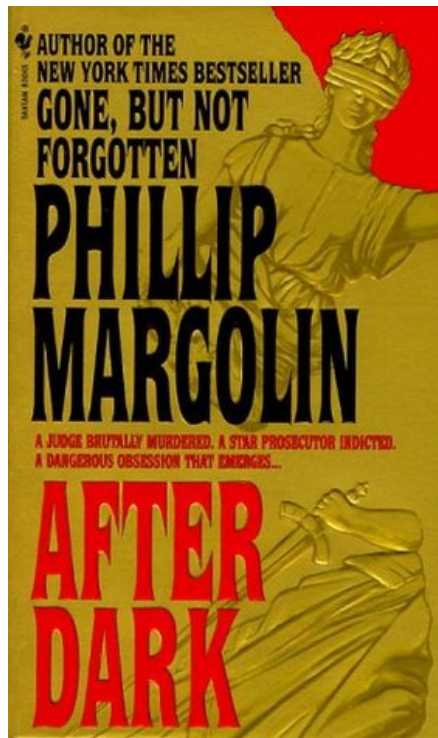




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Gone, But Not Forgotten rocketed Phillip Margolin into the select company of million-selling novelists. Here he displays again the same genius for best-selling suspense in another intricate, breathtaking thriller of multiple murder in the legal community of the Pacific Northwest.

Laura Rizzati, a law clerk for Oregon Supreme Court Justice Robert Griffen, is found slain late one night in the deserted courthouse. Her office is ransacked—but nothing seems to be missing. There are no suspects and no clues.

The following month Griffen himself is killed by a car bomb in the driveway of his Portland home. This time, though, there is a suspect: in a shocking turn of events, Abigail Griffen, star prosecutor in the Multnomah County District Attorney's office and estranged wife of Justice Griffen, is charged with first degree murder.

With the same gripping suspense that drove *Gone, But Not Forgotten* onto the bestseller lists, this is a complex legalthriller with a truly startling ending.

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Connie says

This is a standalone book by Phillip Margolin and I loved it. It was filled with legal courtroom drama and the characters were very interesting. I love his writing style with the dialogue and the courtroom scenes. It makes you feel like you are a spectator in the courtroom listening to the banter back and forth.

I would recommend this book to anyone who enjoys courtroom drama and also who likes a good murder mystery.

I am giving this 5 out of 5 stars.

James Fitzgerald says

This was interesting book a law clerk for the Oregon Supreme Court Laura Rizzatti is murdered. She was having an affair with Judge Griffen who is married to an Oregon prosecutor Abigail Griffen. A month after Laura is murdered Judge Griffen is killed by a car bomb outside of his house. His wife is arrested and charged with murder. She contacts Matthew Reynolds a defense attorney who specializes in death penalty defenses. The outcome you are going to have to read the book to find out the outcome. You won't be disappointed excellent 4 star read

Jeff Dickison says

Pretty good legal/mystery until the ending which was just stupid. Author trying to be clever almost totally ruined the book. The 3-star rating is for the first 95% of the book which is very good. Not recommended to anyone unless they like stupid endings. Bah!

Liz Pollinger says

A law clerk is found murdered and her office ransacked, but nothing seems to be missing. A month later her boss, a Supreme Court Judge, is murdered, again not many clues or suspects, expect for the Judges' wife. The wife hire a high profile attorney who specializes in death row cases to defend her. However it is his assistant who is the one to solve the murders.

There are way too many characters in the book and much to much technical detail, neither of which is necessary to the story. This is definitely not one of Phillip Margolin's better books.

Kevin Middaugh says

Really well written plot. I thought I guessed the ending but was surprised at some twists at the ending. There were clues earlier in the book that I didn't pickup. Worth reading.

VLynch says

This book was great, however... After my husband and kids were in bed. And I was a bit stressed and unable to sleep. I read it straight in one night. Managed to get less than 2 hrs of sleep that night, the book was that good! Be sure to read the descriptions of the characters in this book, and imagine them in your head. For me, this book played out in my mind like a Crime Show on TV. And the ending made me gasp! It was so wrong, it was so good. I highly recommend this book.

Kaleigh Norkum-Mathieu says

I found the book slow to start, but I was rewarded for my patience. I like to try to figure out the crimes as I go along so some things did not shock me (Of course the known violent psychopath is going to be a violent psychopath), but I will say the very ending was a pretty big twist. Possibly that is because I am a romantic at heart and so chose to ignore the clues leading up to that conclusion. In any event I was a tad disappointed because I really wanted to believe the best of that person. It is no way means that the writing was any less good, on the contrary I always believe that if a book is able to elicit a strong enough emotion in me then the writing is worth my time.

Bodosika Bodosika says

An interesting narrative but too many characters with short lives,I fell in love with Tracy Cavanaugh and Abigail Griffen.

The narrative was smooth and there are lots of interesting legal arguments more over the suspense is spread through every chapter till the end.

It is worth the price I paid in buying it and I believe you will not regret reading it.

Carl Brookins says

Author Phillip Margolin is a criminal defense lawyer in Portland, Oregon, where this novel is set. The book reflects its knowledgeable creator. Descriptions set a well-thought-out series of locations, so the reader has a real sense of place and relationship of one to the others. The characters stand up and become real, well-modulated individuals. The novel takes on current trends to bring back and expand the death penalty. But while it is clear where the author stands on the issue, this is not a shrill polemic which refuses to see or even acknowledge the nuances of the issue. Regardless, AFTER DARK is a crackling good story, with enough action, mystery and plot twists to satisfy anyone.

Matthew Reynolds is a nationally known criminal defense attorney, driven by his own obsessive demons. A brilliant tactician, he hires newly minted attorney, Tracy Cavanaugh, as the first woman ever in his practice. When an Oregon Supreme Court Justice is murdered by a car-bomb, she is drawn abruptly into a case with more layers than a German chocolate tort. More murder, illegal deals, betrayal and hidden passion among the players who intersect in many ways, is ultimately revealed.

These revelations, shifting over uncertain moral and ethical grounds, cast a dark shadow over the entire novel. AFTER DARK is a fascinating exploration of the shades of gray in which all our lives are played out, of the moral dilemmas, large and small, we all face every day. Few will guess the final resolution and most will remember this novel well after they finish the last page.

Terry says

I just had to give this book a 5 star. It was so good. Why aren't I reading more Phillip Margolin? This book was fascinating, kept my interest, and really fooled me when I thought I had it figured out! Excellent!

Monica Wilkins says

Enthralling!

Terrific book! This author in his heyday was unstoppable at weaving a mystery. I think in a way this is better than Gone But Not Forgotten. It captured my interest and held on until the very end. Be prepared for some twists and turns!

Jill Manske says

Margolin knows a thing or two about criminal defense. And with "After Dark", he demonstrates that he also knows a bit about writing a legal thriller. I've read Margolin before, but this is one of his best books. It really keeps you guessing till the very end. For someone who enjoys trying to figure out endings early on, this one stymied me. Margolin created several very intriguing characters, all with flaws of one kind or another. The plot was original and flowed smoothly, with settings and dialog that supported the storyline. My only gripe was with the amount of detail in the testimonies at the trials - like Perry Mason on steroids. But all in all, a very good book and one I highly recommend.

Paul Gaya Ochieng Simeon Juma says

Legal thriller. A perfect book for a sunday afternoon. The plot builds up very quickly. Of course, we have a murder to solve after a Jude is brutally killed by a home made bomb which is planted in his mercedes. The events come shortly after one of students clerking with the Oregon Supreme court is found by a colleague lying dead in the premises. Authorities wonder whether the two murders are connected.

Initially, they have their set on a recently released criminal, Charlie Deems. He was released on a technicality after being convicted and sentenced to death for a related offence. He will turn state witness and set up the prosecutor who was responsible for his incarceration. The plot is intriguing with a prosecutor finding herself answering to murder charges against her estranged husband who is also a supreme court

justice. Among her accusers is the cunning and bitter murder convict, now released and seeking for revenge. Good read!

This book is dedicated to the much maligned, grossly underpaid and routinely overworked attorneys who represent the indigent accused. " If you agree raise your hands!

Mike says

It's an okay read, nothing spectacular. The author likes to introduce lots and lots of characters, not all of whom have anything significant to contribute. The plot is convoluted with an interesting ending but the main characters are pretty stereotypical...the brilliant female law associate, the ice maiden wife, the hot private investigator, the unbeatable defense attorney and his foil, the dumbass ADA. All in all this is a readable courtroom drama, but I won't be rushing out to find Margolin's other works.

Sarah TheAromaofBooks says

So great to have a book that just sucked me in and made me finish it in one day! While there were a few things about this book that were a little meh for me (for instance, all the romance felt incredibly rushed), overall I was completely engaged in this story and stayed up past my bedtime to find out how it all came together - and just when I thought we were all done with twists and turns... there was another, and I loved it. I really like it when all the clues are there for me in retrospect, and this was one of those books that I wanted to read it again now that I have the key and watch the details lining up.

I've read several of Margolin's books now, and they've been consistent winners, so I'm definitely looking forward to continuing to peruse his backlog.
