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Former homicide detective Nicole Foster has hit rock bottom. Driven off the force by her treacherous partner and lover, sheâ€™s flat broke and struggling with a gambling addiction. All Nicole has left is the dream of a warm bed at a homeless shelter and the haunting memories of three-year-old Kelsey Chaseâ€”whose murder case ended her career.

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As Nicole obsesses over the old facts, she realizes everything about that case felt off: a disinterested mom, a suicidal pedophile, and too many questions left unanswered. When the little girl's grieving father begs Nicole for help, she's drawn back into the investigation and given one shot at redemption.

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But the deeper Nicole digs, the more evil she uncovers, including betrayals that hit painfully close to home. Will a shocking discovery be the key to finally getting justice for Kelsey and resurrecting her own life?

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Nicole was never one to upset the balance and usually lets herself be led by the men in her life. This probably stems from the fact that their mom left town they were little. Nicole was terrified their dad would leave too so she tried to be perfect. She took care of her little sister, making sure she had everything she needed. Stacy doesn't seem to appreciate all that her sister did for her. She comes across very entitled and appears to revel in her sister's pain.

Nicole doesn't need her sister to tell her she has a problem with gambling, she knows she's addicted. Even with everything going on, she feels the pull of the casino. Just wants to sit at her favorite slot machine and just forget everything.

We learn about the case that started Nicole's unraveling. A little girl goes missing from Target two days before Christmas. Little Kelsey Chase is only three years old.

Right away you can see that Angela Chase is not an average mother. She's acting very strange. Usually the mothers of missing children are inconsolable, frantic, and desperate. But Angela Chase doesn't seem very concerned about Kelsey. Is she in shock or is there something else going on? Julian Chase is the father and is much more concerned about what's happened to his daughter.

Angela starts to avoid everyone, including the investigators. She says she's told them everything she knows. But Nicole is positive she's not telling them something....even the father seems suspicious. He gives some insight into his marriage and his wife. It's enlightening to say the least.

Nicole's partner Danny is the acting lead in the investigation unit. Nicole and Danny are also in a relationship, though it's a toxic one. Danny is a narcissist and Nicole knows he's no good for her. He's controlling and rarely takes Nicole's opinion into account. However, if she comes up with something good he's quick to take credit for it.

The investigation continues and focus turns to a registered sex offender named Alan Dawson. Alan is on the sex offenders list. When he was 17 he had sex with his 15-year-old girlfriend (who was 2 weeks away from turning 16). Danny becomes fixated on Alan, but Nicole is hesitant to pin it on him. What he was convicted of was a far cry from kidnapping a child.

But Danny is like a dog with a bone and pretty much flat-out refuses to investigate anyone else. After some shoddy police work on Danny's part, the case goes sideways and falls apart. Nicole is swept up in the mess and is suddenly out of a job.

Nicole has definitely hit bottom. But she never stops thinking about little Kelsey. When she crosses paths with Kelsey's father, Julian she is pulled back in and decides to investigate on her own. But with this case nothing is what it seems. As Nicole continues to investigate she makes some rather shocking discoveries. But just when she thinks she's on the right track to figuring things out, something comes up that takes the case on a whole different path.

So far someone has gotten away with murder....but who?

"The Sound of Rain" was a really intriguing read. The authors descriptions of a gambling addict and addiction in general felt very realistic.

"I miss the lights of the casino, the blank stares of anticipation on the faces of the players lined up in front of the machines that offer the potential to change their lives. We were all escapees. Whatever had brought us to our favorite chair, our favorite game, at 2:00 a.m. had never been about winning. It was always about getting away from the lives we were living before we were swept up inside the open doors

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of the casino."

I thought most of the characters were well drawn ...flaws and all. We see the dysfunctional love/hate relationships between lovers and family members and how they related to each other. Nicole was once a fearless cop but she allowed people in her personal relationships to treat her with such disrespect. But the reader can see she's determined to change that.

Perhaps a bit far-fetched at times but it didn't take away from my overall enjoyment of the book. The twists and turns were interesting and kept me reading. I HAD to know what happened to Kelsey. I really had no idea where the book was going and was shocked at how it all came together. Once I was a few chapters in, it became very hard to put down the book.

I am definitely looking forward to more from this author.

Thank you NetGalley, Thomas & Mercer, and Gregg Olsen for providing an advanced readers copy of this book for me to read in exchange for my honest review. ...more

The Sound Of Silence Lyrics

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The investigation involves a local Target store. The surrounding neighborhood is a trailer park. It is a rainy December day which shows the symbolism of the title of the book. The truth is shocking and hurtful, yet Nicole once again rises above to what is right and just not for only Kelsey but others. This is a compelling mystery full of twists and turns.

I love these kind of dark and exciting but not gory or gruesome mysteries. This book deals with gambling addiction, homelessness, abandonment and more. Nicole disappoints in some ways but in others she is right on. Nicole's sister is just awful, she is a witch and a sister like her, you would just want to disown.

This is a page turner and kept me turning the pages throughout the night until my eyes could no longer stay open. The characters and descriptions are done very well.

I usually put a warning on these kind of dark mystery thrillers but I don't feel like this book needs one and recommend it to all mystery and thriller fans.

I want to thank Netgalley, Gregg Olson, and the publisher for the copy of this book. ...more

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The Sound Of Music Cast

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When I first meet Nicole Foster she is just one sleep away from rock bottom. By the following morning her sister will boot her from her home and Nicole will be left homeless and penniless.

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It was also before Danny. Danny is not Nicole's boss, but an outsider looking in would never know that. Danny is always hovering over her, taking credit for everything, giving off his own personal aura of being in charge, in control. Also before Danny and her became lovers, before he started taking her to the casino where he could unwind and revel in his occasional wins. And that word, occasional, was fine for Danny but not as it turned out, so fine for Nicole.

Meanwhile Kelsey is still missing and her mother is not being very cooperative. In fact once she went home the night of her daughter's disappearance she took some sleeping pills and went to bed, leaving the detectives with only her husband to question. But he was not even there when Kelsey went missing. What kind of a mother does that?

Nicole and Danny continue their investigation by following up on the whereabouts of local, registered, sexual offenders on the night of the abduction. One in particular arouses their suspicion but when questioned Alan Dawson is adamant that he had nothing to do with Kelsey's disappearance. Problem is Alan's next door neighbour has made an unsettling discovery underneath of his trailer..

Now Danny is practically doing cartwheels in the break room, flexing his muscles and regaling everyone

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with the significance of the find. "Saying things like "One a perv, always a perv." Nicole needs to rein him in, to remind him that they still do not know for sure the relevance of the find. But Danny is not having it.

Nicole just wants to go back to her favourite machine at the casino and pull that lever. Let the lights start flashing and listen for the fake sound of rain.

Back in the real world however Danny has gone ahead without her and elicited a confession from Alan Dawson. Nicole cannot believe her eyes when Danny shows her the written confession any more than she can believe that he did this without her. They are after all partners.

As time passes and little Kelsey's body is found, albeit not where Alan had said it would be, things do not sit well with Nicole. The more she looks into things the more unanswered questions surface and she begins to spiral out of control.

As I was reading this I became so frustrated with Nicole. Danny treats her like dirt and her sister manipulates her at every turn, but all Nicole ever does is "think" of snappy retorts, without once standing up to either one of them. For the record, yelling at and shaking your kindle does not produce the desired effect.

It is only when Nicole has sunk as low as she can go that Julien, Kelsey's father reaches out to her. It would seem that he too has unanswered questions and wants Nicole's help in finding out what really happened to his little girl. But Nicole is still battling her own inner demons and this investigation is taking her to a very dark place indeed.

Strap in folks and prepare yourselves for one bumpy ride. With more twists and turns than a world class roller coaster this story just keeps on pumping. With every clue that Nicole uncovers, another question steers her in a different direction, until she finds herself knee deep in the mire, in answers that her mind can't process and in answers that she never in her wildest imaginings ever expected.

Cliche or not, I simply could not put this down. 4.5 stars rounded up!

My thanks to Thomas & Mercer, NetGalley and Gregg Olsen for the opportunity to read an advance copy. ...more

Wow!!! This was one crazy read! Nicole Foster is a cop who's partner is her boyfriend, and she has a terrible gambling problem, she also has no one for family, her mom left when she and her sister were young, her dad has Alzheimer's, and her sister is a self absorbed bitch.

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Meanwhile, a three-year old tot left in a car by her mother has been snatched. The missing child preys on Nic's mind and vies for her attention, along with the ever present pull of the casino.

Fantastic pacing, good story. Those who love a diet of twists and turns will not go away hungry.
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This is a run-of-the-mill, middle-of-the-road murder mystery. The template for millions of similar books is followed. Yet, a gripping, atmospheric tale is built into the fluent text. The denouement is surprising

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and shocking. A gut-wrenching blow to logic. But it is how it's suppose to be, right? Nothing turned out as expected. The writer knows his readers, and he delivered on cue. A superb mindgame which left the reader gobsmacked and the tale open for scrutiny ...

A brilliant move!

What a wonderful experience for the reader!

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The Sound Of Music Movie

3.5 stars. The Sound of Rain sure pushes the envelope. The story is pretty far fetched. But it's definitely a good page turner-- and a very readable one, at that. Nicole is an ex-cop, with a slate full of problems, including a gambling addiction, a nasty relationship with another cop, a complicated relationship with her sister and a failed investigation into three year old Kelsey's death. The story progresses through the complex tangled web of Nicole's attempts to put her life back together and figure out what happened to Kelsey. I will say no more to avoid spoilers. This one will require you to forget about plausibility and suspend disbelief big time, especially at the end. But it's still a good page turning ride. Thank you to Netgalley and the publisher for an opportunity to read an advance copy. ...more

A mother leaves a young toddler in her car while she ducks into the shops to grab a few things, when she returns the child is missing, Detective Nicole Foster is handed the case. Nicole's life is currently falling apart due to very prevalent gambling addition, a rat bag of a boyfriend and quite a strained relationship with her sister. This missing child preys on Nicole's mind and she is determined to find out what has happened. I liked Nicole's character, with everything she is dealing with she is still more than able to put her full attention to this case to get it solved, she is strong and compassionate. This was a very enjoyable quick read, twists and turns around every corner and a fast paced story. Thank you to Netgalley the author and publisher for the opportunity to read this book in exchange for an honest review. ...more

The Sound Of Your Heart

Unforgettable..

This is another book deserves more than five stars. But I should warn you, if you're in bad place at this time, don't read this book, wait. Characters so believable you'll never forget, one thing for sure I will be reading the next book. Family dynamics written in this fictional story so real, you'll relate to it. Really love Sound of Rain. At first didn't care for Nicole character, her gambling and shortcomings, but now understand why. Ending is unbelievable. Lovers of mystery/thrillers should spend some time with this book. ...more

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This was a real page-turner of a thriller. I had to keep reading, not only to see if the mystery of Kelsey's disappearance was solved but also whether Nicole could pull herself back from her addiction and destitution. Nicole is not a particularly likeable character, the result of a loveless upbringing by a cold mother who always favoured her prettier sister. She is flawed and makes poor judgements on who to love and trust but underneath she is fearless and will stand up for the weak and innocent. The plot is a slow burner, but once it gets going we are taken down many blind avenues before finding the true path to unlocking the secrets of Kelsey's abduction. There are some moments when you need to suspend belief and just go along for the ride but overall this was an unpredictable and gripping read.

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The Sound Of Music Lyrics

I love Gregg Olsen's characters as they are relatable. We all have made bad decisions and have done things we regret. Former disgraced homicide detective Nicole Foster is just one of those people. She allowed her boyfriend/partner to lead her down a path that has caused the loss of her job and her home due to a gambling addiction she cannot fight. Now a case from her time on the force that has always haunted her has come up again in the way of murdered Kelsey Chase's father. He finds her on the street and takes her in asking for her help in trying to solve the case. As she digs deeper and deeper into the case and the more she starts to feel like her old self again she is not sure that she will like the outcome. It is leading in a direction she did not expect. Great read. I would like to thank the Publisher and Net Galley for the chance to read this ARC. ...more

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Then we come to that ending. Seriously bad. I love a good twist in a book but this was absolutely ridiculous. I think the author thought himself clever for coming up with multiple twists but it was just too absurd and ultimately a huge disappointment. 2 stars for the effort. ...more

The Sound Of Silence Meaning

Holy crows, *The Sound of Rain* by Gregg Olsen is twistier than my intestines on the day after Thanksgiving. What. The. Hell. Just. Happened?

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If that’s not enough to make one cray-cray, then just wait until you see what happens in this book! Holy moly. (There’s a lot of holies in this review!).

The Sound of Rain backtracks a little bit to Nicole’s last case “the beginning of her end. Kelsey Chase. The little girl who went missing from her mother’s car in the Target parking lot at Christmas time.

Danny, Nicole’s jerky partner, both on the force and in life focus the investigation on a nearby sex offender. A young man who slept with his underage girlfriend and did his time. He and his girlfriend are now married and just want to move on with life. But Danny won’t let it go. Nicole just isn’t on board.

Angela Chase, Kelsey’s mother, is not the average mom. She’s more worried about getting home and making dinner than she is about finding her daughter.

But after Nicole’s life falls apart, Julian Chase, Kelsey’s father has an offer Nicole can’t refuse. Shelter, in exchange for the continuation of the investigation into his daughter’s case.

The Sound of Rain is my first book by Gregg Olsen, and it was quite a doozy. I can’t wait to check out more; my only hope is that they can live up to this one!

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Gregg Olsen wrote a story that weaves you down a deep rabbit hole in the dark. The story was very complex and intricate. Perhaps there were a few parts that were a bit far-fetched, as other reviewers have said, but it's fiction. That doesn't bother me.

Five amazing stars from me. ...more

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