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## Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Truth and justice collide in former prosecutor Hoffman's sequel to *Retribution*. Miami Assistant State Attorney C.J. Townsend finds herself living a nightmare, beginning with a call to go to the homicide scene of Victor Chavez, a cop who helped her convict serial killer William Bantling. Chavez's body has been mutilated, his tongue twisted into what a former DEA officer calls the "Colombian necktie." Early clues to this and subsequent, equally brutal, murders point to Florida's drug underworld, but Townsend's fiancé, Special Agent Dominick Falconetti, and his team track the case back to Bantling. Falconetti is arrested for assaulting the ever-taunting Bantling, but even with the lead detective off the investigation, troubling facts emerge, while Townsend, haunted by her role in Bantling's trial (she withheld evidence to put the man who raped her on death row), tries to distance herself. Instead, she must confront her torturer in court, putting her career, her relationship, and eventually her life at risk. Reminders of fictional predecessors (Bantling in Hannibal Lecter restraints, Townsend's Dirty Harriet heroics) and occasional uninspired romantic passages are Hoffman's weakness; procedural detail and methodical depiction of the horrific are her strength. She combines the gruesome precision of Patricia Cornwell, the courtroom savvy of Linda Fairstein and the Miami setting of Edna Buchanan to produce an unsettling tale that, unlike most detective fiction, is not neatly tied up at the end.

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From Booklist

Nothing makes cops madder than the death of one of their own. When a spate of excessively violent cop killings befalls the Miami area, Special Agent Dominick Falconetti (himself a former cop), and his fiancée, C. J. Townsend, an assistant DA, team up to try to find the killer. Dominick's specialty is getting different factions to cooperate on a special task force, but in this case, all the participants—from federal, county, and city jurisdictions—are too busy marking their territories to do much crime fighting. The revelation that the victims were all "bad" cops of one kind or another doesn't do much to stop the infighting, despite mutual agreement that the slaughter needs to end. Meanwhile, C. J. fears a secret of her own (relating to the events in Hoffman's first novel *Retribution*, 2003) may relate to the murderer's motive. Not for the faint of heart, this chilling account combines all the ingredients of the high-concept thriller: violence, action, romance, political intrigue, and even a touch of humor. *Mary Frances Wilkens*

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Review

"Hoffman writes thrilling suspense; her insider knowledge of the criminal justice system is dazzling."

—Linda Fairstein, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Entombed*

"Jilliane Hoffman is, without a doubt, one of the best legal thriller writers in the country." —Nelson DeMille

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