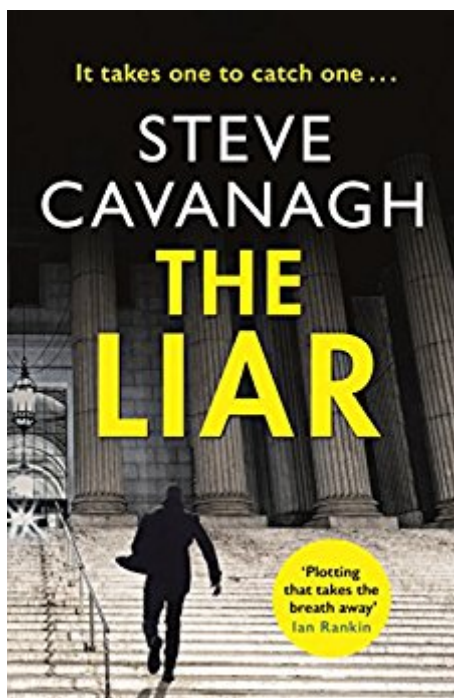


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The Liar: Eddie Flynn Book 3



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i loved this book! and i have loved every other one he has written. can't wait for the next one to come!

Fantastic holiday read!!!

This is the THIRD excellent legal thriller I've read in the last few months. In my reviews of both A Criminal Defense by William L Myers Jnr and Say Nothing by Brad Parks, I commented on the fact it's been a while since I've read any courtroom dramas / legal procedurals, but I've certainly been getting my fix recently and it's reminded me how much I loved early work by Scott Turow and Steve Martini. I've not read any of Cavanagh's series featuring Eddie Flynn before but I'm keen to rectify that now as I really enjoyed this novel, the third in the series. He's not your typical lawyer, though they never are, are they? But while Eddie's happy to skirt the rules where necessary he's essentially a good guy, who believes in justice. Cavanagh's created a likeable and complex character in Eddie, but I also really REALLY liked the plot. Well plots, I guess, because questions are being raised about an old case Eddie inherited from his practice's previous owner. And of course things which should be pretty straight forward (ie. paying off kidnappers, releasing old files for an appeal), are far from that. We're given information via a couple of players from the old case, which involves arson and the death of a baby, so we know what's coming and how things connect before the players in the book. As an aside, I occasionally forgot that they didn't know and wondered why they couldn't see the linkages,

which frustrated me just a tad. Cavanagh is seriously adept at the art of misdirection because in this outing he offers up many twists and turns and surprises than one could poke a stick at. If one was the type of person who poked sticks, that is. Just when we think we've got it sorted in our minds we're thrown off-kilter by a new revelation. I read the second two-thirds of this book in a sitting when I was planning to read but briefly. But I kept going and going, keen to unravel the complex mystery. Or two.

The Liar is the third book in the Eddie Flynn series. Having not read the others in the series I found this to work well as a stand alone. Saying that though I will definitely be going back to read the others. I have to admit to steering away from novels to do with court rooms and the legal system. I find they can be slightly long winded and have lots of jargon that I don't understand. I had absolutely nothing to worry about with The Liar though. This is one fast paced read in and out of the court room. The story gets off to an explosive start. I was dying to know more about the woman and child and where they fitted into the story. It's obvious that she hasn't had an easy life but I wanted to know everything and the author makes sure not to give enough away so that I was kept guessing through out. Eddie I liked straight away. He has a lot of compassion and believes in fighting for the truth, even taking into consideration the consequences it can have. Eddie has a lot of empathy with Leonard having been through similar circumstances himself. Eddie, even though a very loving father, puts himself in serious danger quite a few times. In a way I wanted to give him a good slap for risking his life but then I also had to take my hat off to him for going the extra mile as he had been to hell and back with his own family and he knows what Leonard is going through. The Liar is mainly set outside of the court room but even the parts that feature in it, I still found to be totally enthralling. The story literally starts off at a running speed and just carried on through out. Without a doubt this is one hell of a page turner. The author makes sure he has his readers gripped all the way through and doesn't disappoint with a powerful ending to the story that I didn't see coming. Loved it!

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