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As a nightmare blizzard of evil sweeps a Rocky Mountain winter wonderland, a trail of secret sins leads clinical psychologist Dr. Alan Gregory deeper into the heart and mind of a monstrous murderer.

## **Private Practices Details**

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### Gary says

The 2nd book in psychologist Alan Gregory series by Stephen White.

Better than a 3 rating but not quite a 4.

I intend to read more of this series and hopefully the characters will continue to develop in what could be a very good series of books.

There is plenty going on in the Alan Gregory's life which adds interest to the main plot.

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### Jill says

Totally fun - Stephen White does murder mysteries set in Boulder!

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### Sandy says

[there are so many bad guys in this book that you will guess correctly. (hide spoiler)]

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### Sheila says

Alan is having to deal with his almost ex and his girlfriend as well as several patients in crisis

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### Christina Simons says

I enjoy this series very much. The books are difficult to find on Kindle or at the library, so I actually ordered used paperback copies of the next three in this series.

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### Ed says

This is my first Stephen White novel. I would have been more impressed if I hadn't already read most of Jonathan Kellerman's work. As with Kellerman, White is also a psychologist who has a policeman friend, who is hired by the Boulder Coroner as a consultant, etc., etc.

The biggest difference is that there is more humor and action in White's offering and better plotting, character development and depth in Kellerman's books. I didn't see any acknowledgment of Kellerman's influence anywhere but the similarities are very hard to miss.

This story has Dr. Alan Gregory, the series protagonist, stumbling all over a series of seemingly unrelated murders that turn out to be connected. Unraveling the puzzle, while dealing with his pregnant ex-wife, Meredith, and his new love, Lauren, an assistant D.A., provides the reader with a fast-moving story.

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All is wrapped up at the end in a satisfying manner. I enjoyed the story, though, my seeing Kellerman's influence all over the place diminished my pleasure.

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### **Mary Ronan Drew says**

I read this Stephen White mystery because reviews for the latest book in this series, *The Last Lie*, were so enticing. I started with this, the second in the series starring Dr Alan Gregory, because the library didn't have the first. I'm about to remedy that by buying a copy and giving it to the library. Stephen White is a skilled mystery writer and I'm hooked.

Here's what his web site <http://www.authorstephenwhite.com/Boo...> says about *Private Practices*:

Why have two witnesses scheduled to appear before a local grand jury died violently just prior to giving their testimony? That's what Detective Sam Purdy, thrust into an uneasy partnership with Dr. Gregory, wants to know. From the first pages of the novel, when Gregory's office is invaded by a homicidal husband seeking revenge on his wife for her decision to divorce him, until *Private Practices* powerful climax, Purdy and Gregory strive to make sense of the pieces of an increasingly complex puzzle. In these Rocky Mountains, nothing is quite as it seems.

A pivotal character is one of Dr. Gregory's patients, seventeen-year-old Randy Navens. He has been in psychotherapy since he survived a plane crash that claimed the lives of his parents and his sister. Now he is living with his aunt and uncle, and is haunted by nightmares and suicidal impulses. The unique course of his treatment takes Alan Gregory on a quest that soon ensnarls both doctor and patient in a dangerous web that threatens both their lives.

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### **Susan says**

After reading his latest book - *Warning Signs* - and loving it, I was thrilled to learn that it was his 10th book and I had 9 others just waiting for me! I thought that *Private Practices* was the first one but it turned out to be #2. No matter, it was great. Boulder psychologist Alan Gregory seems to be attracting crime, his offices are broken into, a patient of his partners is shot and killed, one of his own patients is suicidal with a gun and now someone is after Alan himself. What makes White's work such a good read is the way he deals with all of his characters and their surroundings. They are so real and so interesting. I love that I still have 8 more to go.

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### **Ed says**

A tape I randomly picked for my commute. At the time I didn't realize that I had read #4 *Harm's Way* (1996) in 1997 and had not followed up on the series. This time around, I was encouraged to read #1 *Privileged Information* (1991) and then read the rest of the series, catching up at #19 *Line of Fire* (2012) and then the pre-planned series finale #20 *Compound Fractures* (2013).

Alan Gregory - recorded - Boulder, CO psychologist is enlisted by police sergeant Sam Purdy to help investigate a string of murders that seem related to his practice. His office is burglarized and his partner attacked. Estranged wife Meredith wants to delay their divorce decree and tells Alan she is pregnant with a child that might be his. Current lover Lauren seeks commitment.

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### **Jim says**

This Stephen White has all one could want in a detective mystery. Alan Gregory is a psychologist in Boulder, Colorado. Highly ethical but more so inquisitive and analytical. In a short span of time he has a client murdered by an abusive husband, another blown up in a home explosion, another shot to death. At this time Alan is trying to put his practice back together due to fictitious accusations which caused him to lose most of his clientele, so he takes on a part time job as assistant to the county coroner. So he ends up solving many cases, and indirectly becomes involved in working with the police to solve this crime wave. The plot is amazing, this takes the reader through a gamut of emotions, a few laughs, and some intense reading.

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### **Jenny says**

Started June 3, 2014. Like it so far. Grabbing lead in- a guy interrupts main character's supervision session to break into his colleague's office and kill the client there. But was it simply a batterer hunting down his wife who had left him? Other grand jurors are dying too. Main guy also having issues with his ex, and is currently in a relationship with the DA. I like the personal relationship details. He writes like a woman, analyzing all relationships and interactions.

Read the climax last night, some of it I figured, some I had not. Needed to list the characters and their relations, it got pretty complex. Several Amazon reviewers said the same thing. But I really liked it, will read the next one.

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### **Jeanne says**

This is the second of White's Alan Gregory series. Murder and foul play surround Alan and his partner, Diane. Residents of a small, closed Mountain community of Mirabelle are entwined in various ways. Gregory's almost ex-wife returns to complicate his relationship with Assistant D.A. Lauren Crowder. I enjoy White's humor and writing style. I like the recurring characters, the recurring psychological themes not so much.

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### **Marianne Jay says**

I initially started this series in 2000 and loved it. My feeling haven't changed. Dr Alan Gregory is smart, savvy and actually really funny.

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The Alan Gregory series is similar to the Alex Delaware novels. But can stand in their own merit

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### **Arthur Kittler says**

This book started off great. Great character development, subtle humor, nice details etc, however the plot was never very clear to me and with about 100 pages left to read, I put it aside not understanding what was going on or where the story was going.

The author seems more concerned with describing the Colorado country side, Dr Gregory shaving his legs, and dragging on about Gregory's inability to decide which woman to have a permanent relationship with (where this inability to decide fits into the story I have no idea) than he does developing and sticking to a cohesive plot.....Perhaps had I stuck it out to its conclusion I'd have found out. Then again, there's only so much time to read and so many good books.

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### **Jim says**

Author Stephen White's second Alan Gregory suspense thriller, "Private Practices", originally published in 1993 holds up well with the test of time. Dr. Gregory finds himself in several very complicated situations with no easy way to resolve his many issues. After a wild incident in partner Diane Estevez's office results in a horrible shooting a very conflicted Gregory is at a loss for answers. Along with trusty sidekick Detective Sam Purdy and the doctor have several mysteries to unravel. Meanwhile ex-wife Merideth has returned to Colorado and in pursuit of Alan. Merideth in the worst way wants Alan back. However Alan is in love with ADA Lauren Crowder. To add to Gregory's distress it seems Merideth is now pregnant and the baby could be Alan's. As Lauren battles her MS her condition seems to be getting worse. Lauren heads to NYC to get some experimental treatment. Coming in at over 420 pages this one was a long read. Although fast paced and entertaining it was a bit of a haul to get through this one. There so many moving sub plots that wind together but also split apart. Protagonist Dr. Alan Gregory is a compelling character he needs the support cast of this novel to step it up. A very enjoyable, I've got to hunt down some continuing outings in this series. Four stars out of a possible five stars for author Stephen White's, "Private Practices". The first two books in this series take place in 1991-93, and I see there are about 19 total books in series through 2010. A pretty good read. Check it out. A very interesting series.

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