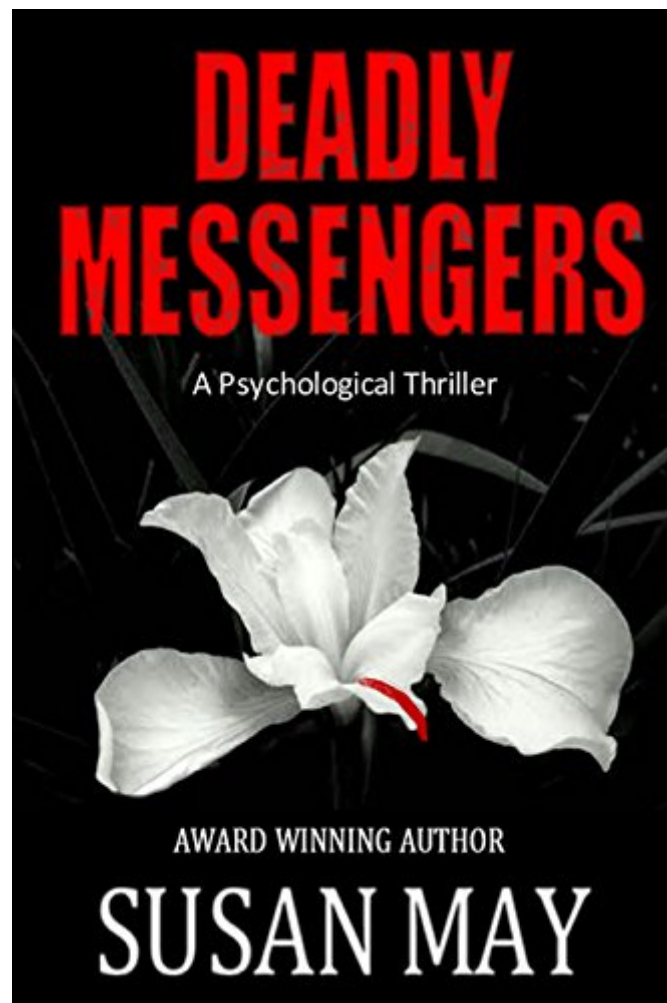




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Deadly Messengers: A Psychological Thriller



Synopsis

Over 100,000 Susan May dark thrillers sold in 2016. For lovers of Harlan Coben, James Patterson, Lee Childs, Gillian Flynn (Gone Girl), Stephen King and early Dean Koontz and those who love a page-turner. Susan May will become your next favorite author. "I was an early & avid Stephen King fan & I feel like I have found a writer who can fill that niche for me," Beverley USATHREE MASSACRES. TWO DETECTIVES. ONE WRITER. ZERO ANSWERS. Discover the book reviewers are calling a "terrifying, impossible-to-put-down thriller" by the author readers have named the "next Stephen King." Freelance journalist Kendall normally writes fluff magazine pieces, until she scores an interview with a survivor of a horrific mass killing. Suddenly she's the go-to reporter for the chilling crime: seven people brutally murdered with an axe and the killer dead at the scene. Then another mass killing occurs. This time arson and ten eldercare facility residents die in the blaze. Then it happens again. A mother with a gun embarks on a rampage at a family birthday party. All killers die before they can be interviewed. Investigating detective O'Grady wonders how evil can strike three times in only weeks. The crimes are far too coincidental. Yet the killers share only one common detail: none has a murderer's profile. No history of violence. No connection to terrorists. No vendettas. Ordinary citizens suddenly just became ruthless killers. When Kendall crosses O'Grady's path sparks fly. And not the good kind. She reminds him of a past he wants to forget. While she can't understand the detective's open hostility toward her. Not to mention, he's standing in the way of a rent-paying story she desperately needs. They will discover these killings form part of a plan far greater than just these crimes. A message is being sent and if the meaning is not deciphered soon many more will die. INCLUDES BONUS: Short Story The War Veteran Nine chapters from Susan May's #1 USA Horror thriller The Troubles Keeper To enjoy a Susan May starter library of two free books, join her reader's club at susanmaywriter.net/free-books WHAT READERS SAY ABOUT SUSAN MAY'S STORIES: "From the very first chapter you know you're in the hands of a real writer." Sarah Kernochan, Best-selling author & Academy Award Winning Screenwriter "Compelling off the first page. You can feel the pulse!" Caroline Kepnes, NY Times Best Selling author of "YOU" "A riveting thriller ... highly recommend to every mystery thriller fan." Suspense Magazine

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Customer Reviews

An epidemic of unexplained serial killings. Killers with no apparent motives. Police Detectives desperately searching for answers before more people are killed. A writer with a troubled past caught up in the unfurling events. In *Deadly Messengers*, Susan May has skillfully blended these ingredients into a thriller that keeps readers on the edges of their seats from the first page to the last. At times, this book reminds me of a Robin Cook thriller because May takes snippets of real-life research and then logically extrapolates them in ways that are not unimaginable in today's world. However, like Cook's protagonists, there are times where May's characters act in head-scratching ways that defy logic. Books and movies of this genre already require some suspension of belief to be thoroughly enjoyed and this book is no exception to that general rule. Overall, however, readers who like these kinds of books will not be disappointed in the tale that May has crafted.

CAUTIONARY NOTE: This book does contain several scenes of graphic violence and squeamish readers should be aware of that when making their buying decision. Anne Johnstonbrown, the 2013 Audible Best Female Audio Book Narrator award winner, adds an extra layer of enjoyment to the book for those readers who prefer to "hear" their books rather than read them. Ms. Johnstonbrown's voice is pleasant and she does a nice job of using vocal changes to differentiate characters. The audio version of this book also includes a brief bonus commentary by May, wherein she explains how she came up with several key plot points for her book.

"Is there a killer lurking inside everyone?" That is one of the questions this book asks from the start. From the first page you are sucked into the madness. The author is so strong with her descriptive writing. Her passion, you are right there with the guts, gore, blood, fire, and the mass killings. You are seeing the massive mayhem the author has created in this fascinating look of pure evil, disguised as love and wanting a better world for everyone. This is not for the faint of heart. It is terror and horror on almost every page. It asks some amazingly scary questions about the country we live in right now and discusses what is going on in the country regarding mass killings, how and maybe why they happen. It is a story on life and mental illness and the terror that sometimes comes along with it. But it is definitely a twisted story not truly based on facts, but one hell of a ride. The author is very compassionate with her character building, you get to know and care for these people whether good, bad, hate or indifferent. She truly has picked a scary subject to write about, but I found it to be interesting, engrossing, and truly enjoyed reading it. There is chaos around every corner. You will not be able to put this book down. I will be watching for new books from Susan May and I will be catching up on the books she has already written. And for the question "Is there a killer lurking inside everyone?", you will have to answer that yourself.

A VERY good book! Actually pretty brilliant! My only issue is the language and somewhat crudeness but it all makes sense in the context. The author did a VERY good job with this book and it was eloquently thought out and went so smoothly with the suspense and mystery. All of the characters were awesome in their roles!

I loved this book! Normal, every-day people all of a sudden seem to go crazy, murdering random people in groups of four. Then they seem to 'snap out' of a trance-like state and have no idea what they've done or why. As the police try to solve these baffling crime sprees, a freelance reporter (who usually writes diet and make-up tips for women's magazines) gets caught up in the stories. What causes these ordinary people to go on a rampage? Mass hysteria? Hypnotism? Drugs? I won't give it away, but let's just say there is a person with an agenda to help mankind (?). He just needs to get their attention first. Fast-paced and exciting, I loved every page!

Great idea for a book and well written. Only one thing keep it from me rating it five stars: too much introspection during the action scenes. The action scenes could have been written much terser to keep up the suspense. Otherwise, the writing was good, unique story line, book kept moving up until the end, when it did get bogged down.

Susan May for an Advanced Readers Copy in exchange for a honest review. Random, unrelated murders are occurring in the city while Trip and O'Grady, assigned detectives, have few leads to go off to solve this case. But when Kendall, a happy go lucky freelance writer looking for the next great story, accidentally stumbles onto an overlooked report from a local, things start to really get dangerous. Deadly Messengers is a total mind rush and real page turner that has mystery, suspense, and lots and lots of murder. No one is safe...I mean no one! An easy read with a solid plot and believable characters. I don't usually read murder thrillers, but this was so well written, I couldn't put it down. I enjoyed it! So, I gave this book a solid 3.5 out of 5 stars.

I could not decide if the book was Dark or Suspenseful but decided it was more suspenseful than dark even though the subject matter was quite dark. The book could have been very gory and it wasn't. Thanks for that.

Deadly Messengers is supposed to be a thriller but the story is too predictable. An initial series of shootings set-up the plot with the heroine, Kendall figuring out the links. But the development of the investigation is very naive. There are no red herrings or twists in the tale. The relationships between key characters are undeveloped. All in all, a boring book, ideal for bedtime reading.

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