating to an incident at a concert where several people were killed in the panic of trying to evacuate from a supposed fire at the venue. There had however been no fire and her highly tuned instincts lead her to believe that the panic had been manufactured intentionally. Although now limited in what she can do she sets about trying to track down the perpetrator before he can strike again. He meanwhile is revelling in the thrill that he gets from unleashing the animal instincts that panic can bring out in people and shows no sign of stopping. A battle of wits ensues as Dance tries to track him down, not helped by her now limited powers and problems at home with her kids.

Deaver is a master of suspense and this is up to his usual standard. Strong characters with a plot that keeps you guessing until the end.

Tania

'Solitude Creek' by Jeffery Deaver is a fast pace crime novel. There are several stories running parallel to each other. Katherine Dance is an investigator with the California Bureau of Investigation. She is suspended after a dangerous criminal that she questions manages to escape from her custody in a shoot-out.

Katherine is then removed from the investigation and is sent to deal with another case. This case is a stampede in a night club where several people die and others are seriously injured. The stampede turns out to be deliberate and not an accident as a stampede occurs at another venue. Katherine Dance and her colleague and friend Michael O'Neill find themselves in a race against time to find the assailant before he strikes again. It turns out that the assailant, Anthony Marsh uses herd mentality as a weapon to kill people.

As well as trying to catch Anthony Marsh, Katherine's colleagues investigate the disappearance of a land owner and hate crimes that occur around the town where Katherine lives.

The book is a real page-turner with lots of twists and turns at the end. I cannot wait to read the next Katherine Dance novel.

Katherine Stewart

Gripping read featuring Kathryn Dance.

*Another great read from Jeffery Deaver, this is the latest in the Kathryn Dance series. A very interesting plot with a couple of sub-plots which work well with the main story. There are plenty of twists right up to the last page and a good balance of between Kathryn's investigation and personal life. **Jeffery Deaver has become my go to author for an engrossing story and this doesn't disappoint.***

Iris Clements

Kathryn Dance is tasked by the California Bureau of Investigation to interview a dangerous gang member. She is an expert in kinesics which is the study of body language and although not a precise science, it has proved invaluable in interrogating suspects. After interviewing him she concludes that he is innocent and he is free to leave the building. As he leaves, new evidence emerges proving him guilty, but it is too late to detain him and he escapes. Blamed because of her poor judgement, Kathryn is demoted and taken off the case.

Some of her colleagues still have faith in her abilities and Kathryn becomes involved in a case where she believes that a fire at a music venue, resulting in many deaths, had been started deliberately and that more incidents would follow. Her task now is to find the reasoning behind these acts as it appears far more complicated than random arson.

I have been a fan of Jeffery Deaver for many years but this book was not for me. *I found the dialogue very "American" with too many acronyms and I did not warm to the main character but it will not stop me reading more of his books in the future.*

Jan Kirkcaldy

From the moment demoted CBI Agent Kathryn Dance was pulled off one case and put on a seemingly simpler one there were, typically, twists and turns galore in this Jeffery Deaver thriller. I was wrong from the start –about a potential victim, and anything that throws me off track always makes a book better to me. Without giving anything away, the scenario was all too possible and certainly almost too easy. It could give people ideas but with what's available on the internet it probably adds nothing new. We know who is

*responsible very early on but the mystery is who pays him a small fortune to commit these apparently motiveless crimes and for what reason. Antioch March is clever, loves what he does and manages to keep ahead of his pursuers with ease. With so much happening it's a book that's hard to put down. A couple of story lines are on the go throughout and no way did I guess the ultimate reasons for the killings. Dance's family life is involved in a necessary way, becoming an essential part in the solving of the crime. **Definitely a recommended read and a challenge to most armchair detectives who may or may not spot the contemporary solution.***