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Lew Fonesca is a guy just trying to get along. When his wife died in a senseless auto wreck, he got up and left his old life--and when his car gave out in sunny Sarasota, Florida, he stayed. He takes small process-serving gigs and various odd jobs helping people out, and he tries, although maybe not as hard as he should, to fix the gaping hole in his heart.

But for a man who just wants to ease through life without any complications, Lew has a pretty full plate. The shrink that Lew's been seeing for more than a year wants him to finally dump all the grief that he's carrying around so he can have more than a half-life. And Sally, the pretty single mom and social worker who has helped Lew in the past, wants to deepen their friendship. On top of that, a local minister asks him to find a town council member who has gone missing just before a crucial vote that could ruin a struggling community, and a distraught father comes to Lew to track down his wife and two kids, whom Lew suspects ran off with the man's best friend.

When people start showing up dead, Lew knows he's in way over his head--and this time he may not be able to make it all come out okay.

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Anne says

Really sorry to be getting close to the end of this series and hoping Stanley Tucci decides to make movies out of the lot of them (he would make the perfect Lew Fonesca!)

Frank Taranto says

Continuig the story of Lew Fonesca. Good tight book, and I really enjoy watching the changes in the characters.

Jan Aldergate says

Really liked this book - have never read Kaminsky but will definitely look out for some of his other books - especially ones with this character. Loved his gloomy, depressive demeanor and the wit.

Clark Hallman says

In Midnight Pass, the third Lew Fonesca Mystery, Lew helps a local minister find a town council member who has gone missing just before a crucial vote that could ruin a struggling community and a distraught father comes to him to track down his wife and kids who have disappeared.

E. Sabin says

This was the first book by Kaminsky I've read, and I look forward to reading more. I enjoyed the portrayal of local politics and I found the characters believable and the mystery intriguing.

Patrick says

I have taken up Stuart Kaminsky this summer. In this one, set in Sarasota, Fla., reluctant detective and depressed guy Lew Fonesca gets tangled up in a plot to keep a county commissioner from voting not to open the Midnight Pass, some sort of canal/bayou thing. Or maybe it was to open it. Either way, the stakes are high.

The interest isn't, however, and the only reason I gave it three stars is it's well-done as far as it goes.

K says

My first go at a Lew Fonesca novel and I enjoyed it. Mind you, I love Stuart Kaminsky's writing, but tend to favor some of his other series.

Lew reminded me of the Abe Lieberman character (my personal favorite)-- kind of a hang-dog sad character filled with an underlying goodness and integrity that makes you root for him throughout the book. The story was fairly straightforward despite a twist at the end. But plot complexity isn't the glue that kept me turning pages. It's Kaminsky's ability to weave pathos and humor into a lovely fabric. One that you can curl up with for a comfy, if brief, interlude. I will happily read some more from this series.

John says

I really liked this book. It is the third book in the series. It had been so long since I read the first 2 that I had to go back and skim through them to recall some of the history with ongoing characters. The story would have been as good if I had not done this though.

Carol says

I cannot help liking Lew Fonesca. This book was an interesting twist on life in Sarasota. Kaminsky keeps me reading to find out what is going to happen next with his characters.

Diane Klettke says

This is my first Lew Fonesca novel and I will be reading more. The characters seem real and Fonesca is a likable guy, even though he hasn't been cast in a typical movie star crime solving characterization. You get to know him through the way he interacts with other people in the book. I like the way that he doggedly pursues the truth, in amongst breakfast, lunch, and supper. He buys gifts for his new friends while serving summons at a antique shop. Evolving personal relationships are developing at the same time as some interesting crime or crimes are being solved. His somewhat depressed personality helps keep him from getting hysterical while being shot at or threatened in some way. He has a heart of gold. The story holds some surprises too, which I like in a crime novel, although you have to pay attention because there is more than one story line going on here, and you can get confused with the names, but not too badly. This is a great read.

Kin says

Molto buono. Una giusta miscela di giallo, con i suoi colpi di scena e rosa, con un pizzico di umanità. Personaggi indovinati.

Jan says

Another fast ride for Lew Fonesca, who doesn't even like driving! Very interesting plotline of someone being held against their will so they can't vote on an issue, and the lengths people will go to have things go their way. Good thing Lew and friends are there to make right right, when they don't arrive too late!

Steve says

This is the third or fourth book in his Lew Fonesca series. I really like Kaminsky's writing style, his sense of place and character is artful and his plots are good. I read all of the series of novels he wrote set in Russia. Can't remember the Russian police detective's name right now, but they were all well worth reading. The Lew Fonesca novels are set in Sarasota Florida and are full of strong characters with realistic personalities.

Cathy DuPont says

Sometimes audios work for me sometimes, not so much. Depends on how much and where I drive that particular week.

With that said, I wasn't paying as much attention as I would have been had I been driving on a long straight stretch of road. We do have such roads in north Florida just not where I was going.

This was my first Lew Fonesca and it's number three in the series although I didn't know it was a series when I picked it up at the library. I do like the character, a process server who locates (if needed) people to serve legal papers.

I've been wanting to read Stuart M. Kaminsky so this was perfect. However, it may be closer (IMO) to three stars. But I'm giving it 3 1/2 stars and rounding up, giving Kaminsky four stars. In part because I didn't give the book my full attention.

Sorry, Lew Fonesca and Mr. Kaminsky.

Jeff Dickison says

A good Lew Fonesca story. He is hired to find a councilman gone missing before a big vote, and he helps nail a husband and wife murder duo. Recommended to fans of good mysteries.
