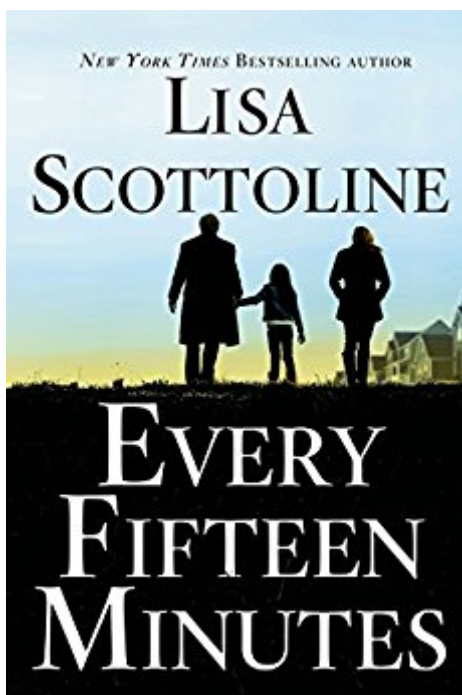


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Every Fifteen Minutes



Synopsis

Dr. Eric Parrish is the Chief of the Psychiatric Unit at Havemeyer General Hospital outside of Philadelphia. Recently separated from his wife Alice, he is doing his best as a single Dad to his seven-year-old daughter Hannah. His work seems to be going better than his home life, however. His unit at the hospital has just been named number two in the country, and Eric has a devoted staff of doctors and nurses who are as caring as Eric is. But when he takes on a new patient, Eric's entire world begins to crumble. Seventeen-year-old Max has a terminally ill grandmother and is having trouble handling it. That, plus his OCD and violent thoughts about a girl he likes makes Max a high risk patient. Max can't turn off the mental rituals he needs to perform every fifteen minutes that keep him calm. With the pressure mounting, Max just might reach the breaking point. When the girl is found murdered, Max is nowhere to be found. Worried about Max, Eric goes looking for him and puts himself in danger of being seen as a "person of interest" himself. Next, one of his own staff turns on him in a trumped up charge of sexual harassment. Is this chaos all random? Or is someone systematically trying to destroy Eric's life? New York Times best selling author Lisa Scottoline's visceral thriller, *Every Fifteen Minutes*, brings you into the grip of a true sociopath and shows you how, in the quest to survive such ruthlessness, every minute counts.

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Customer Reviews

I don't think anyone needs another review with a plot synopsis—presumably you have read that above. I have read all of Scottoline's series of Rosato books, and greatly enjoyed them, so I was looking forward to this one. I devour mysteries, so when the clues seemed to point to one character as the sociopath who is narrating the beginning of each chapter, I kept thinking that there had to be a twist. And boy, are there twists! It isn't often that I get to the final denouement and am totally blown away, but I was in this book. Highly recommend!

She has the best plot twists. She is like a female Robert Grisham. I enjoy the female touch and the family orientation the characters have. I have read several of these books now and I love getting to know all the family members. If you like a book that carries the same characters through each book, you will love these. Very engaging. I haven't read one I didn't like. When I like a book I buy another one by the same author and I have now purchased 10-11 of Lisa Scottoline's. I highly recommend them!! all of them.

To clarify, I give this book 3.5 stars, as it was a gripping, fast-paced psychological thriller. My hesitation in rating it higher lies in this novel's extended exposition. Compared to the last 200 pages of the book, which I absolutely tore through, the first 100 pages seem a bit tedious and monotonous. The protagonist of this novel, Dr. Eric Parish, is the Chief of a renowned psychiatric unit. Unlike many mental health professionals I have dealt with in my life, this character shows depth of emotion and real empathy for his patients. Unfortunately for our hero, in tandem with his crumbling family life, he becomes the target of a ruthless sociopath, hell bent on both destroying his career and, ultimately, his life. The narrative structure of *Every Fifteen Minutes* oscillates between the POV of Dr. Parish and that of his sociopath nemesis. Impeccably researched, this narrative device gives the reader the opportunity to delve into the mind of the sociopath and explore the details of such a psychopathy. Though the author is certainly not sympathetic toward the sociopath character, the ruthlessness, cunning and wit of the character is almost admirable. With red herrings abound, Scottoline's novel will keep you guessing as you rush to the very last page! On top of being a great

psychological thriller, the amount of research Scottoline on mental health issues and the nature of psychiatric care shines through in an impressive manner. I recommend reading this novel if you are looking for insight into psychiatric disorders and the inner workings of the mental health care system. And, naturally, read it for the plain old entertainment factor. Scottoline's *Every Fifteen Minutes* will not disappoint!

About 150 pages too long. Another protagonist making stupid decisions. A lot of mumbo jumbo that wasn't necessary. I was surprised at the ending. I thought it was over 3 chapters before the end and really was expecting to turn the page and see acknowledgements. So kudos for the surprise bad guy. Boos for the unnecessary filler.

The book was well written, but I had some real problems with the plot. It was not convincing, especially in revealing the ultimate villain. Honestly, when the reader gets to this point, we want to wonder why we could have missed the obvious. In this book, we didn't miss it. It wasn't there. Not believable.

I found I needed distance from this story. It's dark with flashes of hope. It's the hope and belief that kept me coming back for more. And in the end, the twists were perfect, and the story 5 Star!

Lisa Scottoline is one of my favorite writers. Her characters are awesome and well thought out. This book is a masterpiece in the thrill of the hunt and the edge of your seat thrills. I would not have guessed that Laurie was the ultimate 'bad guy', but that's what made the ending great.

I enjoyed this very much, and didn't guess the ending....some things dealing with the police seemed a little unlikely near the end, but all in all very suspenseful.

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