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If you like John Grisham's twists and turns and James Patterson's page-turning thrills, you'll love Joel Goldman's *The Dead Man*, the second book in the Jack Davis Thriller series!

"A masterful blend of rock-solid detective work and escalating dread. *The Dead Man* is both a top-notch thriller and a heart-rendering story of loss, courage and second chances. I loved it."

Robert Crais, NYT Bestselling Author

"*The Dead Man* is one of those rare novels you will be tempted to read twice: the first time to enjoy and the second time to appreciate how Goldman put the pieces together. The hours spent on both will be more than worth it."

Joe Hartlaub, Bookreporter.com

When people in a study of the human brain start to die exactly as they have dreamed they would die, Jack Davis crosses paths with a serial killer, taking him onto both sides of the law and into the path of a murderer's terrifying rage.

Think John Grisham meets James Patterson and you've got Joel Goldman in *The Dead Man*!

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Cindy Bauer, bookpleasures.com

"*The Dead Man* has all the plots and twists one may expect from a Grisham novel and the pace of a James Patterson crime story."

Carolyn LeComte, Curledup.com

It doesn't get any better than that, so grab *The Dead Man* and don't let go!

And use your other hand to grab *Shakedown*, the first book in the Jack Davis Thriller series. When FBI Agent Jack Davis investigates a mass murder, a leak of crucial information and his imploding personal life throw him into the ultimate danger zone - where truth lies at the heart of betrayal

Don't miss the Lou Mason Thriller series by Joel Goldman featuring trial lawyer Lou Mason.

When a troubled young woman turns herself in for murder, Lou Mason takes the case - yet something about her story doesn't add up. To catch a killer, Lou dives into a sordid world of money, drugs and a devastating black market where the price for the truth is paid in blood. A riveting, page-turning romp in the tradition of James Patterson!

Ryan Kowalczyk denied slaughtering a young couple even after his best friend turned against him, sending him to death row. In *Deadlocked*, Lou Mason is hired to prove Ryan's innocence and killer does whatever it takes to stop him. The deeper Mason probes, the greater the danger - until the past and present collide in an explosion of deceit, corruption and murder.

The Dead Man Details

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From Reader Review The Dead Man for online ebook

Jay Williams says

I enjoyed this book from the very beginning. Each of the main characters had an interesting back story and the interplay between the characters was quite engrossing. The plot was suspenseful, and it was greatly enhanced by the many small sub-episodes that contribute greatly to the entertainment value of the story. The realism of the characters and the many extras made me want to read more of this series. The book has lots to enjoy.

Cindy says

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The story then jumps to present day, January 2009, as Jack Davis meets with a friend to discuss his delicate "services" in need once again. Davis is a former FBI agent who had left the agency for health reasons. The complications of his disease made it impossible for him to fulfill his duties at the agency. His son was murdered years before and more recently, his daughter has passed away.

But Simon, who is in a security business, needed him now. Milo Harper's foundation was doing studies on the human brain. But some of the study participants are dying. Not only that, but dying exactly in the way they've dreamed they would die.

The foundation, The Harper Institute, are performing the studies to try to find ways to cure Alzheimer's and Parkinson's Diseases. But the studies are now pointing to deaths and could be the end of the institute!

Jack, even with his physical and sometimes debilitating limitations, agrees to help his friend Simon but soon discovers, he's become involved in something much worse than "unexplained deaths". There's a serial killer loose and Jack must find out the truth and who is behind the now determined, murders.

Joel Goldman has a unique style as his story unfolds in the first person, putting you into the head of Jack Davis. I found this to be quite gripping and captivating.

The novel itself is quite long, so you can't read it all in one sitting, but you'll find it difficult to find a place to "stop for the night". Realistically set in the Kansas City area, I found the book to be very believable since I also live in the Kansas City area and my books are also based around the Kansas City area, however in a fictitious setting based around the Kansas City area.

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Abhishek Nandi says

Rating - 4 and half

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"What took you so long?"

Similar to mesmerizing moments that you remember your whole life, there are certain lines/dialogues of literary world that haunts you forever...

I didn't expect something of that sort will happen when I picked up this book. I enjoyed Jack Davis's first adventure Shakedown but this one is better. This is multi threaded, emotional and has a chilling finale. This is one of those books where I was blown away the way the victim/savior dynamics changed and made me/reader look like a fool!

Highly recommended..

gary davis says

Excellent book! Muder,mayhem and mystery! What do you get when you combine an exFBI agent with a bad medical disorder and a lady landlord (ex-cop, ex-convict?) A team ready to face the odds no matter what because they both have something to prove! Loved this book!

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Bill says

AUDIBLE BOOK Jack Davis Mystery #2

Former FBI agent Jack Davis with tic disorder, a condition that causes shakes (an affliction that is shared by the author) is hired to find out why nightmare research subjects are dying according to their own nightmares

Tulay says

Read this series and this book first time September 1, 2013. It was my re read list, like living and caring Jack Davis character. He suffers from medical condition called Tics, retired from FBI, divorced, also lost of his son and daughter tragically. Now working for Harper Institute of the Mind, trying to solve suicide/murder cases.

Robert Montminy says

My first of Joel's books. A great read from beginning to end. Goldman keeps the mystery going right from the beginning. I enjoyed the many characters built into this murder myster each with backgrounds that keep the suspense going. Definite read!

Boots S says

Jack Davis an ex FBI man is hired to find out why three people are dead that all worked for the dream institute. Each died the way their dreams foretold they would die. Jack begins to suspect it is murder rather than natural circumstances and is looking for a serial killer.

Flanagan.seanbgmail.com says

4-1/2 stars: the highest I can rate a book that isn't "To Kill A Mockingbird"

I have found a new favorite in Joel Goldman. Right up there with Dean Koontz; Lee Child; and a small number of others who are the most talented in our time.

This book had too many niggling errors to overlook, yet Goldman writes engrossing narratives that illuminate characters and behavior that adds both deeper and quicker understanding, as well as fuller and richer enjoyment of the unfolding mysteries and puzzles.

And speaking of puzzles and mysteries, Goldman weaves puzzles into this yarn in subtle ways that seem to just add color or texture to a scenario or to a character or it's dialog. In reality, he is embedding many false leads and leading his poor reader into false assumptions – and does it with such style as to cause one to enjoy it!

Jackmeister says

Good book, good series, looking forward to more.

gert says

I loved the premise of this series - taking the damaged hero to a whole 'nother level. and although I'll get the next book, I'm not totally in love. (I actually stopped reading the first book halfway through, I was bored and already had this one ready on my iPad).

I LOVE the Lou mason series, and Alex stone's two books (especially seeing some characters from the former appear in the latter!) and I had high hopes. but there just way too much filler - flights of poetic fancy shrouded in words that popped right out of a self-help book. a little too much flowery, faux deep stuff. not the crisp, humour that Lou brought to the table.

I do like the fact that mr Goldman has given jack his condition - tics - as it makes for an interesting character arc. and it's not too heavy handed, ie were not meant to pity him. so props for that. but I'd really, really prefer to hang out with Lou.

Michael Wood says

Great, Complex, Enjoyable Mystery/Thriller

This second of Joel Goldman's "Jack Davis" mystery/thrillers is even better than the first, which I awarded five stars. This should get six stars, but the computer will only allow me to award five...

This novel is even more complex than the first of it's series, and even more enjoyable to read. Jack Davis, the former FBI agent disabled by a nameless convulsive disorder, reluctantly agrees (for a friend) to take a job as head of security for a huge multi-million dollar research facility. Operated by a billionaire website developer, the research team is trying to cure brain diseases. Aided by a ragtag team of investigators with deep knowledge of both crime and interrogation techniques, Jack tries desperately to find answers to a perplexing death by a test subject. Can he find the answers when everyone involved carries heavy baggage -- while his former FBI team tries to pin a murder and a missing five million dollar payoff on Jack?

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED AS BOTH AN INDIVIDUAL BOOK AND AS A SERIES

Susan Moore says

Another good Goldman thriller/mystery.

I liked the flawed characters, but I do wish Jack's spasms would stop. The plot about a serial killer was a good one, but I knew who the killer was because of two too obvious clues. Regardless, I enjoyed it. I finished it because of Wendy and Lucy. I wanted to see how there tales would be written. Although Wendy was dead, her final act made her father proud. Ex-cop/felon Lucy, who is helping Jack, does something hilarious at the end.

Sandra Scheff says

Great whodunnit

I did not figure this one out until the main character did. That makes it a great read for me.
