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Indispensable Party: Sasha McCandless Legal Thriller, Book 4



Synopsis

In the name of science, an international team of researchers creates a deadly virus capable of killing untold millions. While the U.S. government quietly stockpiles a vaccine, a militaristic group of doomsday preppers begins to mobilize in response to the economic collapse they're convinced is coming. Sasha McCandless has put danger and intrigue behind her to focus on her blessedly unexciting commercial litigation practice and couldn't be further removed from the escalating tension. That is, until her boyfriend, Leo Connelly, the new chief security officer for the vaccine manufacturer, discovers someone's been looting the cache. Then the Doomsday virus is stolen and a researcher is murdered. Sasha and Leo have just three days to prevent the release of the ultimate biochemical weapon. Sasha's saved her share of innocent lives in the past. But this time can she really save the world?

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Customer Reviews

This is the best one yet. I bought it the day it came out and moaned because I had to go to work instead of read! The "Flu" was so real and I caught myself holding my breath when things got really scary. I love the way Leo and Sasha work so well together and argue very different points of view. Every book has brought more life to the characters. I would recommend this series to any mystery lover and especially those of us who love the "legal side" of mystery. GREAT READThe author is really neat person who interacts with us on Facebook and lets us know how things are going and how long the wait will be for the next one.

"If the virus is here and it gets released, how bad is it going to be?" Sasha asked. "Worse than you can imagine. End of the world bad," Connelly answered. Sasha has returned to her practice as a civil litigator in Pittsburgh, PA and Connelly is Serumceuticals' chief of security outside Washington D.C. They are trying to spend weekends away from everyday life in a rented lake house where they can forget about work. The idea was to spend time together, away from their respective jobs. They are trying to make their long-distance relationship work so the time spent at the lake is meant to be their "private time". The house is located in a lake resort half-way between Pittsburgh and Washington, D.C. One Friday night, Connelly gets a telephone call and has to drive back to his office (3 hours away) for an emergency meeting regarding corporate espionage; that is all Grace, his second in command, will tell him on the telephone. He convinces Sasha to accompany him on the road trip rather than miss her during the six hours he would be driving. It turns out that scientific researchers have developed a deadly virus that will kill hundreds of millions of people (with the full knowledge of the federal government) -- and the government is quietly stockpiling vaccines. The race is on to stop the vials of the virus from being released, killing millions leading to food, gas and water shortages. Sasha and Connelly must win this round or life, as we know it, will change forever. Mix into the storyline some doomsday preppers who are gearing up because they want to be prepared for the catastrophic after effects of the virus once it has been released. They steal (with some inside help) and stock up on vaccines so they can all be immunized before the virus is released. They also have stolen a container of the Doomsday virus. They have set up a remote camp where they are stockpiling water, non-perishable foods, emergency first aid kits, survival kits -- and guns. Ms. Miller has written another 5-star book with a story that could be taken directly from today's world headlines. The story moves along at a decent pace and there are plenty of twists and turns to keep the reader interested and entertained. I highly recommend this series and I am looking forward to reading the next book in the series -- *Lovers and Madmen* -- a Sasha McCandless Legal Thrillers novella.

So far, I've read two of Miller's books - this one and "Irreparable Harm". They're both very well written and well worth your time. But one thing confuses me. Miller claims to be a Pittsburgh native, as am I. She writes much detail about the locale. But she's usually wrong. In "Irreparable Harm", she describes the characters' drive from the US Steel Building downtown, to Sewickley, far out in the northwestern suburbs. She gives a turn-by-turn account of a 20 mile drive. Except that it's impossible to do it the way she writes it. You simply can not turn right off of the Parkway West and

land on the Fort Duquesne Bridge. It can't happen. And every Pittsburgher knows it. So either use the correct directions, or don't go into that much detail. If you're not from Pittsburgh, you don't know the difference, and if you are it's just irritating. So WHY write it wrong? It adds nothing to the story. In "Indispensable Party", she claims that nearby New Kensington, Montour, and Oil City are "old steel towns". They are not. Not one of them ever saw a steel mill. Again, every Pittsburgher knows it. McKeesport, Homestead, Rankin, Braddock, Clairton, and Duquesne are all steel towns. So why not use those names in her plot? Again, if you're not from Pittsburgh, you don't know the difference, and if you are it's just irritating. So WHY write it wrong? It adds nothing to the story. I don't get it. I will read more of her books, but Pittsburghers be warned.

A little while back I stumbled onto the first book of this series and I have not quit reading until now as I have exhausted all of the available volumes....oh, drat! I read for the pleasure of escapism, and good literature is hard to find...that which you can believe and almost feel a part, while spinning the plot in your mind to "guess" the upcoming happenings. Sasha and Leo, the rest of the home team have done such...they are believable and captivating without being over the top, they have a relationship without being lewd, and ... the storyline rocks. I cannot wait for the next edition/addition.

I've been reading the Sasha McCandless series and found them well written, entertaining and fairly engrossing. I appreciate the author's legal background which gives the stories she writes credibility. I'm gratified to read an entertaining book where I also learn a few things about procedures in courtrooms and legal practices. The books always leave me wanting to read the next volume because the character development is good enough that I want to hear more about the protagonist

The Sasha McCandless' series are interesting and engaging. The characters are well-developed without Ms Miller spending pages describing their personalities as some authors do. Instead, the reader absorbs their personalities through comments, reactions, and actions. There is, however, a risk of the series becoming too formatted, limiting the element of surprise. I highly recommend this series.

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