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From the author of "Derailed" comes the adrenaline-charged story of one man who is forced to transport cocaine from Colombia to a location within the U.S. within 18 hours, or his wife and newly adopted daughter will be killed. The decision seems obvious--yet the outcome will be anything but.

## **Detour Details**

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### Sammy says

Any sort of summary you can give of this book gives you the wrong idea about how good it actually is. The premise makes it sound like the book is cheesy and overblown, but it's the complete opposite. I mean it sounded interesting, but not in the sense I was going to be so addicted to it.

From the first word you're drawn in, finding yourself really liking Paul and Joanna, feeling their pain and joy, bonding to them like their real people. Everyone in this story comes off as a real person, even the "bad guys."

Because this is a mystery there's not much I can say. Siegel has a simple, but catching way of writing that draws you in. His words combined with his characters and plot makes this a book that's hard to put down. And boy are there a lot of twists, but not in the way you start getting annoyed, there is just the perfect amount. And, at least for me, every twist came as a huge surprise, something else that made this novel even more enjoyable.

The only small flaw I found was that every once and a while I got a little confused with all the political talk and certain details that are sometimes hashed out. It's hard to explain without giving a lot away. Hopefully you'll understand things a little better than I did. But really, that was the only problem I had, and that's not even a big one.

It may sound like a book that's only so-so interesting, but seriously pick it up and give it a read. You'll be pleasantly surprised.

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### Dora Okeyo says

This story reminded me of Murphy's Law. You throw in an Actuary whose job and speciality is probability into a cartel of drugs and sit back and watch. Maybe, and most definitely, grab some popcorn while you watch him drown in messes he cannot comprehend.

I'd give this book two things : an every day man, Paul, whom a reader can relate to and secondly, a situation that anyone can empathize with, parents who yearn for a child and finally get their big break.

It was not all guns and fire, sadly, but the author made up for it with smarts. Paul is the clueless father to be in this story and how his brain connects the dots is way better than shots being fired.

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### Rebekkila says

They want what every young couple wants: a child of their own. But Paul and Joanna Breidbart have been trying to conceive for five long-years a torturous process of failed medical procedures that nearly tore their marriage apart. When they finally decide to adopt, American agencies tell them they will have to wait years for their dream to come true. The couple agrees to fly to war-torn Columbia to adopt a baby girl. Paul knows all about risks. As an insurance executive, he routinely calculates the odds of dying in a plane crash or being hit by a bus. Yet all the accident statistics in the world can't prepare him for what is about to happen. Paul and Joanna receive the baby girl of their dreams and their world seems perfect. Then one afternoon they briefly leave their baby daughter alone with their new nanny. When they return, something is disturbingly different about their child...and suddenly everything Paul values is in jeopardy.

### **Bandit says**

This was a very average thriller. Writing or pacing or plotting or characters or reading (listened to it on audio) never got above the average point. Which was perfectly fine for what it was and it served to pass the time nicely during walks and a long bus ride. One plot twist that was good. The reader did very entertaining accents. If anyone didn't already know Colombia is dangerous, this tale of an adoption gone array serves as a solid reminder.

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### **Abhinav Ka says**

A good thriller. Can't say it lives up to the standards set by DERAILED. Still, there are a few good moments.

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### **Dezirea says**

There is not a boring page in this book. There is constant action throughout the book so much that its a bit unbelievable and unrealistic but hey, its a fiction novel. About halfway through the book, I was a little disappointed at how predictable things were but I was totally caught off guard with the final plot twist, I didn't see it coming! Even though most of the first oh, three quaters of the book is pretty predictable, the non-stop action and suspense will make you want to keep reading just to see if your predictions are acurate. I also love the love/hate relationship the author makes us feel with the "bad guys" they may be theives, kidnappers, drug dealers, murderers but they are all doing what they do for a cause and they all have a back story that just can't let us completely hate them.

★Spoiler alert. Stop reading review here kf you haven't read the book yet.★

The only thing that really left a bad taste in my mouth after I finished the book was the situation with Miles and Ruth. Paul was able to piece together Ruth's existance based off of some lose letters and a book he found while spending one night in Miles' home. Ruth's existance was obviously one of the biggest secrets Miles was keeping from his wife and if she were to ever discover Ruth's existance surely the rest of his shady life would unravel and his life would virtually be over yet, he left a book titled 'The Story of Ruth' stuffed with incriminating letters of his arrangemet with Galina to adopt Ruth for a hefty price sitting right on his bookshelf so obvious that a man who spent one night in his home discovered it. I know that's a minor thing but its something that stuck in my mind after reading. But like I said earlier, its a fiction novel.

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### **Lesly says**

Decent story and writing.

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### **Therese Bergwall says**

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##### **Nicole says**

Three and half stars!!!

This is a good book, the action starts within the first 20 pages and has nice twists and turns. The second half was my favorite because thats when all the pieces come together and things get complicated. Or they seem complicated because I dont read many books like this so this was a fresh story for me. I was up til 3 am trying to finish. I wanted to know what happened to Paul and Joanna lol

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##### **Jeff says**

I wish goodreads had half stars. This is a solid three and a half. The writing was plain but the story was interesting enough. It kept me interested but not enthralled. I would recommend this for someone who is looking for an easy interesting read. The main thing I got from this book was to never visit Colombia. Not bad, not amazing.

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##### **Courtney McGowan says**

Wonderfully paced thriller! The action starts early and the plot gets twisted and tangled very soon thereafter. I wouldn't call this book "cheap thrills" per se, but it isn't the densest book you'll ever read. However, if you go into this novel knowing what you're getting into, you'll love it. The story has just enough plausibility to keep you interested, just enough emotion to keep you invested, and to reiterate, a good helping of pace. I read "Detour" in several short periods over two days, but I could have easily done it in a sitting over a couple cups of coffee.

Word to the wise: do not read a long synopsis or detailed review of this book. Reading reviews after completing the book, I feel that going into the story as blind as possible is advisable. The premise is almost a spoiler in itself, and some if not most of the mysteries will be unraveled by smart readers well before the conclusion. But like a decent action thriller, even though you already know the "what", stay along for the ride and marvel at the "how". Trust me, it's a very quick ride.

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##### **Karen says**

I wasn't as big of a fan of this story as I was with "Derailed". I was hooked when we realized the babies were swapped but after the smuggling of narcotics and drug war unfolded, it threw me on a limb. I'm not sure if I was really disappointed at this because, after all, it does takes place in Columbia and aside from the revolution, its other biggest problem is the illegal export of cocaine. I get that but I found the story to be boring. It could also be the fact that I found Joanna to be so annoying. It bugged me that she always had to be right and things had to be her way. I know kidnapping is an awful thing to go through and I could only imagine what it must feel like BUT I actually sympathize with the kidnapppers when they had to deal with Joanna.

I almost gave up halfway but as much as I wanted to enjoy a good book, I can't bring myself to quit. The story does have some good twists but most are predictable. It's safe to say that this book was not for me.

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### **Stéphanie says**

Beaucoup aimé. L'action démarre rapidement, plein de rebondissements, j'ai aimé qu'on ait les cheminements des 2 conjoints en parallèle. Le livre aborde en quelque sorte le fait de tout donner, tout risquer pour être parent. Fin quelque peu prévisible par contre.

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### **Bob says**

Insurance Actuary Paul Breidbart and his wife Joanna want a child, but after years of trying with no success, they turn to a lawyer who specializes in adoptions from Columbia. Traveling to Bogota they are met by an older man sent from the orphanage and driven to a hotel. The driver, Pablo, tells them that he will be at their service while they are in the city. Paul and Joanna go to the orphanage and meet their soon to be daughter whom they name Joelle. Back at the hotel with Joelle, Johanna discovers that she has neglected to prepare bottles for Joelle and Joelle is being loudly insistent that it is time to eat. Pablo comes to the rescue by introducing Galina, who is to be Joelle's nurse till they return to the US. All is well, Joelle is fed and down for the night. The next day Galina suggests that Paul and Joanna go for a walk while she cares for Joelle. When the Breidbarts get back to the hotel they find Galina and Joelle gone. No notes to be found and they panic, demanding the police be called, but no sooner then the police show up than Galina returns with Joelle claiming to have been to the pharmacy for a thermometer because Joelle was feeling feverish. (speeding up now) Later that night Joanna becomes worried, Joelle doesn't smell quite the same and didn't she have a birthmark on her thigh, now there is none. In the morning they go to Galina's house to confront her and that's when things go horribly wrong. Ok, I have written enough, you will have to read to find out what transpires. Over all its not a bad book. At the beginning I wasn't too sure but soon it picked up and held a few surprises along the way.

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### **Asghar Abbas says**

A really terrible offering from the author of Derailed. I think he's another writer to suffer from the debut novel being excellent. That happens sometimes, it's hard to surpass your first book being successful.

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