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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Like Green's previous thriller, *The Fourth Perimeter*, this book opens with an engaging premise that becomes less credible as the novel unfolds. Jack Ruskin, a senior partner in a prominent New York law firm, is beside himself with rage; his 15-year-old daughter is semicatatonic after being raped by a repeat sex offender, and the criminal has gotten off with a minimal sentence. Jack decides to take the law into his own hands. He hunts down and kills a randomly selected sex offender in upstate New York. Driven by bloodlust, Jack then embarks on a series of similar vigilante executions as he travels around the country on business for the firm. He falls in love with Beth, an empathetic young counselor at his daughter's hospital, but there's a close call when Beth nearly catches him surfing the Web for likely victims. He offs another criminal while he and Beth are on an idyllic getaway in the Adirondacks. As the bodies pile up, FBI agent Amanda Lee is assigned to track down Jack. Amanda has her own interest in the case—her partner was recently killed by a child abuser resisting arrest. The briskly paced thriller culminates in a revealing showdown when Amanda traps Jack on Long Island. The action is engaging, but between the lurid goings-on and the lurid prose ("His little girl was a shell with scars on her body and holes punched in her veins to feed her drugs"), the story verges on bad pulp. Fans of Green's earlier novels will be satisfied with this one, but some may wish he had brought a bit more craft and restraint to his compelling premise.

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From Library Journal

This is an avenging angel: when an ex-con with a history of sexual offenses attacks his daughter, temperate lawyer Jack Ruskin gets mad enough to take the law into his own hands.

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From [Booklist](#)

Attorney Jack Ruskin has seen better days. His only daughter, Janet, was abducted and abused and now barely survives in a mental institution; his wife left him, blaming him for Janet's plight. Besides work, the only thing keeping him focused is his growing need to exact revenge on the monsters who brutalize children, particularly when he learns that Janet's abductor is about to be released for "good behavior." Thus begins Jack's vigilantism—if the law can't put these guys away, then he will, and for good—as he targets random child abusers from jurisdictions across the country. Sensing a common perpetrator as convicted-and-released child abusers begin to show up dead, the FBI assigns agent Amanda Lee to work with the locals to tie the pieces together. Amanda has some baggage of her own, coming off a leave of absence after having witnessed her former partner's murder, and she's miserable playing the dutiful wife to her spineless husband. Though the story is gripping, who's to like here? The murdering do-gooder? The agent who resents her husband and kids? The local cops who either turn a blind eye to what's happening or just want another victory for their war chest? Fortunately, the ending ties the pieces together cleanly, if not predictably, making for a solid thriller with a thought-provoking moral dilemma at its core. *Mary Frances Wilkens*

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