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When Saudi Prince Omar bin Talal visits Houston to seek cancer treatment for his mother, an attempt on his life puts all agencies on high alert. FBI Special Agent Kord Davidson is the lead on the prince's protective detail because of their long-standing friendship, but he's surprised—and none too happy—when the CIA brings one of their operatives, Monica Alden, in on the task force after the assassination attempt.

Kord and Monica must quickly put aside interagency squabbles, however, when they learn the prince has additional motives for his visit—plans to promote stronger ties with the US and encourage economic growth and westernization in his own country. Plans that could easily incite a number of suspects both in the US and in countries hostile to Saudi Arabia. Worse yet, the would-be assassin always seems to be one step ahead of them, implicating someone close to the prince—or the investigation. But who would be willing to commit high treason, and can Kord and Monica stop them in time?

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Vera Godley says

The story takes the reader into the tense world where security for a Prince of Saudi Arabia visiting America with his family and his life is threatened. Combining the forces of the Prince's own security force with that of the FBI still seems to leave holes of vulnerability. The problem is finding the source of danger and ending it.

But when it seems that there is someone close to the Prince that is at the root of the problem but they don't know who it is, all are suspect.

At stake is not only the life of the Prince but the relationship between the United States and Saudi Arabia which is already tenuous. The Prince while adhering strongly to cultural customs of his own country and beliefs is considering changes economically and culturally - in relation to how women are treated. With that in play, how will CIA (aka, FBI) agent Monica be able to work in the security detail and inside the Prince's own household?

A fast paced story that leaves the reader anxious for the next page turn. The culprit behind the entire conspiracy is not revealed for certain until very near the end of the book keeping characters and reader guessing.

A good read!

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Suzie says

In her newest book, DiAnn Mills takes readers into a well-developed exploration of Saudi Arabian culture.

As CIA Operative Monica Alden joins FBI Agent Kord Davidson on protection detail for a Saudi prince and his family, she straddles the line of respecting the family's expectations while doing the job she's there to do. While her drive and desire to be in the thick of the investigation are strong, she does what she can to ease everyone's unease at a woman in her position.

With the body count rising and continued assassination attempts, Monica and Kord must keep the headstrong prince from putting himself—or his family—in more danger.

A focused and intelligent team, Monica and Kord start off a little rocky but their respect and admiration for each other grow as they work together.

Plenty of action, a touch of romance, and a smidgen of levity made High Treason hard to put down until all the pieces of the puzzle fell into place for a satisfying (and heart pumping) conclusion.

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required to write positive reviews. The opinions I have expressed are my own. I am disclosing this in accordance with the Federal Trade Commission's 16 CFR, Part 255.

Rebecca says

"Whoever pulled the trigger has 'professional' stamped on his training."

Saudi Prince Omar Bin Talal's personal bodyguard has been just been killed with a single shot. Tasked with the prince's safety, FBI Agent Kord Davidson and CIA operative Monica Alden are at a loss when it comes to explaining how it happened, since no one knew the prince's exact schedule upon arrival in Houston with his family. Suspecting an inside job, fueled by international unrest, the team pursues a minimal number of leads without garnering a single suspect. Nothing is gained by the fact that Kord and Monica have to work through their own inter-agency issues; Kord with his deep personal ties to the prince and his slain guard; Monica battling to prove her expertise among high ranking Middle Eastern men.

As the days slip by, and other attempts are thwarted, it becomes clear to Kord and Monica that someone is willing to commit high treason, while their team appears helpless to stop them.

Give high praise to Diann Mills' third "FBI Task Force" novel with its continual motion, and a lovely hint of romance and spiritual renewal.

Joan says

Monica, a CIA operative who has had experience in the Middle East, and Kord, an FBI agent good friends with a Saudi prince, team up to protect that Saudi prince while he is in America. Someone tries to assassinate the prince and Monica and Kord work hard to uncover the origin of the plot.

This is definitely a character driven novel. Monica had previously been betrayed by a fellow operative and she is still troubled by it. That is an obstacle to the budding romance between Kord and Monica. Monica and Kord do much soul searching and that sometimes bogs down the narrative and detracts from the possibility of a suspenseful plot.

The strength of this novel is Monica being involved in the team protecting a prince from a country where women have few rights. Monica knows what to do, such as not look the prince in the eye. She has lots of interaction with the prince's sisters so we get a good idea of what it is like to be a woman in Saudi Arabia. We also learn a bit about attempts at modernization in Saudi Arabia as well as leasing oil reserves. I wish Mills had explained that latter concept as I had to do some outside research to understand why some would oppose the prince's idea of such leasing.

I was a bit disappointed in this novel. The FBI seemed to be somewhat ineffective in actually protecting the prince. Monica was not a character that captured my interest. That she would fraternize with another operative seemed out of character. And Kord was paying attention to Monica too many times when he should have been watching out for the prince. I would have liked the plot much more if they had agreed to keep their emotions in check until their assignment was over.

I have read other novels by Mills that I thought were much better. If a budding romance getting in the way of effective work doesn't bother you, then you might enjoy this novel of romantic suspense.

I received a complimentary galley of this book from the publisher. My comments are an independent and honest review.

Virginia Winfield says

This book has suspense and some romance. It had twists and turns. I loved all of these. I even loved the look into the ways of Muslims. I did not want to put this book down. Lord and Monica are great characters. How FBI agents and CIA agents try to work together. This book was well put together and I loved it. I received a copy of this book from Tyndale Blog Network for a fair and honest opinion that I gave of my own free will.

Lisa Johnson says

Title: High Treason (FBI Task Force)

Author: Diann Mills

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My rating is 5+ out of 5 stars.

Diann Mills is a genius of an author whose novels are captivating and faith challenging in unique ways. Each novel she writes is with a purpose of sharing a wonderful story with a message of faith in Christ. Here is her recent offering that for this reader was her best yet! At the end of the book, the author lets us know that she wanted to show readers we can model Jesus regardless of where we are or who we are with at any time.

You don't have to read the other books in the series before picking up this book as each really is self-contained held together only by being part of the FBI Task Force series subtitle. The two main characters are Kord, an FBI agent who is paired with Monica. She works for the CIA in protecting a Saudi family visiting the U.S. Besides interagency tensions, these two characters are also at odds as Monica is a believer in Christ and Kord is still searching. Monica is more than capable of doing her job and has a unique set of abilities though she has a heart burden she carries daily. Kord is a man not just searching for meaning in this life, but grieving the loss of friends. He just shakes his head when Monica reveals her belief in Christ.

The whole book can be read pretty quickly as the chapters are short and the action, tension and climax keep the story moving sometimes at a rapid pace! Never once did I tire of reading the story; I just found I couldn't turn the pages fast enough, lol! Grab a copy today and then with a blanket, hot chocolate and thoughts of a sunny beach, enjoy!

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Ruthie Jones says

High Treason is plot driven, but that doesn't mean the characters take a backseat. Kord and Monica find themselves working together to solve an assassination plot against the Saudi Prince Omar during his visit to the States for both business and his mother's cancer treatment. Monica and Kord are familiar with Saudi culture, and they are both Type A personalities, which means nothing stands in their way in the race against the clock to crack the case, except maybe a budding romance, the flu, treacherous betrayal, and the fight for acceptance in a culture that doesn't accept strong women on equal footing with men. It's an uphill battle for all involved, but the story hurtles at breakneck speed toward an exciting ending.

DiAnn Mills has definitely done her homework in terms of researching the FBI Task Force as well as Saudi culture. I love that the author has Monica maintain her identity as an American female agent with a job to do and still show respect for the Saudi culture. As a result, Monica earns that respect back from Kord, the Prince, and the Prince's sisters. I absolutely love the relationship Monica forges with these sisters, showing them that even in their patriarchal culture, they can have agency in keeping themselves safe and strong and confident.

Despite the harrowing action to combat the threats and untwist the assassination plot, the story has a few bits of humor. I won't give anything away, but I can say Monica unwittingly earns extreme admiration from an unlikely admirer. So adorably sweet.

High Treason is the third in the FBI Task Force Series; however, these books are not connected. It has been my pleasure to read and enjoy the first two in this series, and the third, High Treason, is just as thrilling and paced.

Becky says

Middle Eastern and American cultures collide when an assassination attempt is made on a Saudi prince. An FBI agent and a CIA operative are tasked with keeping the prince safe and uncovering the plot. But the assassin may be closer than they expect ...

I was very interested in the plot and trying to decipher who was behind the assassination attempt on Prince Omar. While a couple threads were left loose (this involved the case Monica was working prior to being put on the prince's detail, but it came back later in the novel and wasn't explained), most everything wrapped up in a satisfying way.

Kord and Monica are both likeable main characters. They each have things in their past that make it difficult to work together as partners (he's an FBI agent; she's a CIA operative), but they slowly come to trust each other ... and they discover there may be more to their relationship than just a work partnership. That's complicated, though, by the fact that Monica is a Christian, while Kord is fairly skeptical of religion.

All of the characters, even the minor ones, are well-developed and interesting. Especially enjoyable to me were Fatima and Yasmine, Prince Omar's sisters. As wealthy women from a prestigious family, they still were slaves to the Middle Eastern view of women. They relied on men for everything—not because they wanted to, but because that's the way it was. Yet they each were spirited women with their own dreams and ambitions, and I'd love to read more about them in the future.

The one part of the novel that didn't ring true to me was the romance. Monica and Kord are attracted to each other; I know this because I'm told they are, but I didn't feel the chemistry between them. I didn't care at all if they ended up together. In fact, I think I would've enjoyed this novel more if they'd just been platonic partners—and I think the plot is strong enough to stand on its own without the romance.

Overall, I enjoyed High Treason, but I wasn't captivated by it—and when I read suspense, I want to be glued to the book, flying through the pages. So while this wasn't my favorite suspense novel, I know that others will enjoy it more than I did. In fact, if you check out other reviews, you'll see that I'm definitely in the minority. So if you enjoy suspense novels with a strong faith thread, this may be a book to check out. 2.5 stars

Note: This is the third book in Mills' FBI Task Force series, but it stands alone. I haven't read the other books, and I had no trouble following along.

Disclosure of material connection: I received this book from the author and publisher. I wasn't required to write a positive review, and the opinions expressed are my own.

Jerrye Bell says

High Treason by DiAnn Mills

Rating: 4 out of 5 stars

Story Notes

DiAnn Mills brings her readers another intense installment of her FBI Task Force series that might leave you with a headache (in a good way) as you struggle to figure out who is the criminal before you get to the last pages.

Ms. Mills has recently been becoming a favorite of mine as her writing is not only very well done but it frequently takes place in areas I know and love. Based often in my hometown of Houston, Texas, her stories spark my imagination as I can literally see what and where she is describing as I have spent so much time visiting different areas of this marvelous town. This third story in the FBI Task Force series is no different, beginning in the Westheimer area and spreading to the Medical Center, River Oaks and the grounds of our Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Saudi Prince Omar bin Talal (aka the Amir) has brought his family to Houston for cancer treatments for his mother and business meetings that he hopes will help his country. Along with his own security, he has requested that the required FBI security team be headed by Kord Davidson, long time family friend and agent. Believing he is up to the task alone, Kord begins the detail working alongside Amir's personal security captain and friend, Zain al-Qureshi. But things take a deadly turn when Zain is killed by a sniper shot soon after they arrive in Houston. Mourning his friend and angry he couldn't prevent his death, Kord vows to find the killer and ensure no one else dies on his watch. But his boss has other ideas given the danger that is apparently targeting the Amir – and those ideas include the presence of CIA agent Monica Alden. Monica has been working a case for drug and weapons trafficking group working in the Galleria area and is somewhat startled to be pulled to work security for a Saudi Prince alongside the FBI. Although she possess much experience both with the dialects and the culture, Monica knows that this new assignment comes with a great deal of prejudice because of her gender. But she is

determined to do her job, even if Kord doesn't like it, and will do the best she can to honor the customs of the Amir – while still doing her job to keep him and his family safe. As Kord and Monica work side by side through the many possibilities of danger, they will both see that they have a lot to bring to the table and much in common. And Monica's careful deference to the Amir's preferences will give her the opportunity to show him that women have more capabilities than he has previously believed. It will also put her in a more favorable light in the eyes of the Amir's new head of security, Ali Dukali, a position she appreciates but will not reciprocate. But both Kord and Monica will have to use all their considerable skills in investigation and protection to keep those responsible from taking out the Amir for good – an event that could set off an international incident. Monica will also have to learn to accept help and care when she develops double pneumonia during their protective assignment. Kord, on the other hand will have to make a final decision as to whether the words of the Bible are true and he can trust God to take care of him even when he cannot. This story will culminate in a last second race to protect the Amir and give him the chance to make important deals to bring his country into the 21st century. Ms. Mills has a way of making a story hum with excitement and also feel like you can be at home with her characters. While we may not all be CIA or FBI agents, they are people just like us who experience fear, pain, injury, loss, joy and love. I love picking up her books, even if I've already read them, because I know I will find new details or clues that I missed on a previous reading. This is a gift as it requires extremely careful attention to the small stuff and the little nuances that are conveyed. To re-read a book and still not see exactly who the culprit is before the end, in spite of already knowing, means the book can be enjoyed often and with pleasure. I really enjoyed Ms. Mills foray into the world of Middle Eastern culture and the importance of respecting cultures that are not your own. Although you may not agree with how things are done, being rude or dismissive of a culture or traditions only serves to make you look foolish and ignorant. Monica did not enjoy being dismissed from the interviews and discussions, but it did give her a chance to illustrate grace and peace before people who were non-Christians. And her kindness to the Amir's sisters offered her opportunities to share her faith with them as well as will the Amir. Kord also, was able to see what a life of faith looked like while standing in the gap for those who are in danger. The final few chapters of this book were some of my favorites as I am a volunteer at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. I really enjoyed the danger scenes that took place on Rodeo grounds as I could clearly see each area that was passed through and was able to remember the scenes this past weekend when I was working my shifts. There was much to be learned and appreciated in this book and I hope Ms. Mills will be releasing another installment soon. Thank you Ms. Mills for helping me see my city in fresh new way that makes me love it even more.

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Lynn Poppe says

The attempt to assassinate Prince Omar is the driving force behind High Treason for me. Unraveling the twisting story of conspiracy, betrayal, and deceit really kept me engaged and turning pages. Reading the inner workings of the sharp minds of both Monica and Kord is very satisfying.

Both Kord and Monica have similar backgrounds, having previously worked in the Middle East. Monica and Kord start off their new partnership on rocky ground; the two are like oil and vinegar. Both are very much individuals, fighting to stay separate.

"I told you this partnership wouldn't work. You know nothing about a brotherhood of loyalty." (Kord to Monica)

But when combined, Kord and Monica make something so much better, a partnership in both work and life.

Kord has a history with Prince Omar. The prince trusts Kord implicitly and requests that Kord join his security detail while in Houston. Kord is the quintessential hero type, rescuing kidnapped wives and children, protecting his new partner, and saving the day on a regular basis.

Where Kord is already a part of the prince's security team, Monica is the outsider. She's been assigned to work with Kord to stop the assassination attempts. As a western woman, she struggles with earning respect from Kord, the prince, or his security team. She's relegated to the women's wing with the prince's sisters, put on the sidelines of all the action. Ms. Mills does a great job describing Monica's frustrations with her treatment.

"I wouldn't survive under his rein, and I do mean r-e-i-n."

Monica finally does earn the admiration of Kord and the prince. I really appreciate this facet of High Treason. The prince and his team show real growth of character by accepting and relying on Monica.

The romance aspects in High Treason seem rushed to me. Not rush into bed/sex, but rush into feelings. But maybe that's what happens when you spend 24 hours a day with someone? I'm skeptical. Kord and Monica start as partners, first trying to be civil, then developing trust, and then falling for each other, all in a very short window of time.

Ms. Mills does a great job showcasing the differences between Western and Saudi culture. I particularly welcome how respectful Monica is towards the prince. As well, I applaud how much the prince and his staff are thankful Monica is on the team by the end of the novel. The interplay between the two sets of characters (western vs Saudi) is a well-orchestrated dance.

I'm always entertained by Ms. Mills's use of Houston as a background to her stories. This time around, it is Morton's The Steakhouse (a company I used to work for!) and the Houston Rodeo. Though, I do marvel at how quickly characters seem to drive between locations. There never seems to be any traffic in these novels. And as someone who lives in Houston, I find that difficult to imagine!

I thoroughly enjoyed reading High Treason. It's a plot-driving ride, with plenty of action to hold my attention.

Cindy says

In one word... WOW! While I have truly loved every book I have read by DiAnn Mills, her newest novel, High Treason, blew me away! It is the third book in her "FBI Task Force" series but it reads as a stand-alone.

This book is filled with twists, turns, and plenty of heart-stopping action that will keep the reader engaged from page one to the final page. At times I found myself holding my breath just waiting to see what happened next.

I am a big fan of good characterization and Ms. Mills never disappoints me. She has created a group of

characters from different cultures and let them take control of the story in such a way that they pulled me into the story with them. I thoroughly enjoyed the interaction between all the characters but especially the banter between the heroine, CIA Operative Monica Alden and FBI Special Agent Kord Davidson. At times their bantering made me laugh out loud and other times I wanted to know some sense into one or the other.

There is a religious theme that runs throughout. Kord confesses to Monica that he has read the Bible twice and the Koran twice but he is still searching. I really liked the way Ms. Mills wove this aspect into the story and I enjoyed watching the journey that Kord took to come to the decision he finally made.

I could go into a little detail about the plotline but that would totally be a spoiler which I do not like to do. Let's just say it is jam-packed full of adventure, intrigue, friendships, and romance. I can guarantee you that everyone who reads this book will find something special in it. I highly recommend this book.

On a 5-Star Scale - 5 HUGE Stars!!!!

I would like to thank the author for my copy of High Treason. I received my complimentary copy with no expectations of a positive review.

Kelly Bridgewater says

3.5 stars

DiAnn Mills is romantic suspense gold. She knows what the genre wants and she delivers. With every single book of hers, I am taken for a ride and given a chance to watch the heroine and hero fall in love. With the concluding book to her FBI Task Force Series, High Treason, she does exactly what she promised.

The writing is clear and concise. I had no problem following Kord and Monica around as they learned to work together to solve the case. Mills does not head hop, so she stays in the perspective of the character who she began the chapter with. I can't imagine all the research she has to do to make this contemporary romantic suspense true. Like understanding the Islam culture and understanding how Monica would face that different culture while trying to protect the Prince.

Monica is a strong heroine who amazes even the men she is sent to protect. In the Islam culture, women aren't allowed to do these things, but Monica does things like unarm a bomb without hesitation or kill a person in point-blank range. Whereas, Monica is a strong heroine; Kord is a normal, predictable FBI Specialist who has already been protecting this Middle-Eastern family. He is the character who transforms spiritually the most in the story. While Monica clings to her faith from the beginning and is still the same at the end of the novel.

The plot didn't wow me. In my humble opinion, it has been overdone. Protecting a Middle-Eastern Prince and finding out who wants them dead is not an original plot. The climactic moments were predictable, and, I believe, which I could be wrong, that Mills has even done them in her past books. Or it could have been done by a number of different suspense authors, but I know I have read these same scenario's somewhere else. I wasn't gripped by the plot, and I wanted more. It was written well and kept my attention. I had a good idea of who wanted the Prince killed before Mills showed me, and I was correct.

High Treason by DiAnn Mills has a fascinating heroine but a lackluster hero and plot, aching for more thrills

in the story. Overall, I believe fans of Mills other works will enjoy this novel. I have enjoyed most of her books. This one just didn't hit out the park for me. If you enjoy Terri Blackstock, Irene Hannon, or Lynette Eason, and you haven't tried Mills, you should try her books.

I received a complimentary copy of High Treason by DiAnn Mills from Tyndale Publishing, but the opinions stated are all my own.

Sarah Grace says

2.5 stars? 3 stars? I can't decide.

Well, that was EXTREMELY anti-climatic. :/

Linda Walters says

I liked this book but with some reservations. The story-line was good and the characters interesting but it also moved pretty slowly at times.

A lot of that had to do with the investigative nature of parts of the story. They had a lot of evil doers to uncover. They don't get them all but as the story goes along, they get quite a few of them. That is when the action does kick in because it's a dangerous job trying to keep the prince safe and uncover each plot against him. Adding to the difficulty is the culture in which Monica has to work. Being a woman is not something that is valued at first. She has to work to show her respect for their culture but also show that she has skills. And boy, does she have skills, that was something that I enjoyed. A spunky, smart, skilled heroine is always a plus in my book.

Kord is not too happy to have her on board at first either. He's used to working on his own and he's also grieving a loss that happens pretty dramatically in the beginning of the book.

There were other emotional things going on in the story which was a good addition. The prince's mother's illness and the two princess'es made things more interesting.

I found it a bit hard to rate this book. Although I usually enjoy reading books by this author, this one was not one of my favorites. There is a mild romance going on but I would have liked a bit more. It had more emphasis on the suspense and it was light on the romance part. It made it a bit harder for me to believe the H.E.A. that the story ended with.

I received a copy of this book from Tyndale House Publishers via Netgalley. This is my honest thoughts about it.

Sydney Young says

Houston, Texas. A diverse, sprawling metropolis, a worthy city for an intense, faith based series about the FBI and their counterparts. It all springs to life in the 3rd of DiAnn Mills' **HIGH TREASON**, with an authentic tale of threat to a visiting Saudi prince and his family. Among the glitter of the inordinately wealthy, so true to Houston, this story of an FBI and CIA agent striving to come together for the good of all involved, come what may, is fast-paced and good escape, while making one think about deeper matters, such as trust, faith, family, death, choices and life.

I have not read the first book in the series, but I did read and enjoy the second, so that I was really looking forward to this next book. But I wasn't expecting this world, this acknowledgement of something so different from what most of us live in, and the respect that was purposefully given to the Saudis. I was very pleasantly surprised with the direction Mills took with this third offering, it is not your standard mystery and truly ramps up the series with the eye it casts to respect in diversity. After the Harvey disaster, the world got to see a little of what Houston, Texas is made of; I'm glad Mills' FBI novels shed even more light on the city.

Now, Monica is a female Christian CIA agent, which is three strikes against her to the people she is trying to protect. But her story is proof that one can be grace under fire, and respectful of others' beliefs and values, even while growing as a person and Christian, and while being one tough lady. I am really thankful for such a view point, it came at the perfect time for me, reminding me of something very fundamental to my faith. Honestly, it's these gentle reminders that make me such a fan of the faith-based novels that DiAnn Mills brings to us, to say nothing of the romance she always delivers.

Thank you for the review copy in exchange for an honest review.

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