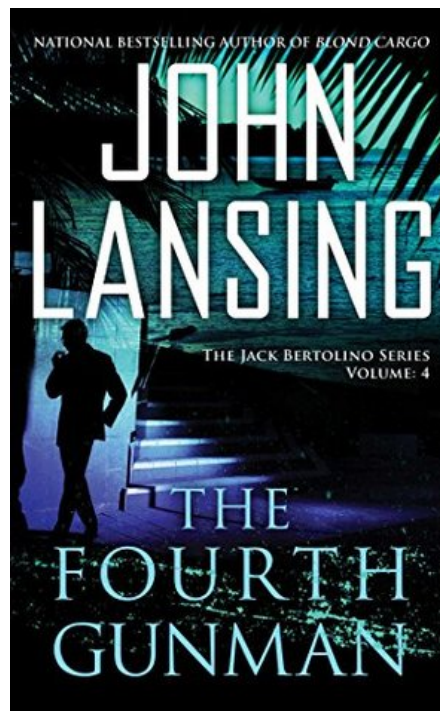




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A captivating thriller in the Jack Bertolino series full of intrigue, action, and dark humor.

Jack Bertolino is a retired investigator who just can't seem to get away from the job. He's the best at what he does, with a moral compass that doesn't point quite true north and a dark history with the mafia. To the FBI, Jack is about as valuable a man as they could ask for. So when one FBI agent's brother goes missing, Jack is pulled into a search that could mean the difference between life or death.

The Fourth Gunman is an action-packed and suspenseful novel from the author whose thrilling prose "will remind some of James Patterson's early works" (Suspense Magazine).

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Tina Allen says

John Lansing is a fantastic writer. I was thoroughly caught in the web of intrigue from page one. This guy knows how to hold the tension and suspense and I can't wait for the next Jack Bertolini installment. Five stars!

Mrs Mommy Booknerd <http://mrsmommybooknerd.blogspot.com> says

I loved this book. What an intense ride. So well paced and plotted, with twists and turns along the way. This is one of those books that I want to see made into a movie or a mini series on TV. It was that good. It was so well fleshed out that when I was reading it was as if I watching a movie playing in my mind. The Fourth Gunman is a FANTASTIC read and one I highly recommend.

Dianewl says

I think The Fourth Gunman was a fast paced, wonderfully written book. John Lansing hit the ball out of the park on this one! I found the series by John Lansing right after The Devil's Necktie came out and I'm so glad I did. Each book gets better and better! I love the Jack Bertolino character, he grows stronger and more appealing with each book. Now I have to wait again for his 5th book?

Linda Kay says

John Lansing never disappoints! This time he kept me turning pages with a thrilling yet sobering (and all too realistic) tale of a terrorist plot which Jack Bertolino has to unravel as he deals with both the law and the criminal world, both professionally and personally, all while the terrifying clock is ticking. What's intriguing about Lansing's books are the layers; the characters are complex and realistic so it's always a surprise to see where everything eventually leads, and it's always extremely satisfying. Can't wait for the next one!

Chris C - A Midlife Wife says

Action packed from start to finish. So good.

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The Fourth Gunman is an awesome new installment in the series about Jack, ex-cop and PI. Still a badass even though it's been several years since we were together personally. He's still able to have me at the edge of my seat with his crazy cases and the ability to have friends in high, and a few low places, that can help him out in a pinch.

I love Jack. His smart wit, street sense, sex appeal, and dry humor is everything I love. Not to mention the fact that even at his advanced age he can still mix it up with the best of them. Kidding... about the age thing,

anyway!

This plot is inventive and imaginative but yet so damn believable. It's actually scary to think about, but that is what a great storyteller does. And make no mistake, John Lansing is a great storyteller.

If you love action packed stories that include crime, police procedural action, mob stories, doublecrossing, terrorist threat, and a ton of mystery's in the dark, The Fourth Gunman is a great read that you will hate to put down. John Lansing is making a fabulous literary statement with this awesome book. Grab it!

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full review - <http://amidlifewife.com/the-fourth-gu...>

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## Cathy Ryan says

The Fourth Gunman brings Jack Bertolino back into Vincent Cardona's orbit when the FBI ask for his help. Cardona is in Jack's debt after he saved Cardona's daughter, Angelica, from a terrible fate. FBI Agent Liz Hunter's brother has been working as an undercover agent, infiltrating Cardona's inner circle. Now Luke Hunter has gone missing from Cardona's exclusive illegal gambling super yacht, the Bella Fortuna, along with half a million dollars of mob money. The FBI want Jack to call in his debt and see if he can find out what's happened to Luke. Cardona also wants to track down Luke and retrieve the mob's money before the East Coast families become involved. So Jack is given access to the yacht, and with his two trusted friends and associates Mateo and Cruz, they begin the delicate balance of their investigation.

The reader knows from the start what happened to Luke, the enjoyment is following the twists and dangers of Jack's investigation as he navigates his way through the minefield of untrusting operatives, double-dealing and lies, in an all too scarily realistic scenario. Jack begins to realise Luke Hunter's disappearance is the least of his worries as he utilises his connections on both side of the law. Jack has no qualms about using every available avenue at his disposal to get to the truth.

John Lansing delivers another intense, well crafted and fast paced plot, as well as creating a relatable, engaging protagonist who is not incapable of making mistakes or putting himself in the firing line. Jack bears the scars of the twenty five years he spent in the narcotics division of LAPD, and those more recently acquired.

There's a diverse cast of characters, both good and bad, and all are well defined and portrayed realistically. Expressive writing and authentic dialogue lead to clear and vivid imagery – I do love the succinct descriptions of locales and food. Written in the third person, it gives a clear insight into the mind of each character.

The pace builds as the suspense and action escalate. The main storylines and subplots of the intriguing and complex narrative all blend together perfectly, pulling the reader along as the tension mounts. As Jack begins to unravel the threads and piece them back together, the trail brings him inexorably towards an explosive, dramatic and dangerous conclusion. I've enjoyed this series from the start and the stories just get better. The Fourth Gunman is everything I've come to expect from a John Lansing novel – great writing and characters, action, mystery, suspense and crime solving.

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## **Donna Saxon says**

### **Loved The Fourth Gunman**

I have read all of John Lansing's books. I have loved everyone of them. This new book is full of action and intrigue. The characters are all interesting and engaging. I can always picture his novels being turned into a movie because of all the action, car chases, helicopter stunts, romance and adventure. If you love great stories, fascinating characters, and nonstop action, you will love this book.

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## **Djlaureth Jezebelle says**

### **My Favorite Summer Beach Read!**

This is the fourth book in the Jack Bertolino series and I have waited a little while to write this review, mainly because after I read it, I immediately wanted to reread the whole series again. It feels just like watching the latest movie in a series and wanting to binge watch the series. So, I ended up binge reading the series again in this record breaking heat and it really is my favorite read on the beach, fast paced, full of action, much like the Mission Impossible franchise, I don't see Jack going anywhere any time soon, which is good news to me. Without ruining the plot, expect Jack's family to play a part on the plot, and a return of several characters as well as our favorite mobsters. With four books in the series, if you aren't already a fan of this series, get the others and get ready for a intense, thrilling time. Yachts, diving, and fast boats keep the action moving and not just the bad guys. Jack's up to the challenge with the help of his friends though, and still manages a little self care time as well. And like every working divorced parent, there is always something when you have children...

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## **Jule Selbo says**

John Lansing's multi-dimensional detective, Jack Bertolino, faces his most complex mystery and elusive criminals yet - and it's all set in a unique world that includes gambling, marinas, organized crime vs. federal authorities, and a nefarious plot that is planned and played out because of personal vengeance. Those personal vengeance elements bring the criminals' lives into deeper focus and makes them doubly troubling and thought-provoking. I love dipping into Bertolino's world and Lansing, in this book, masterfully brings past characters ('good' and 'bad' guys from previous books) into the story in a way that raises the stakes. That makes for a treat for the reader, for the characters that I have previously invested in continue to grow and make decisions that (hopefully) will affect Bertolino's life and cases in the next books to come. Looking forward to #5.

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## **Kathleen says**

In The Fourth Gunman, the fourth book in the Jack Bertolino Series, the reader is transported back into the seedy underworld of crime as they follow private investigator Jack Bertolino on his latest investigative adventure.

Author John Lansing weaves a fast-paced crime thriller set in Los Angeles and written in the third person

narrative, that follows the dangerous quest of retired NYPD narcotics detective now private investigator Jack Bertolino as he takes on the investigation of a missing person case requested by the FBI. FBI Agent Liz Hunter requests Jack to find her brother Luke Hunter, a fellow FBI Agent who had infiltrated Mob Boss Vincent Cardona's group for the past eighteen months under the name of Luke Donato. Luke had been trying to set Cardona up for money laundering from his illegal gambling operation on the luxury yacht, Bella Fortuna, but he suddenly disappeared. And to make matters worse, Cardona's group is looking for a satchel of money that also disappeared at the same time. Jack has worked for Cardona in the past, and this investigation will once again lead him into the seedy Mafia underworld, where he will find himself caught up in a dangerous and deadly game of cat and mouse.

The Fourth Gunman is a riveting and realistic story that is full of intrigue, action, drama, suspense, murder, and dark humor. Jack's latest investigative adventure easily draws the reader in and keeps them captivated and turning the pages. As the reader follows Jack and his associates Mateo and Cruz into the shady Mafia underworld, the multitude of plot twists and turns will keep them guessing what will happen next. Jack takes the reader on a wild ride when his dangerous adventure takes him into the upscale areas and seedy neighborhoods of various California locales. It is a shady and dark world of Mafia illegal operations, money laundering, and murder ... all in the pursuit of solving the case of the missing FBI agent.

With a multidimensional cast of characters who leap off the pages; gritty dialogue and vivid interactions; richly detailed description of various California locales; and a no-holds-barred storyline that keeps the reader sitting on the edge of their seats and holding their breath as the chilling trail of dangerous Mafia illegal operations and murders leads up to an explosive climax.

The Fourth Gunman is one hell of a thrilling story that you won't be able to put down, and it will leave you wanting to follow Jack on more of his investigative adventures!

Disclaimer: I received a copy of the book from the author/publisher via NetGalley in exchange for my honest review and participation in a virtual book tour event hosted by Partners In Crime Virtual Book Tours.

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## Jessica Bronder says

Undercover FBI agent Luke Hunter is working on an illegal mob gambling ship off the coast of California when he disappears. Luke's sister gets in touch with retired inspector Jack Bertolino to find her brother. Jake has an agreement with a mob boss that he just wants to know what happened to Luke and will report only that. He discovers that Luke disappeared along with a half million dollars of the mobs money. There is a lot more going on than just Luke and the money disappearing and Jack is going to have some of those favors he has collected to find out the truth.

Jack is one of those guys that you can't help but like. But he dances around the line of legal and illegal. Because of that he has some serious connections that he is going to have to use to find out what happened to Luke and keep himself alive. And starting a relationship with a mob bosses daughter is going to be one of those things that just might kill him.

This is the first Jack Bertolino story that I have read and had no problem jumping in to it, it felt like it could be a stand-alone book. Although there were a couple things that I'm sure reading the other books would be

more familiar. This book is full of action, danger, and not a clear truth as to what happened.

If you like thrillers and action I think you will enjoy this book. I really liked it and will be checking out the other three books in the series.

I received a complimentary copy of this book. I voluntarily chose to read and post an honest review.

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### **Christa Nardi says**

Jack Bertolino is no stranger to the FBI, nor is he in their employ, except when it suits them. When an Luke, an agent undercover, goes missing, his sister calls on Jack to find her brother. Jack calls in a favor from the Mafia Don, with assurances that he won't report back to the FBI on any of the mob business, only what happened to Luke. Needless to say there are a few shady characters who aren't thrilled with all the questions Jack and his two sidekicks. With questionable friends and enemies on both sides, Jack has his work cut out for him. Getting involved with Vincent Cardona's daughter only complicates the matter further. As the pieces fall into place, it becomes clear that what Luke stumbled onto is bigger than the mob.

The pace is steady and Jack is a strong character as are Mateo. Jack has a strong sense of right, wrong and responsibility, but he can blur the lines when needed for the greater good. He has connections that are there for him. There's plenty of tension that keeps the plot and subplots moving. This is the fourth in the Jack Bertolino series. Although there is history from previous books (his initial contact with Vince, his rescue of Angelina, his connection to the Coast Guard), the story behind Luke's murder can be read as a stand alone. Readers who like more real-life crime, the mob, and conspiracies unrelated to the mob, will enjoy reading THE FOURTH GUNMAN.

FTC Disclosure: I received a complimentary copy of this book in the hopes that I would post an honest review. This has not affected the content of my review in any way.

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### **Magdalena aka A Bookaholic Swede says**

As a new reader to this series was I curious to see how reading this book without having read the previous three books. I'm glad to say that I found both the plot interesting and the characters well-developed.

Retired inspector Jack Bertolino as approved by FBI to find Luke Hunter, a missing agent, who has gone missing during an undercover mission. One of the FBI agents that wants him to find the missing man is Luke's sister. The problem is that not only is Luke missing, but so is half a million dollar that belongs to the mob. So, has he skipped town with the money, or has someone gotten rid of him because of the money?

There is not a big mystery to what happened to Luke, the story starts off with explaining that and then it's up to Jack to figure it out. I liked the start of the book, it has that kind of intense start that I love in books when you get thrown into the story right from the very start. I usually like more mysterious kind of books, when the identity of the villain(s) are unknown, but I did enjoy knowing from the start who not to trust as Jack had to figure it out for himself. And, just because you know certain fact doesn't it mean that you know all of it.

Jack Bertolino is the kind of characters that I liked right from the start and he's definitely the kind of character that makes me curious to read the other books to get to know him better. His "relationship" with

Angelica, for instance, is turbulent and unwise since she is the daughter of a Mafia Don. However, that fact also makes the book more interesting to read.

I will definitely be on the lookout for the other books in the series!

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### Nancy says

This book brings to mind a lot of questions. Who was the fourth gunman? Where is he? Who is he working for – the good guys, the bad guys or the really, really bad guys?

That's the challenge for Jack Bertolino. By the way, who's he working for?

I was getting an adrenaline rush from this book, and didn't want to put it down. When it ended, I didn't want it to end. This was my first John Lansing book. It won't be my last, because I want to read more about Mr. Bertolino. I know the next book in this series won't be out soon enough for me. I'm pretty sure Mr. Lansing and his publisher won't be able to get it out next week.

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### Dianne says

Sometimes it isn't what you know, but who you know and Jack Bertolino seems to have a handle on who to know when he needs help on a case involving an undercover agent who has gone missing.

Jake was working on a mafia owned gambling ship, there one minute, gone the next. No trace, but plenty of suspicions. Had he double-crossed the big guy and run off with a large chunk of cash? Had he been discovered and eliminated?

Follow Jack through the twists and turns of investigating, attraction to a young mafia princess, dinners with a mob boss and a list of favors called in and favors returned. Where is Jake? Could his sister, an FBI agent, be wrong about him? Was he playing both sides of the fence or was someone out to frame a man who wasn't there to defend himself?

High rollers, beautiful people seeking a private place to gamble and more, Jack is up to his ears in gritty intrigue, dark humor, lies and deceit. One thing for certain, this retired investigator isn't afraid to use any methods at his disposal to get the answers he seeks in **THE FOURTH GUNMAN** by John Lansing.

For fans of suspense and mystery, heroes who know how to dig up the dirt and uncover those pesky skeletons in the closet, **THE FOURTH GUNMAN** is a great read to sink into. A little gritty, with a hero who colors outside the lines!

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