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Cathy DuPont says

The second in the Paul Madriani series, Martini is the thinking man's writer in regard to courtroom procedures and drama.

I'm a fish on a line for the specific genre and Martini is among the best I've found.

Storyline, A+; characters, A+, *being so real*; pacing, A+; and setting, A. With those grades in my mind, hard to give anything other than five stars.

I love the character Paul Madriani and have decided to drop a couple of guys on my ongoing series list, in favor of Paul. Not, of course, that I have to, I can keep the 15 on the list but some on my series list are getting old, repetitive and simply boring to me. Paul is anything but that being fresh and logical. Paul, as a lawyer is clearly drawn by Martini (also a lawyer) and made me a fan of Paul and those around him. For all of these reasons I have been drawn to this series.

A "heads up" though; if you don't like courtroom drama, skip this because it's there; Courtroom with a capital C and Drama with a capital D. I read the last couple of chapters twice they were so "slap me in the face" surprising. The writing was simply great, clear with little in the way of superfluous words which I favor.

While I noticed Martini gave John Grisham a nod of thanks, and I've read Grisham, in my opinion Martini rises above Grisham. *Please don't bring the dogs out because as we know, it's simply my opinion, folks.*

Scott says

This was a little different from the first book. For one thing, our lead is now prosecution rather than defense. It was odd that this story went the way it did. There was a lack of cohesion in this one. Too many people playing on the wrong side for thier own reasons and no one could figure out who. It all was just a little too much, but an interesting enough story anyway.

Laura says

It took me much longer to read this one as I would have liked, I just kept falling asleep reading it even though it was interesting! (And I figured out "who done it" before it was revealed!!)

Kathleen Messmer says

I generally like Steve Martini books, but this book was so NOT action packed and boring that it was a huge chore to get through it. The only saving grace was that I totally did not see the ending coming. And that was the only reason for two stars. It would have been one otherwise.

Marianne says

A real page-turner ... and unsuspecting ending ... Martini's going on my must read list of authors!!

Kellie says

(2nd in the Madriani series)- "When Paul Madriani agrees to fill in temporarily as Special County Prosecutor, he has no idea that he will become involved in a serial murder case. The search for the "Putah Creek Killer" leads to the arrest of a college security guard, Andre Iganovich. Adrian Chambers, the defense counsel, has a shady professional past and a deep-seated dislike for Madriani, who was instrumental in the attorney's previous suspension from the bar association. As the evidence unfolds, discrepancies between the first two double murders and the third one become apparent, leading the prosecution to believe that a copy-cat murderer is on the loose. Threats against Madriani's family, legal posturing, the identification of a witness to the third set of murders, and a killer's desperation combine to produce a thrilling story." To me, Martini is a master at writing courtroom drama. He is excellent about explaining everything so the reader doesn't feel lost. I liked this a lot better than the 1st one.

Samyuktha jayaprakash says

This book should have got a 3 but for its plotting and the gripping issues and obstacles. What I found interesting in this book is that, while normal books involve lawyers making tough cases look simple, this makes a simple, open and shut case become complicated in a natural way. I did feel guilty when I got bored with the book in the starting, and had strong urges to close it. I am happy that I didn't. This showed me the other/real side of law and the politics involved in any job

Laurie D'ghent says

I really enjoyed this book! I've read a lot of lawyer-thriller-type-thingsies, but this one was unique. It wasn't overly graphic, no sex was involved, relatively little swearing, and the main character was actually approachable, not some all-powerful jerk-face lawyer guy. I would definitely read more by Martini.

Ron says

What can go wrong will go wrong in Madrianni's law adventures. It just gets worse and worse until the surprise end.

Kristen says

If you love legal thrillers, this one is a good one for you. There's a lot of drama, action and suspense in this one. We're really involved with Paul Madriani's world in and out of the court room. We can really set him keep his emotions and check and keep it all together. There's non-stop shocking surprises to keep you guessing, right to the twist you didn't see coming in the end. When six murders rocks a college town, it's up to Paul in the DA's office to find the killer and stop his case from falling apart at all angles. Even death threats to his wife and daughter and other obstacles are tossed along the way. Great legal drama to hook you from hook to the end.

Una Tiers says

Slow plot, legal terms misused. Shame on the author.

Emily Higgins says

Attorney Paul Madriani has agreed to serve as a temporary District Attorney while a colleague recovers from heart surgery. Then the colleague dies and Paul has the job indefinitely. Four college students have been murdered and the case is coming to trial. All of this takes up so much of Paul's time that it is putting a strain on his relationship with his wife Nikki, with whom he recently reconciled.

Chick Marks says

With Paul Madriani, Harry Bosch, Dismas Hardy and others I have enjoyed meeting them in mid-career and going back to fill in the story lines.

Sheila says

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Raquel Fitzgerald says

Edge of your seat drama and courtroom maneuvers that will make you take a deep breath.
