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COMING SOON! EMBRYO 6: RAZOR SHARP: A Jack the Ripper type killer is murdering *male* prostitutes. A transvestite, transgender women, a 17-year-old hustler - to him, they're *all males*. Police again ask Jill & David to help... (due in September)

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Fiona (Titch) Hunt says

I have read and loved all 5 of the Embryo series so far. This story line wasn't what it usually is with the others I've read.

Yes it's fast paced (would be as I've read it within a day), has all the action packed characters that the previous books have. Jill and David are caught up in the middle of a great action, fast paced and heart racing story. You never see the plot coming til you are like gasping for breath. Thinking it's one person and finding out it's someone completely different.

Hope J.A. Schneider writes more soon as I am so hooked and it was all thanks to a friend who said this series was nailbiting.

Monica says

Drs Raney and Levine are in the fray again. This time one of their friends has mistakenly ingested penicillin and another friend is missing, or is danger afoot?

Colorful, varied characters present themselves at every corner. Amidst the normal ER turmoil, somehow the docs manage to help the damaged friends and police, find time for friends and family, and keep it together.

Throughout this series, the characters get closer and show how even in chaos, love and hope are possible.

Madelon says

I've read all four of the previous books in this series, and it's been a real roller coaster ride of suspense, medical shenanigans, and relationship building. Book one started the romance between Raney and Levine, and gave us Jesse, the miracle baby. The relationship became a marriage, and the marriage became a family. All of this while some seriously deranged bad guys added that touch of adrenalin that kept me furiously turning pages.

SILVER GIRL is the first in the series to be a complex murder mystery. We are not faced with a madman trying to take out as many people as possible, we have two dead girls, and the need to find their murderer.

I love to find an author still finding his or her voice. I am always honored to find myself tagging along for the ride. I don't care if you are Stephen King or someone totally unknown, you have to start somewhere, and if you keep going, there has to be development. J. A. Schneider is developing her characters by making them more and more human from book to book. She is also honing the skills of mystery writers everywhere. I think she does a great job in SILVER GIRL of making you think through the possible suspects without giving too much away at any one time. There is definitely more whodunit here than adrenalin while still making the pages seem to turn themselves.

I don't know about y/ou, but I read books for a variety of reasons. I read to learn something new, to enjoy the dread of horror, but mostly, I read for the pure enjoyment of the stories and characters. Without giving

anything away, there is a brilliant piece of misdirection in this book that pretty much made my day.

As much as I want to convince you to read SILVER GIRL, in all fairness, you have to read the four that came before to fully appreciate what is happening. These are all perfect books to take to the beach, read on a plane, or just for some time alone with a good book.

Melanie Adkins says

Jesse is growing. He's active and learning more everyday. People are still interested in his progress but it's not as bad as it was. David and Jill are working just as hard at the hospital. It seems they can never get enough rest between work and Jesse.

Then a young, talented actress is just hitting her stride when she dies. David and Jill know the young actress and are devastated by her death. They offer to help the police as they have in the past on other cases. The list of suspects keeps growing. Everyone just wants justice for Jody, the young actress. Now, they just have to find the person responsible for all the mayhem.

WOW! I am consistently amazed by Ms. Schneider. Her writing style is amazing. She has the ability to make you look over your shoulder and be frightened of the dark too. Her characters make you feel like they are speaking directly to you. Telling their secrets to you as you move at a wonderfully set pace. I enjoy these EMBRYO books very much. This is number 5 and they get more complicated and more involved with each one. You get to know the characters as you would friends in your own life. I felt the emotions of these people. I wanted to help them find answers and warn them when danger seemed near. YOU will enjoy this series. I'm a fan for life! You don't need to read every book in the series. They do stand alone. However, if you want the full experience of this series, get them all! These are books you'll talk about, share and re-read over and over.

I didn't find any issues.

I gave this book 5 cheers out of 5 because it's a thriller series I've come to love! ~Copy of book provided by author in exchange for a fair review~

Sophie Bristow Harris says

I was absolutely thrilled when the author, Joyce Schneider, gave me a copy of her latest book in the Raney & Levine Thriller series, in exchange for a fair and honest review.

Embryo 5: Silver Girl is a tightly woven gem of a read. The two main characters, Jill and David are a lovely couple who clearly adore each other whole heartedly, alongside their adorable eighteen month old son, Jessie.

The striking cover depicts the main casualty of the book Jody Merrill, the look on her face reminds me a little of the Mona Lisa - I mean the feeling: What is she thinking? What is she feeling?

It is so refreshing to discover a Thriller author like Joyce who doesn't feel the need to give the characters "Potty mouths". The tension and drama is there without spoiling it with bad language.

The medical terms are very well researched, I believe the author's husband is a physician and helps during

her writing to explain the details she needs. I've learnt lots of interesting facts throughout this series so far.

I am really looking forward to reading the next in the series, a superb Thriller series which I highly recommend.

Vickie says

say that Jill and David can't catch a break is a huge understatement..... Silver Girl begins with the very suspicious death of Jody Merrill. She was a close friend to Jill, as well as others at the hospital. When they head to the ER as Jody is being brought in and treated, they know almost immediately that this was no accident. Jody died a grisly death that hits Jill and David hard. Once the police request their help, they race to Jody's apartment to see what they can find. Upon their arrival, they know something's off. As they are looking around the crime scene, they hear something and David tries to catch whomever was in the apartment to no avail. But, once things get rolling, another dead body is found and they know there is a murderer on the loose. One who seems to be targeting characters from Jody's popular television show and they pull out all the stops to find who's responsible.

They are pulled into the world of Hollywood agents, attorneys and wouldn't you know it? Seems there was a torrid affair between Jody and a certain someone who wielded a lot of power and influence over her. When Jill and David delve farther into the goings on in Jody's inner work circle, they discover that there were several who had motive, but figuring out who had the ultimate motive becomes a game of cat and mouse. Revelations are made and secrets are discovered, but will Jill and David be able to stop the murderer before someone else pays with their life? And, when Jill is caught in the middle of a twisted person's endgame, will David get to her in time to prevent her from being a victim as well? Well, my friends, you'll just have to read to find out.

J.A. Schneider has once again written a story that grabs hold and doesn't let go. The story is shrouded in suspense and mystery, which I've come to expect from the Embryo stories. Jill and David are wonderful characters as are all of the supporting players. We get to see them all and we get to see how their miracle baby is faring as well. I did like the fact that we had a different kind of bad guy in this one, even though I was pretty sure who it was going to be before the big reveal. If you're a fan of fast paced, suspenseful medical crime dramas, this series is definitely for you! Well done, J.A. Schneider! Very well done!

Arlena says

A Series:

Embryo Is a malignant genius tinkering with women's bodies?

Embryo 2: Crosshairs ... A killer stalks women & an unborn baby.

Embryo 3: Raney & Levine... A religious zealot targets a child & the hospital caring for him.

Embryo 4: Catch Me ... A serial killer just targets couples.

and NOW....Embryo 5: Silver Girl ... A beautiful young TV star dies mysteriously...

Book Description:

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Title: Embryo 5: Silver Girl

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Reviewed By: Arlena Dean

Rating: five

Review:

"Embryo 5: Silver Girl" by J.S. Schneider

What I liked about this novel....

What will happen when a friend of Jill and David ends up dying after being brought to Madison Memorial emergency in critical condition? Will this be another one of this author's Raney & Levine suspenseful thrillers? YES! For Jill and David maybe Doctors however they are definitely a crime fighters who get the bad guys too. How will these two find this horrible killer so that there will be no more gruesome deaths? Well, to get all of those answers and more you will have to pick up 'Embryo 5: Silver Girl' to find out and noting that is this author's fifth Embryo series. Be ready for another one of this author's excellent thrillers as she takes you from the beginning to the end giving the reader a fantastic thrill of a read with some off the chart well developed characters..some old ones from other series and especially Jesse who is now eighteen months old. If you are looking for a love-betrayal glamorous side of TV stardom mixture you have come to the right place for a very interesting thriller that I would recommend as a good read.

Uvi Poznansky says

I love reading novels that are part of a series, and at times I do it out of the prescribed order, simply to learn if they stand on their own. Embryo 5 does. It is a story where each character is endowed with strong motives. Gut emotion, gut reactions. For the killer it is malignant jealousy and a misguided sense of being betrayed; for doctors Jill Raney and David Levine it is love and caring for the victims of grisly crimes: Jody Merrill, beautiful young starlet, and her co-star.

The author, J. A. Schneider, has distilled the richness of French literature, with which she is well versed, into her thriller. Fascinated with medicine and forensic science, she uses keen observation skills to show you the physical changes in appearance and behavior of her characters. "She closed her eyes, her body sagging against his, and he noticed that she was feverish with skin clammy and sweaty, which was odd — it didn't connect with assault. Drugs on top of rape?"

Schneider builds the suspense using an assortment of tools, such as foreshadowing, with exceptional skill. "When the ambulance surged away they peeled after it, never guessing their role in the storm to come." Her engaging style often includes staccato one-word rhythms, capturing the way her characters observe events before they have time to wrap them in fully formed sentences. "Lights. Cops. EMT's swarming, mashing flower beds." Together with brief sensual descriptions, such as "They didn't want to hear the crunch over gravel as the gurneys bumped away," the writing puts you in the skin of the characters in a manner that complements the fast moving action.

Five stars

Vicky says

The first book in J.A. Schneider's Embryo series, *Embryo*, gives the impression that the series is a futuristic medical thriller as the embryo in this novel is the first human fetus that is brought to full term outside the mother's uterus and there is also some indication that there maybe some genetic enhancements as well. However, as the series progresses, it is quite clear that this is indeed not a futuristic medical thriller but is very much a crime thriller with two OB/GYN physicians and married couple, Dr. Jill Raney and Dr. David Levine, acting as detectives. In recent novels, the embryo which is now a child named Jesse and is the adopted child of Raney and Levine acts as a background character and is not really the focus of the series.

The latest edition, *Silver Girl*, continues the crime thriller theme, though I would say that it is more like a whodunit mystery than a thriller. The story begins with Jody Merrill, an actress in a popular TV comedy cop show, being murdered. Merrill, who has a severe allergic reaction to penicillin, is poisoned with the antibiotic. As she is dying from the allergic reaction she is rushed to the hospital where her friends Drs. Jill Raney and David Levine are waiting. Merrill's death triggers Raney and Levine to switch from doctors delivering babies mode to crime fighting sleuths and the rest of the novel focuses on Raney and Levine trying to figure out who is the murderer.

I have no problem with doctors being detectives as many good series have this feature but in those series, the doctors usually have some kind of connection with law enforcement such as a psychiatrist or medical examiner, but OB/GYNs? Really? Really?! OB/GYNs are not what I consider the crime sleuthing types unless the crimes are more related to their occupation, such as a serial rapist. I also have an objection to doctors carrying guns. Many may argue that doctors should be able to carry guns to protect themselves but that seems to go against their motto 'do no harm'. Yet, in this series David Levine walks around with a gun strapped to his leg. I don't know about you but I would be a little unnerved if I knew that my doctor was carrying around a loaded pistol. Heaven forbid I forget to pay my bill on time.

Silver Girl is a fairly straight forward whodunit and for those who are into a mystery that doesn't have too much gore, bad language, and graphic sexual content, then I would say this would be a good story for you. I think that this would make for a good young adult novel as the plot is not overly complex but yet entertaining. This is very much a standalone book and you don't really need to read the rest of the series to enjoy it.

If you are interested in learning more about the Embryo series check it out on my blog **A-Thrill-A-Week**

Trista Borgwardt says

Dr. Levine and Raney are at it again. This book starts off with the death of a friend and well-known actress. Is it murder or is it suicide? The detectives need Jill and David's help to find out.

Jill and David are able to help the detectives by skirting around legalities and getting information to point them in the right direction to gather evidence to bring criminals to justice. Many people will talk and open up more to doctors, than they will with detectives.

Jill and David have both grown in character as doctors and civilian detectives. We have see them go from co-workers, to lovers, to husband and wife. They are raising their miracle baby, Jesse, and watching him flourish at a rate faster than the average child.

Jill and David not only have the support of the police department, but they have the support of their medical team. Their friends/co-workers are always offering to pick up shifts and help out so they can go follow-up at crime scenes, etc.

Not only is this a medical thriller, there is a great deal of mystery and suspense. I love the angles that are thrown into the novel. I would think, 'this person did it, no wait this person did, no wait!' Left me guessing until the end.

This author has a wonderful writing style and her stories are well crafted and knowledgeable. She has built her characters well and made them realistic, so that once I start reading, I am a part of the story. I can't wait to read more from this author!

Michelle says

What a thriller! This is the 5th book in the Embryo series, but I think you would be able to read it as a stand alone. After reading it, you will only want to read all of the rest because they are that good!

David and Jill are devastated when one of their friends, a young actress named Jody is pronounced dead in their emergency room. The police ask for their help being they knew her and people are more likely to open up to them instead of the police. But helping carries its own risks and danger.

The author knows how to keep the story flowing and the reader on the edge of your seat. You won't be disappointed to read this book or the whole series. I highly recommend!

Pernette says

4.5 stars I was hooked from the very beginning. Anticipation builds throughout this book. The feelings of exhaustion and need to find the killer are passed on to the reader. When a TV star friend of Jill and David's collapses and dies unexpectedly in the Emergency Department all of the OB residents and interns are stunned. This is a murder. Shortly after Jody Merrill dies her friend Celie is found murdered too. The police once again ask for David and Jill's help in trying to solve the murder in the first 48 hours. Multiple suspects are found but who is the murderer?

Debi says

I had the opportunity to read this book and although it is the 5th in the series it was brilliant even though I have not read the first 4 novels. I can't wait to catch up on the rest of the series!

Joyce Schneider has written a very suspenseful thriller....her writing flows nicely, you feel the characters true emotions and reactions to plot twists, the pace is perfect, the suspense grabs you and doesn't let go! Her descriptions of the scene and the characters makes you believe you are there! I have found that lacking in other authors! Joyce Schneider is destined to be amongst the best thrill authors!

This book is so good that you will want to forget about everything else you have to do and want to sit and read it from beginning to end! All I could think about when not reading this book was getting back to reading this book! I highly recommend reading this book!

Brenda says

Doctors Jill Raney and David Levine from Madison Memorial were with their little son Jesse, settling him to sleep. It was 10.30 at night and they were not on call so looked forward to some long awaited sleep; unexpectedly they received notification that a friend of theirs, Jody Merrill had been brought into emergency in a critical condition...

The immediate shock and horror at Jody's death, and what caused it, had the police plus Jody's friends completely dumbfounded. They knew how careful she had always been. When suddenly a second young woman's body was discovered Jill and David were shattered. Both women had been dear friends; they were struggling to understand why – so when the police requested their help they gave it gladly. In the past they had helped police uncover killers – their very natures plus their positions at the hospital made them a unique couple; in this case David and Jill were determined to uncover the truth of these horrific deaths.

But with the investigation came danger – the seedy side of the entertainment industry was filled with petty jealousies, bitterness and many secrets. And Jill and David were burying themselves deeply into it – along with their incredible work load the complete lack of sleep, pressure and tension was getting to them both. Being with little Jesse was the only thing keeping them sane. Would they find the vicious killer in time to prevent more gruesome deaths? And would Jill and David remain safe?

Another absolutely brilliant instalment in the Embryo series by talented author J.A. Schneider! I completely love this series – never a step wrong, always filled with tension, a terrific pace and gripping plot twists along the way. I can't recommend Embryo 5: Silver Girl highly enough – but recommend the series be read from the beginning. An excellent thriller!

With thanks to the author for my copy to read and review.

Linda Strong says

I really wish I had read the first books in this series before reading this one. This one was just okay as a stand-alone ... I felt a little lost where the characters were concerned.

That being said, I enjoyed what I did learn about them. There was plenty of action and I wasn't bored. I think I'd like to have a marathon of reading all those in this series. My rating might change.

All in all, not a bad book. I would recommend it to anyone who likes mysteries.
