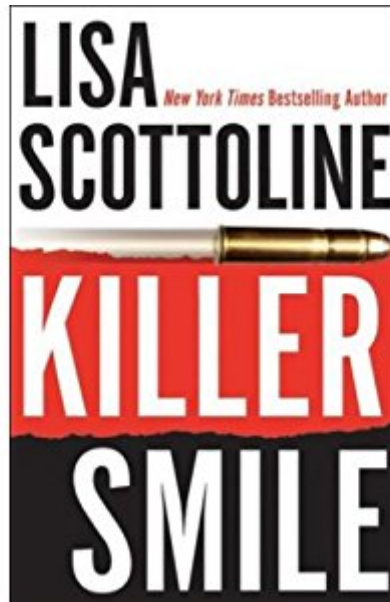




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Killer Smile



Synopsis

Everybody around lawyer Mary DiNunzio has decided she isn't allowed to be a Young Widow anymore. They're all trying to fix her up -- her South Philly parents, her best friend, even the office security guard. All Mary wants to do is immerse herself in a case everybody else calls "The History Channel," a pro bono representation of the Brandolini estate: At the outbreak of World War II, Amadeo Brandolini was arrested by the FBI as part of a mass internment of Italian-Americans and was sent to a camp in Montana, where he eventually committed suicide. Now, more than sixty years later, his son's estate hires Mary to sue for reparations. Mary vows to vindicate Amadeo even though it won't be easy. Suddenly this quiet, squeaky-clean good girl is risking life and limb to finger a killer and lay a beloved ghost to rest. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

I find something to love in all of Lisa's books. This one involve an attractive, young, wealthy, single woman now a federal judge who leads a double life. Hard to imagine some one in a powerful public position, willing to put every bit of their respect and integrity on the line to dabble in things we associate with being a degenerate. Yet, we see all the time how the mighty do fall; politicians, religious zealots, teachers, law enforcement, doctors. When a high-profile case comes to the court room and literally explodes, the judge has to wrestle with the fact she may have lit the fuse. Litigants involved come to be murdered and committing suicide; more blood on the judge's hands. Then her life is scrutinized which pulls in those close to her. To try to stop things from unraveling she returns

to her hometown only to come to a startling realization about the secret lives of her parents now both deceased. We have law, but very little justice and at times revenge is the only justice to be found.

The book was a bit over the top when it came to how one woman could handle so much in her job with one case. The plot was good but getting there at times was a bit dragged out, It did move along. Enjoy the history of the interment camp in Colorado during WW2, and there was not much courtroom time. I liked Scottoline's book Every Where that Mary Went much better. I'll try another read by her at some future time.

First of all I am a fan of Lisa Scottoline and Rissotto and Associates. I never knew about Italian Americans being put in internment camps. So it was an eye opener. I was able to relate to Mary and cheer for her. These girls seem to always get into trouble and get out through their wit. Girl power! Love court room drama too.

Scottoline is a wonderful author who has diversified her style and type of story. Rosato & Associates is a favorite series of mine. I LISTEN to the audiobook versions of most books as it is so flexible to do when doing other things, driving, housework, laundry and such. As a result, Barbara Rosenblatt, previous narrator of most of the series, has PERSONIFIES the characters. This is so much so, that it feels as though, if one of the characters phoned you, you would know who it was by the voice Barbara uses, just a real person. The narrator in THIS new one does not capture the personalities. I mean Judy does not have a high-pitched giggly girl voice. I can't STAND it!!! I've written to three authors my entire life. As many books as I read, this is so very low. Ms. Scottoline responded that the narrator was changed because Scottoline changed publishers and Rosenblatt isn't contracted with the new publisher. They better recruit her or I won't buy another Scottoline book. Considering I have EVERY Scottoline book, both hardback AND AUDIO, this will hurt me. but I just can't stand this new narrator. Does anyone else feels this way?

This book is something of an imitation Stephanie Plum mystery, and not nearly as entertaining. I found the two young attorneys sort of silly and even a bit childish. I'd expect a lot more mature and professional behavior from any attorney I hired. The cuteness was laid on a bit too thick here. I did like the plot, though. I just got annoyed with the unrelenting haplessness of the DiNunzio. and Carrier.

I just absolutely love the books about Rosato & Associates. Maybe because my name is Mary, I'm Italian American, my mother and grandmother wielded wooden spoons, and always were at the kitchen stove cooking pasta! All of Lisa's books are just wonderful and easy to read. Can't wait for the next book to come out.

Will read additional books by this author this was my first.

All Lisa Scottoline's books of this series is the best I've read in a very long time.

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