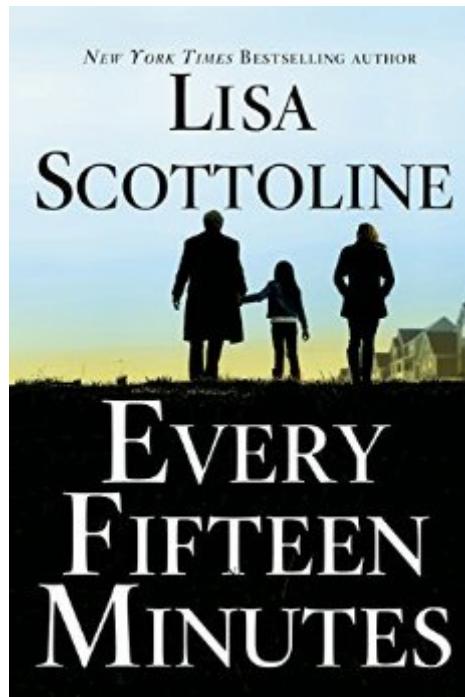


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Every Fifteen Minutes



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 first discovered Ms. Scottoline about 6 or 7 months ago when I picked up "The Devil's Corner." I found that to be an excellent book. I'd since read two more novels by her, Betrayed and Come Home. Like "The Devil's Corner," I thoroughly enjoyed those as well and became a big fan of Lisa Scottoline. Then I read her latest novel, "Every Fifteen Minutes." Every novelist is entitled to a step back, a work that doesn't quite measure up to their previous work. To me, "Every Fifteen Minutes" is a step back. I thought the first few chapters (30 pages or so) were excellent. I was pulled in. Then, from page 30 to page 200, nothing. The book dragged and dragged and dragged some more. At page 200, it picked up and became intense, a typical Scottoline thriller. That continued up to about page 350 when the last 80 pages were a huge let down. Had this been the first book by Lisa Scottoline I ever picked up, I never would have given it 200 pages to pull me in. Had this been the first book by Lisa Scottoline I ever picked up, there may not be a second one. As always, I like her writing style. That held true in "Every Fifteen Minutes." That's one of the few positives I can attribute to this. There were also some unexpected plot twists and turns which, to me, is a plus. There were, in my opinion, several negatives. The main character, Eric Parrish, is a psychiatrist. In the first 100 pages there are 2 chapters devoted to a counseling session with a patient. If you're a fan of psychological thrillers you may be okay with this. I'm not and found it boring. It felt, to me anyway, I was back in college and this NOVEL had turned into a psychology text book.

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