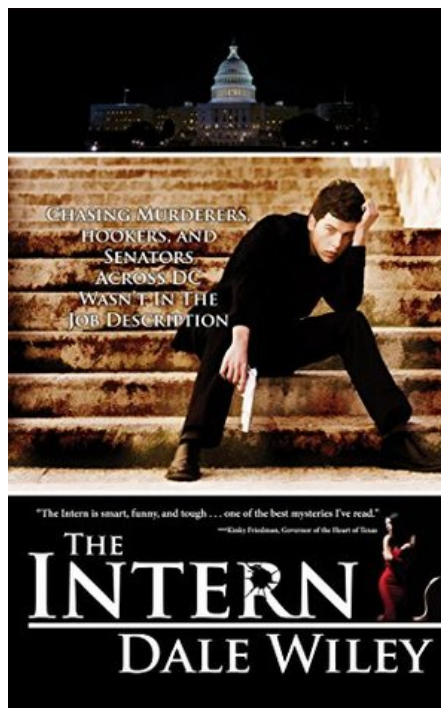




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It's 1995, and life is great for Washington, DC intern Trent Norris. But life can change in a moment—and does when Trent becomes the prime suspect in two murders and a slew of other crimes. Overnight, he becomes the most wanted man in America.

Trent has to find a way—any way—out. He holes up at The Watergate on a senator's dime and enlists a call girl as his unwitting ally. But with the media eating Trent alive, he doesn't have long before they catch him.

From the tony clubs of Georgetown to murders on Capitol Hill, The Intern has all the twists and turns of a classic DC thriller, with an added comedic flair.

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Suzan says

I found this book to be at times entertaining but then at times so over the top that I just wanted to stop listening. I think if I had been reading instead of listening I would have stopped. I think I saw this story in a made for TV movie. Or something very like it. I liked Peter Danbury for the narrator. He was the only reason I finished this book.

Valerie says

I never knew 160 pages could feel like an eternity.

april lewis says

Great read!

I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book; I was pleasantly surprised at how smoothly the storyline went. It was funny and entertaining, almost comparable to a John Grisham novel. Would definitely recommend and looking forward to reading more from the author!

Toni Osborne says

With all the shenanigans going on in Washington what is not to like when we have an author whose imagination will give us another political adventure... "The Intern" is the story of a man who ended up being in the wrong place at the wrong time and gets wrongly accused of a murder he did not commit. Being original is the only way he will get out of his predicament.

The main player is Trent Norris, an intern who takes us all around the metro area and the government buildings and when he tumbles into something he shouldn't have his life goes out of control, media and the authority are on his back and he has to get out of the mess at any cost and all this is narrated with a tad (very small) of humour.

The premise is good but the story is quite weak and as it moves along it become more and more unbelievable I could qualify it as totally ridiculous. The whole drama plods along at snail pace with some bizarre action here and there. I guess this was an attempt to inject some humour into the plot but this failed to make me smile or even pique my interest. This book never really pulled me although I was captivated by Trent resourcefulness on many occasions.

I join those who say this book is entertaining enough to keep with it....but just. Ordinary characters, nothing special there although the political backdrop makes them somewhat appealing...who doesn't love a political

scandal, DC players always provide all the good stuff, here is no exception.

Not to say "The Intern" is not a good book it simply was not my favourite.

Charles Mooney says

Good book

This is a very good book. I am a little late in reading it since some of the events seem a little dated. The story is basically what is in the entire title. We have a young intern involved with murder, hookers, a senator, and it all happens with the Watergate hotel as the backdrop. Don't worry, it has nothing to do with Nixon. I recommend this book.

Amy says

What started out as a fun and slightly silly read quickly became more and more ridiculous and over the top. By the last 1/4 I really just wanted it to be over. While I can see how the storyline would pull people in, to me it felt like it was written by an imaginative 23-year-old guy wishing his life was more interesting or some crazy disjointed dream.

Michael Moline says

Hard to believe

The events that begin the story are not believable. After that the story becomes absurd. It is entertaining, a simple story of a man who can't seem to do anything normal.

Tania says

Clearing your name is risky business

Intern Trent Norris believes the worst part of his day will be waiting for the clock to strike 430, until he realizes he has stumbled onto a murder and makes the perfect scapegoat. He goes on the run, focused only on clearing his name and not worried about what kinds of things he must do to do it.

This was a highly entertaining book, not dumbed down but easy to follow even if you aren't a Washington insider. The main character is flawed but sympathetic and his plans fit his level of desperation. Loved his sidekick Tabitha, who knows how to get things done.

Diane Wachter says

DC intern Trent becomes the prime suspect in two murders. Okay = 2 stars. @ 2016.

Gayle England says

Enjoyed the story after....

...the first couple of chapters. Took awhile for the story to start moving. Almost quit reading, but now I am glad I continued on to read the entire story. Clean read, no cursing, no sexual descriptions (thank goodness!!), no filth. I enjoyed reading this. Hope you give it a try too.

Thomas J Erdmann says

Fun!

Just an enjoyable story written in a casual conversational manner that makes me cheer for the writer and eagerly await the outcome.

Jess Meadows says

This is the first book by Dale Wiley I have read. It's an eye-popping, breath-holding, white-knuckled page turner! Captivating entertainment from the first page to the last, with no "ho-hum" in between. Looking forward to the next offering by this writer!

P.S. Winn says

Trent Norris is an intern in Washington D.C. for the NEA. when first Trent takes a suspicious call about a problem that's going to be taken care of he wonders about the wording, but when Congressman Gregory Timmons end up shot and killed, Trent is the one being accused and is on the run to find the truth and clear his name. Interesting read that takes the reader into the political intrigue and lies of Washington. The author did a great job with the story and a few interesting characters readers won't soon forget.

Hobart says

This originally appeared at The Irresponsible Reader.

Trent Norris is not crazy about living in Washington, D. C. He's working as an intern at the National Endowment for the Arts , which isn't horrible -- but the general atmosphere, the parking, the expenses and so

on -- it's just not for him. He has a plan for what to do to get out, but we're not really told what that might be (later, there's discussion of an unsuccessful novel -- that might be part of it). He likes his job well enough, he's started dating someone that he could see himself falling for in a big way -- so life's not all bad.

The day after one of the best dates of his life, Norris is covering the desk and phone for a higher-up's secretary, and is in the right place at the wrong time to take the wrong phone call. Then, because he's just that kind of guy, he plays a silly prank as a feeble act of protest for a decision the same higher-up just made that will impact people all over the country. As pranks are wont to do, this one is mis-interpreted and Norris finds himself framed for heinous crimes he didn't commit -- and plenty of media coverage demonstrating that he did. He enlists the help of an escort, Tabitha, to help him in his time of need -- which she more than does.

Running from the Law -- he's out to prove he didn't do it, clear his name, not get killed by law enforcement...and hopefully still have a shot at getting the girl.

As disinterested as I was in the crime (which was sensational, but seemed almost tertiary to everything), as much as I cared nothing for the protagonist, once I got to the part where things are falling apart for Norris, when he's starting to see the accusations pile up, I really admired the way Wiley had set everything up. It was very well constructed and executed.

Until I was typing this post up and read the Publisher's Description, I had no idea when this was set. A reference to Borders Bookstore threw me, and little later, I noticed the utter lack of cell and/or smartphones. A few chapters later the protagonists ordered a laptop with a Zip drive and floppy disks! Wow. I didn't realize I was reading historical fiction. Taking me out of the action long enough to flip back and forth through the pages looking for time references. A little more text on page 1 would've gone a long way to help the reader (or, at least, me).

Early on, Norris rubbed me the wrong way, and while I didn't like him, I found the situation he was in interesting enough to keep going. Some of his redeeming -- humanizing -- qualities were brought out late in the book, but by that point it was hard to overcome my initial misgivings. Stephanie was nice enough -- not that we got to spend much time with her. Tabitha was the only character I really liked at all -- even if she seemed to serve as a shortcut more often than not for Trent to get what he needs -- oh, you need a hacker? Let me make a call. How do we bypass a security system? I have just the client willing to do me a favor? And so on. (and maybe the large amount of gold content in her heart was difficult to believe). Still, she was more interesting and likable than anyone else around.

This was a great depiction of the havoc that the media (especially in a 24-hour news cycle) can wreak on an individual with very little evidence -- see Richard Jewell, for example. Wiley seemed to capture the impotent rage and disbelief at how quickly one's whole life can be turned upside down in hours when the media decides you're the villain.

Just entertaining enough, just well-written enough, with characters just interesting enough to keep the pages turning -- Wiley gives the reader just enough to entertain, and be open to reading more from him. I do want to stress, how well constructed this was -- every seemingly stray detail is there for a reason, and no strings are left untied. I've read novels from seasoned authors that can't pull off that level of construction, and Wiley doing so in his first time to bat is no small thing.

Disclaimer: I received a free copy of this book from the author in exchange for a fair review.

Michelle Dorn says

Not sure if this book was a movie or I am confusing it with something else. The plot was a little confusing at first even for someone who typically reads DC based novels, particularly murder mysteries. But after a few pages the plot cleared up sufficiently so that I was able to follow better. I think the hooker, Tabitha, was a little too much drama, no matter how true that profession is in real life, but to choose this type of person for a confidant to believe you when everyone else thinks you are a killer? a little far fetched. This is fiction but lets not stretch the believability to far. The boyfriend Roger and the Intern looking so much alike fits into the plot a little too neat but I get this as well. It is well put together, a nice light read without too much thinking. Would recommend this for the summer or a rainy day.
