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Pay The Penance can be read as a gripping stand alone or as part of the thrilling Mechanic Trilogy

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"Wow what a gripping, seat clenching , addictive read this book is, can't wait for sequels to come out"

"Top class entertainment. An excellent debut novel full of fast paced action, thrills and spills."

"I think I have just found myself a new crime thriller author and series that will be going straight on my "must read authors list".

"Kept me on the edge of my seat so many twists and turns"

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Livia Sbarbaro says

Made my blood run cold...Absolutely brilliant

Third book in the series...Lucas attends the funeral of Brassano and makes a promise mostly to himself to get the mechanic...Harper wants in on this..and Harper being Harper resorts to going to the source Moran..She's divided in her loyalty to the job that she loves..and helping them in their quest to find the Mechanic..But just ahead there is a problem.The Mechanic is always one step ahead..The Mechanic is so unhinged now...The Penance must be paid by any means...And Just when everything is about to come together..One or more of the trio could be in the gravest of danger...Who is going to be next to die..? Omg this is an absolute jaw dropping ending ...Rob Ashman's final book in the trilogy stepped up to and surpassed my expectations... This is storytelling that will stay with you...Chilled me to the core..Moran is one of the best characters ever...Love love loved this series..Brilliant..

M.A. Comley says

Read this book over the weekend and again, Rob Ashman blew me away. This has to be the best trilogy i have read to date.

I really don't want to say much about the plot as it will reveal spoilers for not only this book but the previous two books as well.

All you need to know that this man can seriously write and has an extremely twisted mind, he must have to have come up with such remarkable plots.

Great stuff, Mr Ashman, I hope you're busy writing your next book.

Audrey Gibson says

The Mechanic Trilogy by Rob Ashman. I finished book 3 last night, Pay The Penance, I read all 3 within 5 days. Mechanic is, by far, the most twisted, sick, evil, scary and horrendous serial killer I've ever read about. These are nerve shattering, heart pumping, nail biting, goosebumps all over your body books. I will never forget reading these books and will not stop raving about them. OUTSTANDING.

The Book Review Café says

All my reviews can be found at <http://thebookreviewcafe.com>

Hallelujah The Mechanic is back! this is one serial killer I can't get enough of, and once again author Rob Ashman's imagination runs riot, making the third book in the Mechanic series a heart thumping read. I've

been eagerly waiting for Pay The Penance the last book in the Mechanic series to be published, I was so desperate to read this book I got up extra early to download it, and then made the fatal mistake of reading the opening chapter, and I was well and truly hooked, if work hadn't got in the way I would have read it in one sitting and that's a fact! As I mentioned this is the third book in the series and it's definitely a series where you need to read the trilogy to truly appreciate them, fully as the previous books leading up to Pay The Penance very much lay the foundations to this final and thoroughly gripping instalment.

Rob Ashman has created some incredible characters, Lucas and his side kick Harper are back along with Moran , and what a combination they make. Author Rob Ashman hasn't made life easy for poor old Lucas, he's hit rock bottom, but there's one thing that's keeping him going, he wants vengeance for all the terrible things the Mechanic has done, and nothing's going to get in his way. I just love Lucas and Harper the humour and banter between the pair add some light relief to this dark read. They aren't your typical heroes by any means, but they are refreshingly original, and I found myself cheering them on as the mechanic plays a deadly game of "cat and mouse with our unlikely heroes.

I have to mention the Mechanic what a complex and intriguing character the author has created, their a monster of the worse kind, but as in previous books in this series I did find I had some empathy for this very troubled soul as more of their past was revealed, at times I almost felt sorry for them, but this never lasted long, I much prefer a serial killer to be unlikable, but that's the great thing about Rob Ashman's writing he is able to evoke conflicting emotions and feelings towards his characters.

Pay The Penance made for another intense and a thoroughly enthralling read, I really couldn't turn the pages on my kindle fast enough! Taut with tension the author manages to maintain the suspense to the last heart stopping chapter. Although I'm sorry this is the last book in the Mechanic series, I thought Rob Ashman bought the series to a very satisfying and fitting conclusion, at this point I was holding my breath, as the suspense reached fever pitch. This has really been a fantastic series, each book has made for an entertaining and utterly gripping read, without a doubt ALL three books in the series will be in my top reads of 2017 list.

Jessica says

Big thanks to Bloodhound Books and the author for the advanced ebook copy, and blog tour spot, in exchange for my honest review.

The third and final installment in the Mechanic trilogy! Its been awhile since I have had a series or trilogy where I loved all the books and gave them all 5 stars. PAY THE PENANCE was a fantastic end to this serial killer thriller series. We're back with the characters we know and love, and love to hate, this was a rollercoaster of book and I couldn't stop reading!

With Lucas' world falling apart, he is only focused on one thing, finding and killing the Mechanic. If you've read books one and two, THOSE THAT REMAIN and IN YOUR NAME, then you know what the Mechanic is capable of and what a truly sadistic killer they are. With Lucas, Harper and Moran reunited, they are on their final hunt for the Mechanic. But in these situations, are you really the predator, or are you simply the prey of the Mechanic? It seems this killer is always one step ahead of them.

I don't want to ruin too much of the plot for anyone that either hasn't read the first two, or is anxiously waiting to pick up book three! All you need to know is that this will not disappoint. We get to see a different side to Mechanic, they have a demon from their past that they need to overcome and you almost find it easier

to relate to them, and dare I say it, like the killer. The sadistic and often torturous methods used for killing will make you cringe at times, but I would expect no less from Ashman's series. This is a truly disturbed and psychotic individual, so you feel so conflicted when you start to feel sorry for them.

Overall, if you want a serial killer thriller with a unique twist (from the first book that carries on) then you definitely need to pick this one up! Not for the faint of heart - there is a lot of violence, but that is what you'll come to expect from Ashman's Mechanic series.

I give this book, and the whole series, 5/5 stars!

Caroline Vincent - Bits about Books says

Wow! What a grand finale to the Mechanic Trilogy! I loved Pay the Penance, once again was deeply fascinated by Mechanic, such a complex character created by Rob Ashman, and I am going to miss them all, Lucas, Mechanic, Harper and Moran!

| Introduction |

Mechanic #3

The final Mechanic book opens with what seems an innocent scene: a grandfather and his grandchildren, enjoying time together... The next scene brings us Mechanic, the serial killer, en route in Italy to .. murder, this time a professional hit. For Mechanic, it is business as usual but for Police Lieutenant Lucas it is quite different. After the devastating blow Mechanic dealt him, he was "fast joining him (Harper – Lucas' predecessor) in the gutter." And they have not even heard the latest horrific news that again will inflame their hatred and lust for revenge

| Storyline |

Could Lucas and Harper ever live a 'normal' life with Mechanic existing in the same world as theirs? Both men somehow find the strength to go after Mechanic and they are certain, whether they will survive or not, it will be the last time. To execute their plan, they have to know where Mechanic is. Follow the money – a task for which they need Las Vegas Detective Moran. The ambitious young woman has difficulty with the aftermath of what happened. Before she was involved with Lucas and Harper she saw her future quite clearly and now Moran has no idea who she is. Furthermore, if anyone in the force ever found out what she had done, it would bring about the end of her career. When Harper talks Moran into helping them to locate Mechanic, she is not happy but has no other choice but to cooperate. However, her chief wants an unsolved murder case to be investigated and Moran is desperate to divert her chief's attention because it will show Mechanic's connection...

With Moran feeling the pressure from her Chief and Harper and Lucas on the other side, she comes near to losing it. Her participation is the final draw for her career but, then again, she understands the need to stop Mechanic once and for all. In their search for Mechanic, the three of them go far and move in dangerous circles. Meanwhile, Mechanic is experiencing problems that should have been dealt with but have come back with a vengeance. Between the professional hits and the personal problems, we are witness to Mechanic's tormenting thoughts and cruel actions and fear this will end explosively... Will Harper and Lucas track down Mechanic and finally get their revenge? To create the perfect opportunity, Lucas and Harper have a crazy

and dangerous scheme that involves them walking into the lion's den. Everyone involved has ulterior motives and nothing is what it seems but someone will have to Pay the Penance...

| My Thoughts |

I cannot believe I will never read about Mechanic again! I totally loved this series and was hooked from the start. It is gripping, at times extremely chilling and I felt for most of the characters in the book! Apart from being a hell of a read, the series opens up discussions into the fascinating topics of fate and nature versus nurture. What is it about fate that some people go through life without experiencing any setbacks, whereas others are a target for bad omens? Watching Mechanic develop from childhood, it seems obvious nurture is the cause of the serial killer's behaviour. But then again, the relentlessness of this sadistic murderer.. the tenancy with which the shield towards the outer world was kept in place and the force with which the serial killer focuses on taking lives, that indicates nature's influence as well.

These questions kept hurtling through my mind as I witnessed the story evolve and how all the characters were scarred by fate and, up to a certain point, beyond repair. It is fascinating to see and boy, what a tale Rob Ashman has woven in his three books! I love his writing style with the dark humour shimmering through, not afraid to shock readers with gruesome details. Then again, the violence is fitting to the story. I loved the author showing us Mechanic's inner turmoil – it could have been easy to create a one-dimensional cold-hearted killer, but it is impressive that Rob Ashman chose to give 'body' to Mechanic by showing us the character's inner demons and convoluted background. This last book of the Trilogy is complex and dark and takes you on a horrifying and spine-chilling journey aboard an out-of-control roller coaster speeding forward towards the inevitable but shocking climax. The Mechanic Trilogy. A must read.

Read the review (and the other two in the Mechanic trilogy!) on my website:

<https://www.bitsaboutbooks.net/pay-pe...>

Alison says

After reading the first two books in the #Mechanic series and being totally blown away by them I was frantically counting the days until I could get my hands on Pay the Penance to see the conclusion.

These really should be read in order, don't miss a single sentence of pure suspense and action. I needed to see Lucas and Harper again to follow their journey chasing Mechanic. This duo work so well, there is so much invested in the relationship both work wise and personally. Lucas had his world torn apart by killer Mechanic so justice is needed. Detective Moran also gets caught up in the investigation unwittingly getting a bit too close and lives are put at risk.

We get to see a broader view of Mechanic this time, warped, sadistic, freakin' crazy doesn't begin to cover it but I kind of admire their pure evil manipulation! And perhaps there is a little insight into why they behave as they do.

Mechanic is intent on revenge and determined to get Lucas and Harper to pay penance for previous events, there is so much corruption and murder involved you just know this can't end well but which way will it go!?

I really enjoy the writing style, Rob manages to create these characters so they are gritty but down to earth,

you immediately bond with them and after three books feel every inch of their trauma. Yes there is violence but it is so integral that it almost becomes the norm, there are a few parts that aren't pleasant if you are squeamish.

My heart was hammering as I neared the climax of this book and as much as I wanted to know the outcome I was distraught that it was going to be the end. I do wonder how Rob sleeps at night when he has such evil as the Mechanic running around in his mind! I'm just so thankful that it has found it's way into print to make one of the best crime series for a very long time. I think everyone should get a taste of Mechanic bloody excellent!

My thanks to Rob and Sarah at Bloodhound books for my copy and inviting me on the tour. I read and reviewed voluntarily and wish I could give Pay the Penance way more than 5 stars!

Books n All Jill Burkinshaw says

My Rating 5 out of 5 stars

This is book 3 of the Mechanic Trilogy and I would strongly recommend reading them in sequence although it could possibly work well as stand alone.

The book is fast paced and totally gripping so I would suggest you don't start reading until you have a fair bit of time as you won't be able to put it down. Murder, corruption, blackmail, drugs and a little humour make this one of the most gripping books/series I have read in a while.

After the death of a friend and spouse Lucas is out for revenge and Harper is happy to tag along. However, Mechanic is also out for revenge and wants Lucas and Harper to 'pay the penance' for their actions in previous books.

Mechanic is a sadistic murderer and we get to know the character even more deeply in this book and we also learn more about the history and background that created the monster that Mechanic has become.

Lucas and Harper are both on a mission to put an end to Mechanic whatever the cost and they both know the cost will be high. Moran has also been dragged into the web of violence and corruption that surrounds the case and she finds herself caught up in the middle of a war that will probably cost her her career at the very least. But like her 2 partners in crime she is unable to walk away so joins the 2 men in the hunt.

Despite the violence there is a hint of humour in the background that I absolutely love and it makes this book unique. It is, without doubt, a jaw dropingly brilliant series and I am looking forward to more from Rob Ashman.

Thank you to Bloodhound books for the advance copy.

@bloodhoundbook #mechanictrilogy #5stars @robashman

Kat says

Ohhh what an amazing ending to this just wonderful trilogy and all credit to Rob Ashman for writing such fantastic characters. I can't praise enough so can only say read it you won't be disappointed..5 stars and now have withdrawals as no more Rob Ashman books left to read ?

Susan Hampson says

This is one of those rare books that I couldn't wait to get my hands on and yet I was dreading the day in equal measures because this is the end, the final book in a series that I loved. Now I have to say next that this book, this final one to end it all, is just bloody awesome from the first page to the last. This is one action packed, adrenaline fuelled beauty that I just didn't know who I wanted to come out on top. Ok that may seem twisted but I really took to the Mechanic, don't ask why because I am talking total psycho here, but I really sort of got behind this super cool killer that got job satisfaction in killing be it for money, pleasure or for someone to pay a penance for a past deed.

Lucas and Harper have a vested interest in hunting down and killing the Mechanic for more than a couple of reasons but primarily if they don't then the Mechanic will hunt them down and take them out. Where the Mechanic has precision and skill these two have plod and the cheek to blackmail Detective Moran to try give them the edge by hindering the police investigation. Not really a fair match but most entertaining. Definitely a 9 out of 10 for effort for them where it was no effort at all for the Mechanic!

The Mechanic has a demon to face from the past in this book, a vulnerability that has been skimmed before that now has to be dealt with and even more shockingly a relationship, one that would be all lovey dovey if they were 'normal' (I know politically incorrect but really read the series and you will understand) instead they are two very twisted and messed up people in the head. Well what ever turns you on as the saying goes. Rob Ashman must have poured every ounce of energy and emotion into these three books because it has taken all of mine just reading them and although I know all the ins and outs, who is who and the super hair raising ending, I will read this series again because it really is top notch.

I wish to thank Bloodhound books for providing an e-book to me which I have reviewed honestly.

Susan Angela Wallace says

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OMG. What a read. Absolutely fantastic with brilliant characters. I loved Lucas, Harper and Moran. They were my favourite characters. I thought Mechanic was evil. I really loved the ending. And how everything turned out. Full of twists and plots. Definitely worth more than 5*. Bloodhound books.

Laura Turner says

All my reviews can be found on my blog: <https://pageturnersnook.wordpress.com>

Book 3 of the Mechanic Trilogy and AGAIN, another 5 stars – OH MY GOD!!!!

Seriously, this just gets better. Rob Ashman is one phenomenal author with an imagination as wild as the maddest kookaburra but I blumming love it, and it's taught me one thing – wherever Rob Ashman is, there will be blood, plenty of violence, corruption and action that always ends in death, and a good chase.

I don't want to say a lot about the actual story behind the final instalment of this trilogy (I'm very sad it's over), but what I can say is when Lucas' world came crashing down in In Your Name, I thought that was it, but no, this guy is hell bent and determined to catch the worst sadistic killer of all.

Without a doubt, Pay The Penance is a jaw dropping and gripping read. I suggest if you intend to delve in, ensure you give yourself time because once you're involved, you're involved ... there is no such thing as letting go. You will not be free until you've read the final word on the last page, and even then you'll find your mind spinning with thoughts of a trilogy you'll still be talking about in twenty years time!!

Sarah says

Pay The Penance is the third and final book in the Mechanic trilogy. Please do read these in order as it will spoil your enjoyment somewhat if read out of sequence.

Having read and enjoyed the previous two novels in the trilogy, I literally could not wait to see how it would all end and boy I was not disappointed!

There are so many great characters in these books. Moran I probably loved that little bit more than the others. I love a strong female character and Moran ticked all the boxes for me. In a way it felt like she was the one in charge and looking out for Lucas and Harper.

I love the relationship especially between Lucas and Harper. It's been a rocky one at times but it is a strong and solid one that you know will last a life time. They make a great duo and the fact that Moran made it more of a trio actually worked really well.

Mechanic, what to say about them. I really got to like them in the second novel and I had so much empathy in this one for them but there is no getting away that they are extremely damaged and have gone past the point of no return. In a way the reader knows how the outcome of the story is going to go. I mean there can only ever really be one way. The author still managed to shock and surprise me though with the way that they have ended it and I absolutely loved it.

Pay The Penance is an extremely satisfying finale of what has been a highly thrilling and entertaining series. I have to admit that I am going to miss the characters as they have been a big part of my life over the last few months. If you haven't yet had the opportunity to read these books yet then I highly recommend doing so.

The perfect read for fans of a seriously twisted serial killer.

My thanks to Bloodhound Books for an advanced readers copy of this book. All opinions are my own and not biased in anyway.

Pat says

Eek, that got a bit intense.

Lucas and Harper are again on the trail of the Mechanic. When they need access to restricted information they rope in Rebecca Moran again, initially against her will but she soon gets into the swing of it.

With great detective work they make great progress and develop a cunning plan to 'trap' mechanic. Unfortunately its not so easy. Mechanic is working with Jamieson and they are onto Lucas and Harper, they still don't seem to be aware of Moran though.

Things go horribly wrong with their plan and mechanic now intends for them to 'pay the penance' (for killing her sister) alluded to in the previous book. It gets a bit hairy at this stage as Lucas and Harper are in extreme and painful danger, and I had to have a break before continuing. Is mechanic simply to good for them or can they finally nail the bitch?

This was a great trilogy. Thank you Rob Ashman.

Adrian Lawrence says

I found this to be an immensely enjoyable trilogy. If you've already read the first two books I'm sure you don't need any encouragement to read the last in the series. You won't be disappointment. When you get to 75% be prepared to clear your schedule; you're not going to want to put this down. It's an awesome ending by an author who has been firmly added to my mailing list.
