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As a thirty-two-year-old, single restaurant manager, Jenna McClure is all too aware of her ticking biological clock. Elizabeth Demauer, a fertility clinic doctor, helps her patients bear children—a joy she can never share. But these two women have more in common than just a yearning for motherhood. When they cross paths, Elizabeth sees not only the sister she never knew existed but the once-in-a-lifetime chance to realize her deepest desire...by any means necessary.

Together with her lover—a rogue physician and charismatic cult leader—Elizabeth masterminds the ultimate theft. But their carefully laid plans could be derailed by Eric Troutman, the heroic reporter who’s fallen in love with Jenna and will stop at nothing to solve her sudden disappearance. And the more his relentless investigation tightens the noose around Elizabeth and David, the more their “victimless crime” threatens to become anything but.

## The Baby Thief Details

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## From Reader Review The Baby Thief for online ebook

### Trish says

4.5 stars/Fiction; Suspense

This thriller takes off from page one and is loaded with non-stop action. I read it in one sitting.

Jenna goes to see a fertility specialist who through DNA testing discovers that she (the fertility specialist) is actually Jenna's biological sibling, adopted at birth. From that moment on, the Doctor (who has her own fertility issues) sets into motion a series of events to steal 'eggs' from her patient for her own use. But things go wrong, there is a witness to the abduction. A reporter who will stop at nothing to find out what happened to Jenna, and by doing so risks his own life in the process.

Fast paced and gripping, I highly recommend this book.

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### Nicky says

This was one of those can't put down books. Pretty good. As with most thrillers, there are some pretty sick, twisted people doing some sick, twisted stuff. It was no different in this book. I think the ending was a bit abrupt and I didn't quite like how it all turned out, but the rest of the book was really good.

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### Rosa says

When Jenna McClure disappears after visiting a fertility clinic, reporter Eric Troutman tries to convince himself and the police that a kidnapping has occurred. What follows is a fast paced book that holds your interest right to the end.

One of the best mystery books that I've read in a while and the first book that I've read by author L.J. Sellers but it certainly won't be my last.

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### Jody says

Although this book drove me crazy with some grammatical errors (not sure what kind of copy I had), it was quite suspenseful and a pretty good page turner!

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### SKB says

I got this book as a free Kindle download. I doubt I would have paid for it.

So far, the book is like Lifetime movie lulzy. I'm going to use this review to post my favorite lines.

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Leaving the police station after being robbed at gunpoint at the restaurant where she works (a robbery in which a customer is shot and killed), the author writes: "Jenna had never felt so tired in all her life, not even after the first time she'd done a full hour on the stair-stepper at Court Sports."

WOW that's like REALLY TIRED OMG.

She accepts a ride home from Eric, a reporter who happened to be at the restaurant during the robbery. "Yet after what she'd been through, Eric felt as safe and comfortable as a cup of hot chocolate."

She asks Eric to check her apartment to make sure no one is hiding out there. Eric thinks, "It would be tough not to take her beautiful face in his hands and press his mouth against those luscious, trembling lips, but he wouldn't violate her tender trust in him no matter how badly he wanted her." THEY JUST MET. AND SOMEONE WAS SHOT. AND HAHAHAAAAHA TENDER TRUST! AHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA

And this is just in the first 6% of the book. THIS IS GONNA BE HILARIOUS.

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## **Lisa Yarde says**

In *The Baby Thief*, when Jenna McClure walks into Dr. Elizabeth Demauer's office, hoping that the doctor will aid her quest to have a baby, it sets off a series of events that will change the lives of both women forever.

A violent robbery shatters the calm safety of Jenna's world. In the aftermath, she meets with a reporter Eric Troutman, who may hold the promise of a bright future. Elizabeth is a troubled young woman, with a secret connection to Jenna's past. Jenna has something she wants. Elizabeth jeopardizes her future and practice to have it. She's caught in the spell of a disgraced Dr. David Carmichael, who carries out medical experiments in a secretive religious community. Jenna, Elizabeth and David are all hiding secrets and Eric is on a determined quest to learn everything.

This is the first L.J.Sellers' book I have read, but it will not be the last. She is brilliant at sketching her characters in full, most of them beautiful but all inherently flawed. It is easy to feel sympathy for everyone, even her villains, who let their pride and desires guide them to commit unspeakable crimes. L.J. Sellers is also a master at pacing and knows how to keep a reader engrossed.

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## **Kolleen says**

\*\*\*SPOILERS\*\*\* Jenna is in her thirties and single, so she decides to be artificially inseminated. At the clinic, her doctor takes a sample of her DNA because she thinks she looks similar to her, and what do you know- it's a match! The doctor finds out that they are actually twin sisters separated at birth by adoption. She also wants a baby but is sterile, so she comes up with a plan to steal her sister's eggs to make a baby of her own.

In the meantime, Jenna is robbed at gunpoint and decides to have sex with the first random stranger she meets to make herself feel better. This stranger immediately falls in love with her and catches on to the evil doctor's plans, saving the day.

Yuck. This sounded like such a great plot, but it bombed. It was alright, but felt too forced and I hate when main characters fall in love at first sight and can't live without each other (Okay, that's not entirely true, but in most contexts it comes out super unrealistic- case in point). I could have told you everything about this book as soon as I found out Jenna had sex with Eric, right down her pregnancy with him at the end. Boring!

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### **Carl says**

I enjoyed this read. Well thought out plot, although at times I felt it dragged a bit. Characters were well developed and defined. Enjoyed the introduction of Jackson, having read all of the Jackson series prior to reading this book.

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### **Wanda Hartzenberg says**

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I downloaded this book during a promotion on Amazon and was delighted when I started to read it to find it a gripping and interesting read.

The premise of the book is novel and fresh and I feel if I say anymore in this regard I will be giving out spoilers. But it is a work of fiction with a novel slant to a comfortable scenario which makes it gripping and at the same time terrifying. It is not however a horror or even a true psychological thriller so I would urge you to read it yourself to understand my meaning in this regard. Plot deserves a 5 \* review rating.

The characters in the story is well fleshed out, well rounded and I loved that background was created even on the most peripheral of characters without adding bulk and needless drudgery in the story. I also really appreciated the fact that the author managed to make no black and white distinction with her characters, she managed to give the evil guys enough of a background and motive to have some redeeming qualities and the good guys were not all that perfect. They were human. This was a very nice deviation on many books I have been reading lately. Character development, 5 \* review rating.

Formatting and editing of the book was professionally executed and if any minor mistakes were present it never grated on my nerves so I will give this aspect of the book a 5 \* rating as well.

General enjoyment and recommendation for a specific target market.

I believe that all action/adventure/suspense/romance lovers will love this book and that it will keep them out of many a pleasurable hour of sleep. A resounding 5 \* rating from me.

In general this book is a 5 \* rated book and I would very strongly suggest you all go out and get a copy to read and enjoy. It is money well spent.

~WaAr~

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### **Marva says**

I think more Detective Jackson would have made me give it five stars.

It's not bad. Matter of fact, it's quite readable, but I've been spoiled by Sellers' Detective Jackson series.

I will say that it started slow, but picked up pace as the story got rolling. Part of my ho-hum attitude is the subject matter. It's quite believable, of course, given some more recent news stories about women stealing other's babies. In one particularly gruesome case, the woman killed the very pregnant mom and cut the infant

out of her. It died, of course.

So there is good evidence of a primal urge to have children, even if it means taking someone else's child. In the book, it's down to basics. The baby thief is stealing another woman's eggs. The other woman happens to be the thief's sister (unbeknownst to either of them prior to recent developments).

Jenna (the egg owner) is relatively tough and a good heroine except that she's drugged and incapacitated for most of the book. I really wanted her to kill somebody or at least break a leg or two, but she never got the chance. Same with the hero. He's severely injured and physically can't cope very well with the evil bad people. Bless him. He sure does try, but it comes down to a deus ex machina ending.

Since neither lead is instrumental in retribution against the bad guys, I just feel a bit let down.

Not one of Sellers' best books, but a decent read nonetheless.

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### **Lori Stable says**

The Baby Thief was an excellent book filled with suspense. It had a couple of twists in it that you just didn't see coming. The book was a very quick read with very little down time. I always enjoy reading a book that I have a hard time putting down and this is certainly that type of book. Thank you Goodreads for introducing me to yet another wonderful author.

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### **Stephanie says**

Absolutely loved this book! It was a little confusing keeping all the different characters straight at the beginning but it quickly got easier. The book was very fast paced, which I liked. However, like in the first book I read, it seemed like everything tied up at the end within the span of a few pages which seemed almost *too* fast for me.

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### **Kristina Franken says**

Jenna visits a fertility clinic where the doctor is her fraternal twin, separated at birth by adoption. After running a DNA test, the doctor's sister, Elizabeth, and her lover, Carmicheal, kidnap her and hold her captive in Carmicheal's compound/church with the help of ex-con Zeke (Ezekial).

Things go wrong after freelance reporter, Eric, witnesses the kidnapping. Eric, sensing something is wrong, contacts the police, who an officer happens to be his best friend.

Upon seeing himself in the newspaper article with his police sketch, Zeke decides he must kill Eric. Eric, while recovering from the attack, finds the compound. Being seen inside the church by residents, Zeke is summoned and brings him to Jenna while Carmicheal and Elizabeth are beginning to harvest an ovary.

Very interesting. My attention was kept through out the book. I found very few parts boring to be honest.

I received this book free of charge and am in way bound to give a positive review nor was I paid for my review

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### **Trish says**

Not what I was expecting but it was a little entertaining. Parts where a little too "far fetched" for my tastes.

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### **Rossy says**

2.5

Totally unrealistic, I hate insta-love and how everyone seem to gave other characters important information just like that: "Hey,are you Jenna's mother?" "Well, she was adopted, from this agency and the lawyer's name is this, but don't tell anyone!",

But it kept me interested and reading it til the end.

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