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"Amy Shojai's LOST AND FOUND wraps family secrets, murder, and medical miracles around the small form of an autistic child. Riveting, heart-wrenching, and brilliant, here is the debut of a stunning talent." --James Rollins, New York Times bestseller of Bloodline

A young woman races a Texas blizzard to save her autistic nephew from a deadly secret others will kill to protect...

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AN AUNT searches for her lost nephew—and dooms her sister.

A MOM gambles a miracle will cure—and not kill—her child.

A DOG finds his true purpose—when he disobeys.

Animal behaviorist September Day has lost everything—husband murdered, career in ruins, confidence shot—and flees to Texas to recover. She's forced out of hibernation when her nephew Steven and his autism service dog Shadow disappear in a freak blizzard. When her sister trusts a maverick researcher's promise to help Steven, September has 24 hours to rescue them from a devastating medical experiment impacting millions of children, a deadly secret others will kill to protect. As September races the clock, the body count swells. Shadow does his good-dog duty but can't protect his boy. Finally September and Shadow forge a stormy partnership to rescue the missing and stop the nightmare cure. But can they also find the lost parts of themselves?

“Take a clever dog, an autistic boy, and toss in greed, corruption, and out-of control scientific experimentation and you have the makings of LOST AND FOUND, a fun story filled with twists, turns, and a large dose of intrigue.”

—D. P. Lyle, Award-winning author of the Dub Walker Thriller Series

“Pet behavior expert Amy Shojai's debut thriller LOST AND FOUND combines the medical tension of Robin Cook thrillers with the emotional heart of THE ART OF RACING IN THE RAIN.”

—Dr. Marty Becker, Best-selling author and veterinarian on Good Morning America and The Dr. Oz Show.

Amy Shojai is a certified animal behavior consultant, and the award-winning author of 30 bestselling pet books that cover furry babies to old-fogies, first aid to natural healing, and behavior/training to Chicken Soup-icity. She created puppies.About.com, and was the cat behavior expert at cats.About.com, and hosts a weekly half hour Internet Pet Peeves radio show. Amy has been featured as an expert in hundreds of print venues including The New York Times, Reader's Digest, and Family Circle, as well as national radio and television networks such as CNN, Animal Planet's DOGS 101 and CATS 101. Amy brings her unique pet-

centric viewpoint to public appearances and THRILLERS WITH BITE!

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Diane says

There are many reasons to enjoy reading Lost and Found by author Amy Shojai. I love dogs so that was a sure pick for me and when you add a child with special needs, and add in promising new medical research, and a mystery ... I was hooked!

September Day, yes that is her name, and her sister April end up in a cat and mouse game of death with a suspenseful plot. April's son and his 'in-training' companion dog are missing! April frantically calls her sister to demand that she find Stephen and his dog Shadow. There is a hint of a mystery between the sisters about a debt owed among the two. Stephen is autistic and needs his new medicine within 24 hours or there will be consequences for his health. September feels responsible and drops everything and leaves the safety of her home to search for Stephen and Shadow. Murder starts happening! To find out how Stephen and his new experimental treatment is the factor in the events which happen, you must read the book! I love the perspective from Shadow about his dedication and feelings toward the people in his life and how he must relate to them.

Mary Shafer says

"Holy Crapiocca!" as the protagonist, September Day, would say. What a read!

Though author Amy Shojai has proven her chops as a prolific and knowledgeable nonfiction writer in the field of pet training and care, that kind of skill doesn't always translate to the fiction genre. I'm here to tell you if you have any reservations about that issue, cancel them right now and run -- don't walk -- to buy a ticket on the breathless ride that is Ms. Shojai's fiction debut.

It's been a while since a story had me in such a tight grip that I stayed up nearly all night reading because I just couldn't put it down, but "Lost and Found" certainly did the trick. In fact, I began the book at 9:00 PM midweek, thinking I'd get a little relaxing reading in before bed. MISTAKE!! If I had it to do over, I'd start this on a Saturday morning of a weekend that stretched out ahead of me with no other pressing appointments, and just blast through it in two days. As it was, I ended up having a few groggy days after reading into the wee hours, but the reward was far worth the lack of sleep.

Thrillers are a difficult genre for any writer, as they're demanding of a high level of skill. Not only must the author give readers a protagonist they can root for and engaging peripheral characters, she must also hit the ground running with a plot that takes off like a dogsled in the Iditarod and just keeps plunging ahead. Ms. Shojai does it with aplomb in this debut novel. With deft pacing and a gift for snappy yet believable dialogue, she gives us characters who are interesting, well-rounded and witty companions who pull us into a compelling plot and won't let go.

I generally read this kind of book as Pure D entertainment, but with "Lost and Found" I got a bonus: I learned a lot! To me, that's always a joy, and I look forward to September Day's next adventure so I can continue to glean more wisdom from the brain of one of America's most well-established animal behaviorists, couched in another grab-and-won't-let-go tale of intrigue!

Kassandra Lamb says

What a well-written book, especially for a debut novel. Ms. Shojai is not a novice writer; she has many non-fiction books and articles on pet health under her belt. Now, in this story of an autistic child and his service dog lost in a snowstorm, the aunt that is trying desperately to find him and the mother who will do anything to cure him, this author has proven that she can write fiction as well. Both the settings and the characters are well developed in this fast-paced intriguing book.

I particularly enjoyed that some of the scenes/chapters were written from the service dog's point of view. It was a refreshing perspective. As the grandmother of an autistic child, I can also say that Ms. Shojai has accurately and poignantly portrayed the experiences of autistic children and their parents who passionately want to find a way for their children to lead a normal life.

This is a story that will have you on the edge of your seat, and will also touch your heart.

Jeni says

To be perfectly honest, when I first read the plot summary for this book, I thought it was going to be a light/cozy mystery. I had no idea what I was in store for. This book is intense. There is a lot going on between the missing autistic boy, the sister (April) getting mixed up with the miracle cure people, September's past, dog training and tracking, and characters being shot and killed. There are SO many people who are killed, that sometimes you have to stop and think back "now who was that and how did they fit in?" and sometimes a character is brought back in and you have to think the same; nothing in this book is done on accident, Amy Shojai is extremely clever. For as many sub-plots as there are, I was never confused or overwhelmed. This is a very fast paced book, and there are a lot of very important small details that keep the reader paying close attention. It would almost be worthwhile to go back and re-read to see all the red herrings and easter eggs that I missed. I did see the final twist at the end, as she had built it up nicely with the descriptors, but again, you just have to pay close attention! It could be easy to see the different scenes in this book and ask how they might have anything to do with the storyline, but then right about as you're forgetting it happened, BAM! Amy slaps you in the face with the reason why she put in these extra anecdotes. It makes for a much more fulfilling storyline to see the effects, rather than just be told that it's happening. I know I'm being vague, but I don't want to give away any spoilers.

I would've given this book a solid 5 stars, but it drove me crazy that the author tells us that September's husband and dog died at the hands of a stalker and that's why she has some social anxiety (and likes to overlock her doors) but we never really hear any details and it's just glossed over. I feel like if you're going to bring up the past, it's important to flesh it out in order for your readers to understand the character's motivations just a bit better instead of being hinted at and glossed over. That's just frustrating!

I received a free audiobook from the author in exchange for an honest review; this in no way affects my opinions, although I am grateful for the opportunity to listen and review.

Amy Shojai both wrote and narrated this audiobook, and this is the first author-narrated book I've listened to. I think it's kind of special. The quality of this audiobook wasn't as great as some of the other's I've listened to, as there were a few pops, cracks, and some light static, and it was a bit tinny. It didn't distract from my

experience at all, and I really only noticed it in the first couple minutes, and then I got used to it. She does a great job of differentiating voices in dialogue so that the listener isn't confused about who's currently doing the talking. I really enjoyed listening to this book, and I couldn't get enough. I listened to this book in just a few sittings because it was so intense and I just couldn't put it down!

CHRISTINE MORRISON says

One of the best , in a while!

This is a great read. Not some sappy read with sexual content! Couldn't put it down. You should read it.

Gin Hunt says

Too bad.:(

I enjoyed reading this book but when I went on to read more of this series and the authors other books, I found that none of them are on kindle unlimited. It was frustrating while reading that I couldn't use xray with the book but to not have them available on kindle unlimited pretty much ruins them for me. No recommendation. :(

Amy Shojai says

LOST AND FOUND in AUDIO

Listen to Radio Interview with author about LOST AND FOUND

"Lost and Found" is a fine addition to thriller collections with a family focus." Micah Andrew, Midwest Book Review

"If you love animals as I do, this one is special." 1/13 Jack Quick for BookBitch.com

Kim wrote: "...Robert Crais's Suspect...all the dog stuff was spot-on and reminded me of how Amy Shojai did it in her thriller."

Veryl wrote: "Not since The Art of Racing in the Rain, has a canine character had such a convincing and important part in a novel."

"Amy takes the reader on a masterful thrill ride of suspense that doesn't let up until the very last pages.

September is an immensely likeable protagonist. The chapters that are narrated to show Shadow the dog's point of view are reminiscent of books like Bruce Cameron's A Dog's Purpose . . .

If you're a fan of medical thrillers by the likes of Robin Cook or Michael Palmer, you will absolutely love this book.

Fair warning: don't even start this book unless you have a good chunk of free time – I couldn't put the book down."

From Ingrid King and THE CONSCIOUS CAT blog, see full review [here](#)

Hide And Seek the sequel to LOST AND FOUND has just been released!

A mysterious contagion will shatter countless lives unless a service dog and his trainer find a missing cat . . . in 24 hours.

A STALKER hides in plain sight.

A VICTIM faces her worst fear.

AND A DOG seeks the missing—and finds hope.

WHAT OTHERS SAY ABOUT HIDE AND SEEK!

"... masterful skill at blending ripped-from-the-headlines urgency with an emotional story of real characters in escalating dangers... written with authority and a deft brilliance that any lover of animals or nerve-jangling thrillers will cherish." –**James Rollins**, New York Times bestseller of "The Eye of God"

"...a creepy must read mystery for animal lovers." –**J.T. Ellison**, NYT bestselling author of "When Shadows Fall"

"... a shocking betrayal, a reality TV show gone horribly wrong, murders related to an unthinkable cause, HIDE AND SEEK is a mystery/thriller you won't be able to put down!"
–**Alan Leverone**, best-selling thriller author of "Mr. Midnight" and "The Lonely Mile"

Dee says

Review Copy Provided by Author

I have to admit that at first I was skeptical about how much I was going to enjoy the book – because I felt upon reading the jacket copy that too much of the plot had been disclosed (don't worry, I was partially wrong). And the first few chapters were a bit rough, for lack of a better word – it took me a little while to get into the feel of her writing which is very stark (for lack of a better word) as well as the one POV being from Shadow, the German Shepherd puppy (who I loved as a character BTW – reminds me very much of my big goofy baby). To say that the plot resembled a roller-coaster would be correct – it was a continual up and down through the entire thing – the last author I read who did such an on the go type plot was James Rollins (although Matt Reilly is a close second). The medical mystery plot was intriguing, but it wasn't like it was new to me – maybe because I read a book not long ago that had a similar theme, but I guess it is hard at times to come up with something truly unique.

I think the one thing that I didn't like was that throughout the entire book, the author alluded to something that had happened with the main characters husband/dog, but never really came out and said specifically what it is. That drove me nuts – I wanted to know – maybe we'll find out in another book who knows. Also, the names of the main character and her sister just seemed a bit cheesy to me – named after the month they were born in and then their last name just happens to be Day...lol! There was also a bit of a twist at the end that I didn't see coming that I felt just overdid the whole thing – it wasn't needed (at least in my honest opinion) – it almost ruined the tension that was in the book for me...

Either way, I enjoyed the read, I would probably give it 3.5 stars overall, but would recommend it for people who like mysteries/suspense/thrillers, especially with a medical twist, and those who like books with animals).

Mike Finn says

"Lost and Found" wasn't what I'd expected from the publisher's summary. I thought I'd be reading a dog-centric cosy mystery with a kick-ass heroine and her save-the-day dog.

What I got was less clichéd than that but also less easy to settle into.

This is too hard-edged and has too much violence in it for a cosy mystery. I'd barely started the book and had seen one person shot in the face at close range and another stabbed to death. The body count keeps rising, making the bad guys into spree killers rather than devious villains.

There are also some very dubious portrayals of the behaviour of autistic children. Although the plot shows this behaviour to be abnormal it still felt to me like it was playing to all the wrong fears and stigma attached to autistic kids.

Shadow, the dog, does indeed save the day and all the parts of the book that relate to him, especially when we get his canine view of the world, work very well. Amy Shojai knows her dogs and knows how to bring them alive for the rest of us.

The cop-with-a-past-and-currently-in-disgrace was well written and believable. The heroine was more difficult to get alongside. Her dialogue, such as it was, seemed awkward and inconsistent. She flips from being highly organised and brave to falling apart and ridden by guilt and doubt. This was explicable in terms of the plot and her backstory but it didn't feel authentic while it was happening.

I enjoyed the book well enough to read my way through it but not enough to read the next two books in the series.

Gina's Library says

I read this book for Promotional Book Tours for a fair and honest review.

This book starts out in a unique way. It takes from a dog's point of view of how things are taking place. I found that an original way to do things.

The summary of this book does not do this book justice. It is so much more than the summary shows.

What would you do for someone you love? Probably anything right? So does September, and her sister April. They would do anything and everything to protect Steven.

This book is a grab you by the heart strings and leave you on the edge of your seat action. You can't wait to find out how it ends. Just when you think you figure things out, another twist.

I don't want to give away the ending but I figured out something in the story but I didn't have the total answer. I was thrown a twist at the end.

I highly recommend this book.

Barbara Arnold says

Dragged on and on. Shadow's monologue was boring and difficult to get through. Too many characters and events going on at the same time. Couldn't finish the book.

Beth says

Wow! What a wild ride! When I was first asked to review *Lost and Found*, I wasn't sure what to expect. Service Dogs? Kidnappings? Autism? Medical drama? I was a little concerned about how all of those were going to relate to one another, but my concerns were unfounded because once this story got rolling, I was completely swept away. Shojai melded all of these things together in a nearly seamless flow.

Written in third person, the narration alternates between different perspectives. The primary character, September Day, has a past that colors a lot of her decisions. Although details about her past were slow in coming, by the end of the story, her character really comes full circle, and I felt like I really understood her and her motivations as a character.

The secondary characters were well-rounded too. Officer Combs, a cop battered by undeserved scandal, added a great layer to the story without falling into the romance trap, which was really refreshing. The most refreshing thing, however, was the service dog Shadow's perspective. I thought that it was really sweet & endearing, and it really did seem like how a dog would speak if they used words. Shojai's knowledge of canines shines in Shadow's narration.

The plot itself was full of tension, suspense and several nail-biting moments. All of the events felt believable but still held that "I can't believe it" feeling. Two of the most intriguing aspects of the plot are the treatment & life of those with an autistic child and the German Shepard service dogs. I really appreciated how well she handled the autism aspect. It was tasteful and conveyed respect for those with autism and those who care for them.

If you are looking for suspense & crime drama with a twist, then *Lost and Found* is a read for you. 4 stars.

This review first appeared on Layered Pages.

Theresa says

This is one of the most unique story lines I have read in a while. Besides being a riveting story, the inclusion of the German Shepard, Shadow, as a character in the novel is truly fascinating. To follow along in the dog's head and see his need to please, obey, take care and understand is a wonderful twist that brought me into the story quickly.

As the story quickly progresses, the growing suspense with the continuing rise of danger and deaths makes it impossible to stop turning the pages. The story is electrifying and tantalizing and will thrill every dog loving, mystery addicted reader. The ending was worth turning every page (even a virtual page).

I look forward to reading more great stories by Amy Shojai if this is any indication of what is to come.

Tulay says

Didn't like it.

September is trying to save her autistic nephew and his dog. Only parts I liked reading was her dog and cat training. Very expensive snake oil treatment families signing up to cure their autistic children. But many pages of this book is filled with unnecessary dialogue.

Bonnye Reed says

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