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This raw, frighteningly realistic novel takes us to the explosive front lines of the drug war. Kristin Cates, former Catholic schoolgirl turned narc, is herself turning into an addict. Slowly drowning in the ugly world of the junkie, she makes a bogus case against a businessman and soon finds herself the target of a murderer. (Random House)

## **Rush Details**

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## From Reader Review Rush for online ebook

### Jeff Sauri says

This is one of those rare cases where the movie was actually better than the book. I still enjoyed the novel. But it really didn't offer any more detail than the movie and seemed to be missing an overall theme. Still, the movie only covers about half the book, so it was interesting to continue reading what happens to characters with whom the reader becomes attached.

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### Tammy says

I love that the main character is a strong young woman, with none of the stereotypical traits. She is not so tough as smart, resourceful and athletic. It's a heartbreaking story of what one woman does for love, without it being a 'romance.' A scathing look at Texas, the whole justice system and the war on drugs. Well written, engaging. The end was a serious downer, but it all worked. What happened to this writer?

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### Lawonda says

This is a favorite of mine!

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### Alice Harbin says

I did not finish it. The very thought of a young woman being taught to do drugs so she could be an undercover agent for the police did not set well with me. They did not even send her to the police academy until later. She is romantically involved with her boss and evidently he with her. This is where I quit reading it.

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### KJP says

Read this book in HS- loved it and the movie it was made into...How often does that happen.

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### Sharon says

Almost feels hard to believe this is based on a true story. Exciting foray into the dark underworld of a narcotics cop and the dangers, both internal and external, that threaten their very existence when they take this career path.

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fast, thrilling, and each page is printed with plenty of suspense. If you liked reading SERPICO you will enjoy reading RUSH. A movie was made from this novel, but unfortunately like most movies they must cut parts and scenes that the book is filled with. A profound read nonetheless and a must read for the crowd that enjoys cop adventure type novels.

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### **Deana says**

This book was surprisingly well written. I got it for 50 cents at a yard sale many years ago and never bothered to read it, but I figured now was a good time. Apparently, it was also turned into a movie, which I found interesting.

Anyway, the book was about an undercover narcotics agent and some of the trials and tribulations she and her partner went through. From becoming friends with the people they were supposed to arrest, to getting hooked on some drugs themselves (because the sellers won't trust you if you don't do it with them), to getting shot at by someone who they had convicted in the past. It's very suspenseful, but entertaining, although it gave me nightmares the entire week I was reading it.

If you like suspenseful books, or moral dilemmas, this would be a good book for you to read.

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### **Jeff says**

1st Read: November 30, 1995 - December 2, 1995

I'd seen the movie first and was blown away by it. Exploring my sisters books I came across this one and absorbed it very quickly. It knocked me off my feet more than the movie did, yet those who read see a movie as their eyes scan each word. Visualization is a brilliant and wonderful part of using one's mind! This story is a winner for me! I'd read it again.

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### **Kelli says**

#### **A Page Turner and Eye Opener**

A fascinating look into real vice work during the beginning of the War on Drugs. This book is full of great Texas/cops/drug '70s lingo and music.

My book club was looking for realistic fiction set in Houston. Pasadena and Beaumont and Corpus Christi are close enough.

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### **SouthWestZippy says**

Kristen Cates is working as a waitress when she is talked into joining the police force. Because of her unknown face and young age she is quickly partnered with Jim Raynor, a undercover narc. This story just about has it all, good cop, bad cop, drugs, love story, drugs and much more. Story is fast paced and well written. Characters are both likable and hate-able.

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I would have liked a little more background on the characters to understand what exactly got them into the positions they found themselves in but what Kim Wozencraft gives you works and make it believable. A 1991 movie "Rush" directed by Lili Fini Zanuck and starring Jennifer Jason Leigh, Jason Patric, Greg Allman and Sam Elliot, was based on this book.

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