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Assistant D.A. Kate Megason is about to prosecute the case of her career when someone starts sending her terrifying messages. Someone who obviously knows her deep, dark secret. Now, she needs the help of Frank Matrone--an investigator with his own shadowy past--or else Kate may have no chance of surviving a killer's brutal wrath.

Dead Reckoning Details

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Naomi says

I am a fan of Linda Castillo's Kate Burkholder series and stepped out to read this book by her. I enjoyed it alot. It is a great mystery with very light on the romance, which is perfect for me. I plan to learly check out some of her other suspense novels and hope they are the same.

Jeri says

I read and enjoy Castillo's current series and thought her backlist looked interesting. This was a good quick read. Heroine tortured with guilt over something that happened when she was 17. Hero badly injured in Israel. Can these two wounded souls find happiness with each other? Umm. It's a book right?

Hubjeanne says

I love her books and have been a fan for quite some time but, I must say, this is by far my favorite!!! Romance is included which I loved but it would have been 5 stars without it. Great read!!!!

jenjn79 says

A true-blue romantic suspense...though honestly, the romance was almost very secondary to the suspense. The 2 leads don't get together until very late in the book, but they do develop a connection beforehand. It's not the greatest book ever, but there was something about it that really pulled me in. I couldn't put it down once I started. It's about 2 people who have very tragic pasts and end up working together on a case for the DA's office. They fight to regain control of their lives while trying to solve the case they are working on. It's an enjoyable read....though a bit dark at times.

Linda Di francesco says

Have not read enough to judge but do far it is very good

It is way too soon to rate this book check back later but so far I am enjoying it will be glad to rate it later

Saly says

Dead Reckoning by Linda Castillo was a good read. I enjoyed how the characters were all tortured.

Kate Megason is an assistant DA. She loves her job and is too dedicated to it. She works and works and people call her a ball-buster but she cares deeply hides it. As a 17 year old she and her twin were brutalized, with her sister ending up in a convalescent home and she with guilt and her life changed forever. So, justice matters to her, that is all she has. Her parents never got over what happened and instead hurt her. She gets handed a high profile case that could make her career.

Frank Matrone was a cop, he was also a reservist when he was injured badly in Jerusalem and lost the woman he loved, his life has gone downhill since then. He wallows in his grief and pain and also suffers from chronic pain so bad that he mixes his pills and alcohol. His friends seeing his condition offer him a chance, to work as an investigator in the DA's office. Hi start is less than auspicious, he walks in late and acts as if it doesn't matter and Kate she is a stickler for punctuality, she tries to get him removed but her boss owes a favor and it is an election year.

Frank is bit of a smart-ass in the beginning but slowly that changes. He finds that their case is not totally open and shut and more is involved. Kate starts getting threats and someone tries to scare her with the past.

The book was great, with a good pace. The relationship is gradual and nothing immediate. There is a lot of working together and getting to know each others history, coming to terms with the past. Frank saves Kate from doing something and that moment was great for me. There were a lot of things going on in the book and I enjoyed it a lot and never felt a lack of romance or anything even though things finally happen after quite a long time.

Spitz says

Picked this up because of high praise for the author's most recent series. I was annoyed with myself for wasting a few hours, but upon reflection this book was pretty (unintentionally) entertaining. The heroine is amazingly tough: after being hit by a car by a bad guy at 5:43 am, she recovers enough to go the next day at 8:33 pm and shoot down another bad guy who raped her 11 years earlier. Despite this rape having inhibited her from ever had any sexual relationships, she then goes home with the Hero and starting at 11:46 pm spends the night having fantastic sex with him. In the literally over the top final episode the next day the Villain beats her up and breaks her arm, then at 2:03 am drives her to a skyscraper under construction so that he can push her off the roof and therefore (!) make it look like a suicide. The Hero arrives at 3:16 am, just as he throws her over. Hero pushes the Villain to his death, is devastated....but wait! it turns out the Heroine had the foresight to find an extension cord, tied it to a pillar and around her waist before the Villain threw her over! Hero pulls Heroine up; they confess they love each other (exact time not indicated, but probably 3:20 am). HEA!

Darcy says

Kate is a lawyer who was the victim of a brutal crime when she was a teen, Frank is the celebrated ex-cop/war hero, now investigator who lost his love in a bombing, together they clash during their meeting on Kate's first big death row case. As they are forced to spend more and more time together researching the case the start to get under each other's skins, every way they turn irritating the other, all the while the office has started a betting pool of when they will end up together. This is an interesting book where you know the

couple will end up together, but the fun is in how they do and to what lengths they go to protect, save, and help each other over their past traumas.

Lloyd Liggett says

A better than average mystery, but a "romance" mystery. It brings two hurting and traumatized people together while pursuing the answers to two mysteries; why a seemingly senseless crime was committed, and who was behind its commission. While, to me, obviously written for a female audience, it was a good "stand alone" mystery story, and a good romance novel with a happy ending.

Jan says

Entertaining mystery but predictable in its outcome.

Gordon Howard says

Frank is a retired cop who receives an assignment working as an investigator for the Dallas DA's office. His boss is Kate, an Assistant District Attorney who has been given her first high profile murder case to prosecute. Both have tragic past experiences that seem destined to derail Kate's case.

A clash between Frank and Kate is inevitable when Kate's type 'A' personality meets head-on with Frank's inability to follow the rules and show up at work on time. In spite of Kate's concerns about his ability and worth to her team, the DA forces her to keep Frank on the job even though she doesn't want him.

This is the first non-series book by Linda Castillo that I have read and I found it just as enjoyable and the Kate Burkholder series that I read earlier. Lots of action and a great plot leading to a 'palm sweating' conclusion.

Sheila says

This was my first standalone novel that I have read by Linda Castillo. The lead character is Kate who is an ADA who is getting ready to try a particularly brutal double homicide in a gas & go type store. Someone or ones absolutely don't want her to look too deep into the case. I will definitely read more books by her. She already had me won over with her Kate Burkholder series. 5 stars.

Suzanne says

Very good read. Kept my interest.

I have read her famous Amish thrillers. I love those!!

Her 'older' books are just as fascinating. Need to find more of her books that's she written.

Donna says

In this standalone novel from 2005, Assistant District Attorney Kate Megason readies to prosecute a man accused of a brutal double murder of 2 convenience store clerks. One of her investigators, former cop Frank Matrone, believes the murderer when he says he was paid to kill the 2 women. Kate starts receiving threatening phone calls and someone breaks into her house in attempts to scare her. She thinks this is related to her assault 11 years ago and not the current case, but she doesn't want anyone to delve into her past. Frank has an equally troubling past and he still has nightmares and terrible leg pain. She is determined to prosecute her cases plus find the men who assaulted her and exact justice. Frank is just as determined to protect her.

Warning -- violent murder scenes and sexual assaults described in the book. I liked seeing Kate and Frank interact and attempt to overcome their past tragedies.

Bevjirwin says

thought this was a mystery-turned out to be a romance-lady in distress thriller-not my cup of tea
