

Reaper by A P Bateman

5 stars

This time it's personal

This is the fifth and latest in the Alex King series. Tragedy has struck the lives of both Alex and his partner Caroline in the past but never has the risk to their personal safety been greater than now. Caroline has been kidnapped by a cold, calculating woman who has a grudge and the grudge is against King. She uses her hold to make him do her bidding which is essentially to dispose of her criminal opponents. Will King save Caroline in time?

I have read all of A P Bateman's different series and am hard-pushed to choose which is my favourite. I guess that each one is my favourite during the time I am reading it and then I switch allegiances. That should give you some idea of the pleasure I get from these thrillers and my respect for Bateman, who seems to improve over time like a good wine. Each is better than the last. I don't know how he will top this one though!

The writing is crisp and taut and the characters are very well drawn. Intuitively the reader knows what actions the main protagonists will take and the pages (and time) fly past as you become absorbed in the plot which is fast and free-flowing. I read this in two sittings and couldn't wait to get back to the action.

Although this novel can be read as a stand-alone it would help if you read the others first and, for those who enjoy this genre and haven't yet read the first four in the series, what a treat there is in store.....

First class, action packed fiction. Go and buy it.

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