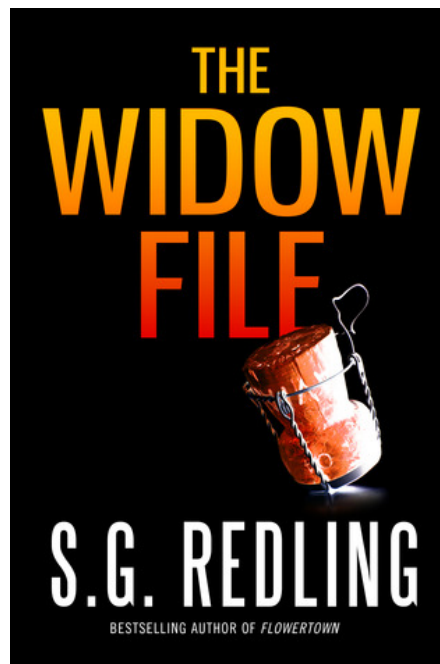




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Dani, a data analyst with an elite security firm, possesses the unnerving ability to read people by the trash they leave behind. Receipts, parking tickets, the detritus of daily life—if you leave it behind, she will figure you out.

Her latest case involves high-tech industrial espionage at a corporation with ties to the military. But when a team of assassins sweeps through the firm, stealing all files and killing her coworkers, Dani narrowly escapes. Whoever ordered the strike thinks Dani has vital information and they put a hit man named Booker on her trail.

Armed with only her wits and a bag of random investigation materials, Dani must figure out who the enemy really is while playing a high-stakes game of cat and mouse with the cunning hit man who has an agenda of his own.

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From Reader Review The Widow File for online ebook

Kathy Martin says

THE WIDOW FILE was a gritty, realistic thriller with a very complicated plot. Dani works for an exclusive and secretive investigative firm outside Washington, D.C. She is what they call a Paint. Her specialty is learning about a person by the garbage they leave behind. She is a quiet, private person whose only friends are her colleagues at work but the friendships are surface, "work" friendships.

When the boss tells them to drop their current case and pack up all materials gathered, Dani has to take a quick trip home to get evidence she had left there. When she returns, she finds most of her colleagues dead and a team of killers searching the house for evidence and any stragglers. Dani does manage to hide and then escape to the roof where she finds another colleague - Choo Choo. Together the two of them manage to elude the kill team and go on the run.

Besides telling the story from Dani's viewpoint, we get the viewpoint of the hired assassin who orchestrated the invasion of Dani's workplace and who is still determined to find and kill Dani. He doesn't have any respect for the people who hired him but he is interested in Dani. The two of them begin a phone relationship though neither can trust the other.

The story was filled with gritty realism. We see Dani's terror and confusion as she is on the run from an unknown enemy. We watch her get so tired that the idea of giving up seems reasonable. We see her stubbornness as she tries to outwit her unknown enemy. She will need to be careful, clever and lucky to get out of this situation alive.

My main problem with this thriller was that I never did figure out who the bad guys really were and who they were working for. But, since this was Dani's story, I could overlook that as I watched the way Dani survived. Fans of thrillers will enjoy this action-packed story.

James Thane says

A petite young data analyst named Dani works for a very secretive, exclusive security firm on the outskirts of Washington, D.C. The firm is doing a job for a defense contractor, attempting to determine who in the firm might be leaking its industrial secrets. Then out of the blue one day, Dani's boss announces that the job is over. The client has called them off and the team is to assemble all the material it has collected so that the client can pick it up later that day.

Oops. Dani has taken some of the material related to the case home to her apartment so that she can work on it after hours. It's nothing critical, just routine scraps of paper and other such things that the target has thrown away. Dani's specialty is examining this sort of material and developing a profile of the subject.

She races home to gather up the material so that it can be included in the package that is being returned to the client. But she arrives back at the firm's headquarters, which is in a secluded rural area, to find a black van blocking the road that the employees use to access the back door.

In a thriller like this, it's never good news when a mysterious black van appears, and the knowledgeable reader is already yelling at Dani to turn around and get the hell out of there. Of course she doesn't, and when she enters the building, she finds that all of her co-workers have been killed. Even worse, the killers are still

in the building and she is now effectively trapped.

Dani has no idea what in the hell is going on, and neither does the reader. But since this is still only the beginning of the book, she will manage a narrow escape from the building. Sadly, though, the killers have a roster of employees and they know that Dani is missing. They also believe that she is in possession of the critical item that they were supposed to be retrieving from the security firm, even though Dani has no idea what in the world it could be.

Now a skilled and savage hit man is on Dani's trail, determined to recapture the item and complete the job his team started earlier in the day and if Dani is going to survive, she's going to have to be very nimble, both of foot and mind.

S. G. Redling has created here a tense, taut thriller with a very intriguing protagonist. There's a lot of action; the plot moves swiftly and the reader may well wind up turning the pages of this story well into the night.

Jonmontanavega says

Review of the Audio book.

What are the bad guys to do when a meek researcher for an industrial research, spying and counter-spying company, actually listens to the advice of her father? Wipe out all her coworkers and try to kill her.

Paul Newman starred in a movie whose name I've forgotten in which he was a researcher in a NYC CIA think-tank who survived when everyone else in the brownstone office that day was murdered and he went on the run. Dani, our female MC, is the Newman character, with a more than equal amount of agency and grit.

Dominique Bebbington says

Quiet and interesting book, kept me guessing. Interesting ending that I didn't predict.

Jaylia3 says

Terrifying thriller stars short, nerdy heroine

This book starts in a leisurely fashion then quickly takes off, setting the fastest pace of any book I've read recently. Almost all of the action takes place in one breath-taking harrowing day, but though the book gripped and terrified me so much I could hardly put it down, a short summary of *The Widow File*--a thriller set in an elite security firm--would not necessarily have made me want to read it. Luckily I've learned to trust S. G. Redling's skill as a storyteller, and if you look a little closer at the description there are clues this thriller is going to be special, the most important being that the main character Dani isn't glamorous, she's short and nerdy and reads people by examining their trash.

Rasmund, the security firm Dani works for, uses her idiosyncratic talents to thwart industrial espionage for high paying corporate clients. Though she's quite fond of her co-workers she's something of a loner, and gets so caught up in her work she's disappointed when their most recent job is cancelled. Since she takes her work home she has to go back to her apartment to retrieve materials--in her case it's mostly trash--that must be returned to the client, but when she gets back to Rasmund she finds all her colleagues dead, shot by the very thorough team of assassins she's now trapped in the building with.

To stay alive she must escape and stay one step ahead of the determined hit man who is sure she has something he wants, though Dani has no idea what it is. Her only weapons are a quirky intelligence that notices patterns other people don't, and the canny habits she learned from her truck driving father on their cross country trips together.

Widow File is the third book I've read by S. G. Redling, and I highly recommend them all. Though their settings and circumstances are impressively varied, so far each of her novels features an off-beat female character whose personal drama is part of a monumental event. Widow File has Dani caught up in what looks like some kind of industrial terrorism, Flowertown has a deadbeat junkie trapped in a massive chemical containment disaster that poisons and permanently quarantines a town full of people, and in Damocles the main character is a lone linguist in the midst of engineers, all thrown together on a long-term space mission in search of human-like life forms that results in first contact.

❀Aimee❀ Just one more page... says

This book totally sucked me in. I couldn't put it down.

This author is incredible. It is a crime/mystery/suspense/assassin book. It is gritty and at times violent, but somehow as you read, you are pulled in. The suspense is palpable. It is very descriptive of all senses, but isn't distracting in any way. My mind easily sees it as though I am watching a suspenseful movie. The characters come to life, and a few of them, as imperfect as they are, just enter your heart. Just fantastic writing.

And the sequel is great too!

Marvin says

Dani is a data analyst for a security company investigating possible leaks in a corporation. She and one other analyst becomes the survivors of an attack that killed all the other analysts and stole their files. Dani is left to figure out why they are after her, what information they seek and why they want to kill her while eluding the a clever hit man named Booker.

That is the bare bones of a ordinary and overdone plot. You would think there are only so many thriller plots that an author can do and the trick is for the writer to find new ways to present them.

Well,that doesn't happen here. Redling's brief but excruciatingly overlong novel not only brings out all the old gimmicks but does them badly. It's hard to know who this was written for. It a suspenseful idea but the dialog tends to be over cute and somewhat YA in nature. It really cuts out the action. Dani and her cutesy named friend called Choo Choo are too unbelievable as the smart and resourceful characters they are meant to be. The villain Booker fares no better. Add in a large amount of filler in a relatively short novel and the result is a novel that just couldn't interest me, let alone thrill me. I did manage to finish it but it took a lot

longer than it should have since I kept getting distracted by everyday life. When everyday life pulls me away for a novel, you know there's something wrong.

I received this from Amazon Prime's new First Read program in which the members get a free book before the publishing date. *The Widow File* was the mystery selection for December. Let's hope Amazon choose better books in the future. Barely two stars.

YouKneeK says

I had mixed feelings about this book. On the one hand, it was a very fast and engaging read. Whenever I picked it up, I ended up reading for longer than I had intended because I got wrapped up in the story and didn't want to put it down. There were only three characters with any significant "page time", but I found all three of them to be interesting and believably written.

The main reason I didn't rate this book higher is because of how abrupt the ending was. There were a lot of things that needed to be fleshed out better, and I didn't find the ending to be satisfying at all. Some things were left unexplained, and we only really found out what became of the main character in a vague sort of way. We were told nothing about what ended up happening with the other two characters we'd been following. I also found several aspects of the plot to be rather unrealistic, although not so much that I couldn't overlook it and just enjoy the story.

Up until the ending, I had 4 stars in mind as my rating for this book. I considered that to be a little overly-generous, but the book gave me enough enjoyment that I decided it was justified. However, the ending was so abrupt and unsatisfying that there was just no way for me to justify 4 stars. If I could give half stars, I might give it 3.5.

Kaitlin says

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I am trying something different for a change. I've been loving NetGalley but decided to switch it up this time and try out a new feature offered to Amazon Prime Members (such as myself – proud member for 2+ years!) called Kindle First. Each month I am offered a few pre-release titles, where I can pick one to read (and lucky for you all – review it too!) So here goes my first one!

Finish time: 5 nights. Again I probably could have finished this in one sitting. It is the first book that I can honestly say I did not want to put down. I am tempted to use profanity to emphasize just how crazy this book is, but I don't do that – so let's just say it is INSANE!! Non-stop action from the first page. I was seriously holding my breath and each night this book entered my dreams as I could not stop thinking about it.

Dani Britton is a great main character. So well described, that I could just picture the short, spunky, dark-haired, little firecracker that she was. I can only hoped if faced with a similar situation that I have half as much smarts and sense as she did. Not that I ever hope or expect to be in that kind of situation. She takes paranoia and planning to an extreme that I can't even touch. Seriously, at the end this is just solidified (as

well as many points throughout the book.)

She keeps coming back to something her mother told her about being careful v. clever. An interesting question that gets the reader thinking throughout the book. At each and every challenge Dani is presented with, she is quickly able to read the situation, assess it, and act fast. She never knows who she can trust and has to go solely on her gut instinct, which in her case is usually pretty good.

As a reader, you don't know who you can trust too. You don't know what is going to be thrown at her and the book keeps you guessing to the very end. And the ending is good, and maybe left open to a sequel?

Read the description, as I don't want to give away any details, but the book is definitely an action-packed thriller, mystery, suspense, and I even see love story thrown in there in one description. It's not like any book I have read recently, but it removed me from my comfort zone and transported me into this crazy chase of a book and I enjoyed every second of it. If you want a book that is hard to put down, challenges your thinking, and really enjoyable, read this book!

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IslandRiverScribe says

This book has to be the most riveting thriller that I have read in months. It is only 190 pages in length but it is 190 pages of heart-pounding action. Scene after scene, chapter after chapter, the race for our two protagonists to survive against a killing machine never flags.

From the very first page we know the identity of that killing machine – Booker. He is a well referenced independent contractor, is quite skilled at his craft and he loves doing it. He has a high level of intelligence and a moral compass that not only dictates a high quality in his kills but also dictates that a contract once paid for must be fulfilled, regardless. And our main protagonist, Dani Britton, is the last person on his list for his current job.

As the promotional blurb for this book indicates, Dani works as a data analyst for a secretive security agency near Washington, D.C., that specializes in discreetly resolving corporate espionage cases. Her specialty is analyzing trash and records for patterns of behavior. When the current case that Dani and her team are working on is suddenly scrubbed, all members of the team are called in and are required to be present to surrender all evidence gathered to the client at the end of two hours. Dani goes home to pick up some of that trash that she had been working on but traffic makes her late getting back. When she finally gets into the building, she finds one of her team members dead and hears shooting coming from the interior of the building.

At this point the promotional blurb leaves off and the terror begins, not just for Dani but also for the reader. The author describes everything in detail – what Dani thinks, what Dani feels, what Dani does. But this detail is neither a data dump nor is it fluff for the sake of a word count. This detail is a form of descriptive prose that puts you in Dani's body, going through what she goes through, suffering through her fear, her exhaustion and her mistakes right along with her. The dialogue is gritty, believable and appropriate to the situations. The feelings of panic, desperation and anger just pour out of the words.

Dani is no superhero, and the author does not provide her with miracles. What the author does provide her with is intelligence and the power to think on her feet. And the author also provides her with Choo-Choo, a highly skilled male teammate who had escaped the massacre without Booker knowing.

The author alternates the scenarios between Dani and Booker, from the minute Booker intercepts her 911 call to the final confrontation. We know what each is doing in the same time frame, even if they are not in the same place at the time. And we are placed into Booker's mind just as surely as we are in Dani's and he is not the typical literary psychopath.

It doesn't take too long in the plot arc for Dani, Choo-Choo and Booker to figure out that they've all been played and that there is a second killing machine out there. The problem is that they have no idea who that enemy is – the client who cancelled the surveillance job, their own employers, a government agency or all of the above. Time is not on anyone's side. Booker is coming for Dani and the group behind the espionage is coming for all three of them.

In summary, Redling provides us with a realistic set-up that is propelled through believable scenarios to an Oh-My-God conclusion. This is truly a book that will have you forgoing sleep to get to that conclusion.

Dee says

Two-haiku review:

She analyzes
Bad guys killing everyone
Why? What do they want?

Exciting thriller
Really loved the beginning
Kept tension going

Cheryl says

A game of cat and mouse

I like author Redling's writing style. This is the second book I've read by her, after FLOWERTOWN and I have the second book in the Dani Britton series REDEMPTION KEY sitting here waiting for me to open the cover after I finish this review.

Intuitive analyst (which means she reads other people's trash) Dani Britton works for Rasmund, a private security firm based in Virginia. She's short, doesn't dress well and doesn't have many close relationships. When the job she's assigned to is suddenly cancelled, she has to run home and get customer trash that she took home to study to turn back in to the client. Major problem - when she gets back to work, a team of assassins is going around her building killing everyone.

And the action doesn't stop there. Dani escapes (obviously or there wouldn't be a story) and is on the run to escape from one of the assassins sent to kill her.

Fast moving, with quirky characters and a storyline that, while improbable, is still loads of fun to read. This is definitely a character driven thriller and I loved reading about all the characters. Even the bad guy is different and fun to read about.

This is a tale not to miss and now I'm on my way to read REDEMPTION KEY. I'm looking forward to more of Dani's adventures.

Annie says

a most excellent 5 star read for me, review to come....:)

My criteria for a 5 star review is... if I can not stop turning the pages, I am in! I was turning the pages like crazy most of the way through this book. I was a little unhappy with the ending but, hey.....not my book. I would love for this to be a series with Dani and Choo Choo stomping out the bad guys!

Dani works as a data analyst for the big security company Rasmund, she has the unique ability to read the things people throw away, their trash. late for work one day and coming in the back way she stumbles upon a team of hit men who are killing everyone in the building and looking for something. Dani hides and barely escapes with one of her co workers, the fabulous Choo Choo. Dani and Choo Choo are on the run and don't know which way to turn or who to trust. As they try and stay alive and figure out just what it is they might have that the killers want, we are treated to a wild and crazy ride.

This book was a kindle first freebie from Amazon....:)

Dinah says

The plot was compelling and the characters relatable. This was a fun book to read. The reasons I did not rate it higher were 1. The ending and 2. the confusing explanations.

The ending - I am always big on an ending. I do not care if it was not the ending I wanted, I just want it to feel in synch with the rest of the book. So if we are going to follow people through every second of their lives for two days, do not stuff the an ending that span months into a coupl of pages and then leave us hanging.

Confusing explanations - It may have been me, but there were several times that I had no idea what the author was trying to explain. For example, there was a scene when the heroine was on a ledge and trying to get to the roof. There was so much detail in the explanation that I was totally lost. Another fight scene, just could not follow. In these situations a bit more clarity was called for.

But overall it was a quick read that was enjoyable even though I figured out who th bad guys were early on.

Elaine says

This thriller was so good that I ordered the sequel in advance, something I almost never do. Highly recommended if you like thrillers at all. Be prepared for some violence, but it never really got to me (as some do).
