FLESH & BONES (Jake Lassiter Legal Thrillers Book 7)

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"I was sitting at the end of the bar sipping single-malt Scotch when I spotted the tall blond woman with the large green eyes and the small gray gun." The next thing Jake Lassiter knows, the woman pumps three bullets into the man on the next bar stool. Lassiter, the linebacker-turned-lawyer, has a new client. She’s a stunning South Beach model; the dead man is her wealthy father; and the murder case is a slam dunk for the prosecution. Or is it? "I'm a huge fan of John Grisham, Patricia Cornwell and James Patterson, and now I'm able to add Paul Levine to that list. I honestly couldn't put the book down." - 5-star review

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**Customer Reviews**

I read this book and became an instant Paul Levine fan. Since then I've ordered more of his books. Paul Levine’s Jake Lassiter series is witty and extremely entertaining. Couldn’t put this book down, and giggled all the while. Loved it.
FLESH AND BONES is the latest and the best of the seven Jake Lassiter novels. In FLESH AND BONES Paul Levine introduces us to, what is for him, a rare bird—a vulnerable, victimized woman. The only problem is that the woman, supermodel Chrissy Bernhardt, is accused of the murder of her own father, shot to death in front of a club full of eyewitnesses. Levine has written a taut, intelligent, entertaining, and wryly humorous psychothriller. Despite the overwhelming evidence of Chrissy’s guilt, Jake takes the case and dedicates himself to finding a way out for his client. What transpires is a tale of sordid manipulation, exploitation, lies and incest which is engrossing from the outset and never flags. With FLESH AND BONES not only has Jake Lassiter inherited the mantle of Travis McGee—Paul Levine has joined Scott Turow and John Grisham as one of the best ‘legal thriller’ authors working today.

Flesh and Bones by Paul Levine is a suspense novel with more than a few twists and turns. If you’re a reader who likes to be kept on edge and delights in surprises, I would recommend this book to you. This is the first of Mr. Levine’s Jake Lassiter books that I’d read so I had no idea of what I was about to dive into. I understand the author worked on the TV show JAG and there was a bit of familiarity with some of the courtroom drama and believe me when I say that’s a good thing. I zipped through the book in just a couple of sessions since I wanted to know how it would resolve. As to the central character, Jake Lassiter is a former pro football player who, while not overflowing with talent, has determination and honesty in his heart. I can appreciate a character that doesn’t pretend to be all things to all people. This is someone I can root for in the courtroom and in life. Jake’s the type of person I’d like to have in my corner if I was in trouble. The book centers around a murder case that Jake actually witnesses but yet he defends the person he saw shoot the victim. Seems like a recipe for failure but yet he tenaciously works through a defense. There’s so much I could say about this book but I don’t want to risk giving anything away. I highly recommend the book. Take a chance on Jake. I think you’ll be delighted. Note: I received a complimentary copy of this book in order to review it.

witty, funny, sarcastic, ironic and always a pick me up—Mr. Levine’s writing is a sight for sore eyes.

This was my introduction to Jake Lassiter and I hope it will be a long relationship. Since I am not a fan of football I was afraid there would be a lot of references to the game that I would not understand. There were some references, but all of them helped to move the story forward. I enjoy the setting of the story having vacationed in Miami and the Keys. Family and food seem to be
important parts of Jake’s life. My mouth was watering a couple of times over the descriptions of Jake’s granny’s cooking. The story was predictable, but still a fun read and enough mystery held back until the end to keep me going. I will be back to visit Jake Lassiter again. I received a complimentary copy of this book in order to review it. Thank you it was a great gift.

Flesh & Bones is the first Paul Levine novel I have read, it is the 7th in the Jake Lassiter series. I really enjoyed this mystery novel, and don’t feel it was necessary to read previous books in the series. Jack Lassiter, a football player turned Lawyer, is a character you care about. I enjoyed the inner workings of Lassiter’s mind as he struggles to defend his client who was seen shooting her father. Levine kept the interest with humor, plot twists and details of court room strategy, water rights and research into ‘recovered memories’. I received a complimentary copy of Flesh & Bones in exchange for a review.

Cover
A picture of a skinny blond chic holding a gun ... I’d say it’s a pretty literal depiction of the character Chrissy Bernhardt.

Plot
The story has several twists and turns. Just when I thought I had it figured out another twist would happen. Nobody, except maybe Jake and his family, is who they appear to be. I don’t know that this will keep you guessing to the end, but it will definitely keep you interested until the story is over.

Main Characters
Jake - A former linebacker, who is not fond of quarterbacks (for several reasons) - He is now a lawyer living in south Florida. I got the impression that Jake is ultimately a good guy. He appreciates honesty from his clients and from himself. If he has all the facts, good or bad, then he knows how he needs to handle a situation ... more people should be this way.
Chrissy - A model - She seems to fall in love too easily. She is prone to fainting spells and is a little spoiled.
Guy - Chrissy’s half-brother - Since his father’s death, he controls all of the business dealings. Seemingly a nice guy, he agrees to pay for Chrissy’s legal defense in the murder of their father.

Overall
As a mystery-lover, I enjoyed this book. There were several humorous parts in this story, which I appreciated. I believe all mystery-lovers would appreciate this novel ... you should check it out. =)

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