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The Weight Of Ink

A heart-pounding novel of unspeakable crimes and unforgivable sins from the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Sound of Rain*. Homicide detective Nicole Foster has finally balanced an unsteady life and is anxious for a second chance. There's no better place to start over than at the beginning—back at her childhood home on the Washington coast, where she's raising her niece and keeping an eye on her increasingly fragile father. But Nicole's past is never truly behind her—not when a disturbing new case stirs dark memories of the haunting investigation that shattered her career. In the middle of the hottest August in a century, a toddler is found dead inside a parked car. Her father says he forgot her. It's an unthinkable crime. And for Nicole, it's made all the more unbearable by her own suffocating secrets—those shared by an old rival who has reappeared from the shadows and is pushing Nicole to the edge once again. Now, wherever the truth lies, solving this case and avenging an unforgivable death is the most important move in Nicole's career. But to see it through to the end, how far is she willing to go? And what is she prepared to risk this time?

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The story is two-fold: the majority of the theme is an extremely well written police procedural where Nicole and her partner, Carter, are investigating the worst kind of case - the death of a child. The parents insist at every opportunity available that the child's death was an accident. But was it really?

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Methodical policing may prove otherwise. As the case progresses, Olsen gives us an in-depth examination of Nicole's current life - her intense love for her niece, her "family" which includes an aging pooch and her Alzheimer ridden father. We learn more about Nicole's gambling addiction and the strength she uses to overcome it every single day. To say that Olsen is a master of character development is understatement. He is brilliant. Ultimately Nicole's past and present converge at a climactic conclusion that is extremely satisfying on both fronts.Â

There are times when I think that suspense/mystery/thrillers all are blending together and merely re-telling the same plot over and over again. With The Weight of Silence I am reminded how wonderful it is when the genre is done right.Â

Five highly recommended Stars to The Weight of Silence!Â ...more

The Weight Of Water

Thank you to Net Galley and Thomas and Mercer for an advance read of The Weight of Silence. I realized, only after I'd finished the book, that I'd read another of the author's as well, and I'd really liked it. This one was certainly no disappointment. It happened that I read it in the middle of a heatwave, and a story of a toddler dying in a hot vehicle, so it was timely. The main plot, though, while interesting, but somewhat predictable, was made better by the background of the police officers. Thank you to Net Galley and Thomas and Mercer for an advance read of The Weight of Silence. I realized, only after I'd finished the book, that I'd read another of the author's as well, and I'd really liked it. This one was certainly no disappointment. It happened that I read it in the middle of a heatwave, and a story of a toddler dying in a hot vehicle, so it was timely. The main plot, though, while interesting, but somewhat predictable, was made better by the background of the police officers. Nicole is on this force after having made some bad decisions in another case, and she's also struggling to raise her niece, knowing her sociopath, narcissist sister could return at any time. This book has a lot of darkness, but it's not so heavy that you won't enjoy it. I highly recommend this book. ...more

The thought of leaving a child in a hot car and FORGETTING they are there in the hot car is just horrific. I can't imagine that happening but I know it does happen in the news. The Weight of Silence by Gregg Olsen is the 2nd book in the Nicole Foster series and even though I did not read the first book "The Sound of Rain" by him (I do have it on my TBR pile), I felt like I was able to keep up with this book ok without having read the first book in the series. I enjoyed the book even though I found parts of it dragged about ¾ through and I was wanting to see how it ended. I didn't love it but I did enjoy it. I look forward to reading his first book in this series. Thanks to NetGalley and the publisher for letting me read this book prior to publication. All opinions expressed are my own. ...more

The Weight Of The Badge

Lovers of the TV program CSI with the character Olivia Benson should enjoy this book. Family. Love. Complications. Consequences. Engaging read.

The weight of Silence by author Gregg Olsen is the second in the Nicole Foster thrillers. I liked the first one and this second book is even more intense! Nicole is working a case in the death of a baby girl. The father left the child in the car on a very hot day while he was at work. Is it an accident or was it planned? It is a heartbreaking plot and as I read the medical examiners exchange with Nicole, I felt so emotional. It was very sad but the investigation to find the truth by Nicole and h The weight of Silence by author Gregg Olsen is the second in the Nicole Foster thrillers. I liked the first one and this second book is even more intense! Nicole is working a case in the death of a baby girl. The father left the child in the car on a very hot day while he was at work. Is it an accident or was it planned? It is a heartbreaking plot and as I read the medical examiners exchange with Nicole, I felt so emotional. It was very sad but the investigation to find the truth by Nicole and her partner Carter was brilliant.

While Nicole is working tirelessly to solve the case concerning the baby's death, she has an unpleasant reunion with her sister. This is where I think the title comes into play. Sometimes the silence of our past actions can later be a weight which is very hard to bear. As Nicole debates how to deal with her deceptive and murderous sister, I kept wanting her to make the correct choice and do the right thing, so she would have no regrets. Thank you to the author for that ending!

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The Weight Of Words This American Life

I really enjoyed this book some parts of this book may not be suitable for everyone due to some of death scenes of a child. The book starts with detective Nicole Foster back in her hometown having gotten a second chance after some things that happened in the first book. Her sister Stacy has always been the perfect sister in their mothers and father eyes . Well Stacy's husband died in a mysterious house explosion that Nicole is certain Stacy caused. Now Nicole is raising Stacy's daughter while Stacy is living the high life off her husbands life insurance. While at work Nicole is investigating the death of a one year old girl who was left in the car on the hottest day of summer and dies after her father forgot to bring her to daycare, both Nicole and Carter her partner are the lead investigators. The father is quickly arrested and further investigation shows what a monster he truly is and it's also looking like the mother has quite a few secrets herself and she's not much better. I loved the depth of each character that you introduced to. This book is full of lies , deceit and you really don't know who to trust. Gregg Olsen is truly an amazing writer he really dives into difficult situations and subjects and you find yourself still thinking about the book even after you have finished it I give this book five stars!! ...more

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The Weight Of Ink Review

Wow how have I not read Greg Olsen Before? I absolutely loved this book. I have found another great author.thank you NetGalley.

I have to say, this was a excellent book. I have read several books by Gregg Olsen, but this one was the best one so far.. it started off so but thru out the book, it was gaining speed to a surprising ending WOW.

Thank you net gallery for giving me the chance to read this book

The Weight Of A Piano

I like this author. It has been a while since I have read anything by this author. Thus the reason when I got the chance to read this book I jumped on it without a second thought. While, I have not read the first book in this series, I didn't have issues jumping right into this story. In fact, I liked Nicole. The problem is not her as much as the storyline.

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From this point on I was ready for the story to pick up. It didn't but I still held out hope and kept reading. The story moved at a slow pace without a lot of emotion emulating from the characters for me. Overall, this is not a favorite book of mine from this author as I but I will still read more books by this author.

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The Weight Of Glory

3.5 stars

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I have not read the first in this series, but The Weight of Silence works as a standalone detective/mystery/suspense as readers are given enough backstory on the main characters to make the pieces fit together. The story has a contemporary setting in a smaller town in the Pacific NW. There is very much the feeling that Nicole Foster has ended up here, along with other characters in the book, not by choice, but because they can't get away from their roots. Aberdeen/Hoquiam is an area that feels primarily blue collar and made up of unrealized and lost dreams which plays perfectly as atmosphere for this story's setting. Nicole's family & backstory plays heavily into one of the plot threads and seems as if this is the part of the books in the series that will be the continuing backstory and the 'case of the week' will be the other. The book moves quickly and was easy reading and kept the pages turning. Overall I enjoyed this book as a light suspense (although the crime itself is quite horrifying this isn't a gory or overly descriptive procedural crime story) read. I did find a couple of things that were repetitive and also not 100% believable, but not enough to keep me from grabbing another book by Gregg Olsen.

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I just finished this and wow, was it a page turner! Nicole Foster is a complex and utterly fascinating character in this and her first 'adventures' in The Sound of Rain. Following her trains of thought I related so much I felt like I became her, even in her darkest mind. Fascinating. I didn't want it to end.

The Weight Of The Nation

This book took a toll on me. It's more of an emotional than a psychological toll. What do you do when you're a detective assigned to a case where a little girl dies in a car, in the middle of a heat wave, because her dad forgot she was in the backseat? It's the fact that this story focused on the death of a child, had characters that drove me up a wall and I couldn't shake off a feeling of anger and desire for justice? If you love a good detective mystery then this is something worth reading, I This book took a toll on me. It's more of an emotional than a psychological toll. What do you do when you're a detective assigned to a case where a little girl dies in a car, in the middle of a heat wave, because her dad forgot she was in the backseat? It's the fact that this story focused on the death of a child, had characters that drove me up a wall and I couldn't shake off a feeling of anger and desire for justice? If you love a good detective mystery then this is something worth reading, I got an eARC off NetGalley and now I can safely say I've read a book by Gregg Olsen. ...more

The Weight of Silence is the second book in the Nicole Foster series written by author Gregg Olsen. Looking forward to reading the next story. Thanks to NetGalley and Thomas and Mercer for the advance copy.

The Weight Of Sparta

This is Olson's second book in Nicole Foster series. The writing is excellent and the characters well drawn. Olson hooks his readers from page one. This a page-turner of a read. However, it is not an easy read and certainly not for the faint of heart because the crime that Foster and her partner, Carter Hanson, have been assigned to investigate is the death of a one-year-old locked into the back seat of her father's car for several hours on the hottest day of the current heat wave. Olson does not spare his readers any of the details this horrific death. As the story progresses, Olson cleverly drops clues about where the story might be going. There are enough twists and turns to keep the reader engaged until the last page. ...more

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The second thing was the really neat book ends. A mirror image of the same scene both in the prologue and closing chapter. It worked.

The homicide investigation was in itself fascinating as were the characters of the main suspects. The homicide was so different than the usual run-of-the mill shootings and stabbings etc though nonetheless horrific. What could be more horrific than a toddler left to "cook" inside a car during a heatwave? Foster and her fellow detective have to determine whether this was a deliberate act or a tragic accident.

But strange as it may seem, the investigation took a back seat (pun intended) to the personal demons Detective Foster had to deal with. That is the fascinating part of this book and kudos to the author for pulling it off magnificently.

This is Book #2 in the Nicole Foster series but it can be read as a standalone. I did. I now need to read Book #1 'The Sound of Rain.'

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Good crime read, his PNW setting brings it to life as I recognized so many local landmarks and his building of the characters compels me to seek out his first Nicole Foster book.