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Dying Games (Jefferson Tayte Genealogical Mystery Book 6)



Synopsis

Washington, DC: Twin brothers are found drowned in a Perspex box, one gagged and strapped to a chair. It's the latest in a series of cruel and elaborate murders with two things in common: the killer has left a family history chart at each crime scene, and the victims all have a connection to genealogical sleuth Jefferson Tayte. Hoping his insight and expertise will help solve the case, the FBI summon Tayte back to the capital. But as he struggles to crack the clues, the killer strikes again and again. Tayte is known as the best in the business, but this time he's up against a genealogical mastermind who always seems to be one step ahead. With the clock ticking and the body count rising, Tayte finds himself racked with guilt, his reputation and career in tatters. The killer is running rings around him; is it only a matter of time before he comes for the ultimate target? This is the sixth book in the Jefferson Tayte Genealogical Mystery series but can be enjoyed as a stand-alone story.

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Customer Reviews

Yes I also have read all the JT books and loved them all. I even have gone so far as to write Steve and tell him personally what I liked and little things that well. . . just me. In this book he changed style and as I wrote him, he almost lost me by the end of part one. Thankfully I read on because these are the endings I love. You can, as some reviewers have, knit picked small things, but they are meaningless. That he said "the I-95" instead on I-95. Well I live in Virginia and sometimes I'll say The I-95 so what! ! And he is from the UK and yes a term used there will slip in now and again and I just smile! As to the story its different and I loved the departure of style. The fact that we know the villain or should I say villains did bother me a little, but it works and the story flows. I thought by the end on part one that he was going to pull a Conan Doyle and do something bad to our hero but then I read part two and boy was that worth the wait! As I said I wrote him and in his answer he says that he's half way thru the next book. I cant wait . . . but then I guess I'll have to! Thanks Steve for a wonderful set of stories!

Oh my! Having read all of Steve Robinson's books, this one was top of the list. He keeps getting better and better! Dying Games is written in a different style. There are no flash back chapters as in his previous books which I find easier to follow - previous events are mentioned and explained but the story continues in the present tense. Just when you think the book is over, Section 2 pops up and takes the reader on a different path. As a genealogist, Steve is so accurate without dragging the non-genealogist into lengthy discussions that might not be understood. I do chuckle when the author uses an English term or spelling while our hero, JT, is in America, but this doesn't bother me. This book has more murders than is usual in his books, but they are presented with no real gore. There is mild profanity hit and miss with 2-3 which I wish the author hadn't used. If you haven't read Steve's other books, grab them and read in order. It will give you the background on some of the people mentioned in Dying Games but you won't be confused if you start with this book. Steve is a gifted writer and had to do a lot of research into America since he is an English citizen. The book is a WINNER and I can't wait for the next book - especially with this book ending as it did. What's next with "JT?" Buy it - you won't regret it!!!

What's not to love? Heart-stopping. Riveting plot. Unexpected twists and turns. Steve Robinson knocks it out of the park with his new novel Dying Games. I could not put it down-so I don't advise starting down the Jefferson Tayte path without blocking off time to take it all in. Steve did his homework on this one and has strong authenticity in the details of the story. If you haven't read the other books, back up and read them first to meet the characters and get the full backstory.

Just to start, I hate spoilers so I never include any important details of the plot if I can help it. This is another excellent Jefferson Tayte novel. Steve Robinson does such a great job and I'm always anxiously awaiting the next book. This one was so different from the others as it takes place entirely in the present time. JT uses his genealogical knowledge to learn items about the past, but we don't have the weave from the past to the present (which he always does so flawlessly). Although a change of pace, this one was so good. Honestly, he almost lost me at the end of part 1 as other commenters have said. I didn't even read part 2 until a week later - mostly because I got really busy but partly because I didn't think I was going to enjoy the second part. But I was wrong, it was great. It was so nice to see Rudi come in and take such a big part in JT's life. I even teared up a bit at the end it was that good. I recommend this to anyone who enjoys fiction, mystery, historical fiction, etc. These are not standalones, so start from the beginning of the series. Now, back to waiting for the next book so I can see where life will take JT next!

As many other reviewers stated, I, too, have read all the Jefferson Tayte Mysteries and, I must say, this was my absolute favorite! This one was so fast paced that I would only put it down when I was seeing double! I love genealogy and this one was really in to that specialty which made it even more interesting for me. I will also admit that I was a nervous wreck by the time I finished the last chapter! Not many books can do that to me so, Steve Robinson, congratulations! You really had me going! The build-up to the ending was fantastic and I'm not sure I took a breath during the last couple of chapters! Even knowing who the culprit was did not make the ending less exciting and suspenseful. Just a bit of a spoiler here: There is a hint that Jefferson Tayte may "retire" after this book. Please, Mr. Robinson, say it isn't so!

This book was fast paced and kept me riveted. Even more impressive was the fact that the novel completely changed up about halfway through and became even better while going in a new direction. I was shocked by the sudden transformation of Tayte but it fit well with the novel. It's unusual to find a protagonist so uprooted and vulnerable in a series like this so it was an interesting direction. I've enjoyed the evolution of this series and Tayte. Am I the only one wondering if this is the end of the series? I would love to see more of Tayte but I wonder based on the ending if the author intended this to be the final one.

I had not read the earlier books in this series (thanks Netgalley for the introduction) but this is a well

written mystery that is fine as a standalone. It's got a clever, twisty plot with a new sort of angle on the traditional serial killer theme. Tayte is a darn good detective; he's the sort of guy you hope is working cases. Try this one if you like the genre - it's a page turner.

I had been quite disappointed with Book 5 (Kindred) not being up to the level of previous books. This one is definitely back to the writing I expect from Steve Robinson. The only reason I'm giving it 4 stars instead of 5 is the level of violence, especially since I think that the amount of victims isn't necessary to keep the suspense going in the story. I do hope that the series continues, though.

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