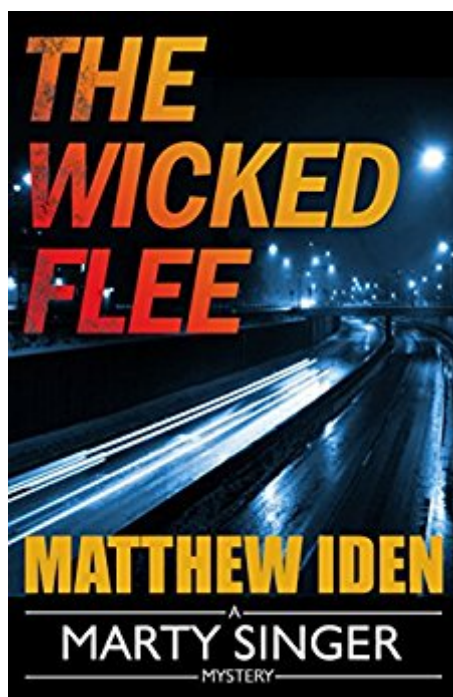


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The Wicked Flee (A Marty Singer Mystery Book 5)



Synopsis

A late-night knock on his door pulls retired DC homicide detective Marty Singer out of a sound sleep and drops him into a desperate hunt to find Lucy Rhee, the kidnapped sister of his friend, Chuck Rhee. With no clues, no leads, and almost no hope, they've only got guts and instinct to discover where The Wicked Flee and save Lucy before she's gone forever. Revised edition: This edition of The Wicked Flee includes editorial revisions.

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Customer Reviews

I am quite fond of Marty Singer. This is my kind of protagonist; an older guy, cancer survivor, struggling to find his way through the complex emotions of aging and discovering a new and different kind of wisdom than he had before in his past successful career as a homicide cop. Through the first four books we saw him find a chosen daughter from a long ago horrific crime, work his way through chemo, and shy away after coming too close to a real relationship with a flawed woman for his comfort level. We've also seen him learn again and again that black and white do not exist, only shades of grey. In this excellent new book in the series, Marty is along for the ride as a younger officer calls on him for the kind of support only Marty can give, which is intelligence,

courage, honor, and the willingness to kick bad guy butt as needed. Singer is always worrying the ideas of right and wrong, suffering, conscience, and honor in the back of his mind through every adventure. This story dealing with human trafficking is just great and the ending is perfect. Iden is a strong writer with tight plotting, nuanced character development, excellent pacing, and a great finish take-away to every book. I love that he has varied cultures and ethnicities in every book and characterizes them perfectly. I always await with pleasure the next Marty Singer story and grab it on release date. You should too! Highly recommend.

Very satisfying story. Lucy definitely had gumption, and so did Sarah. The ending leaves everything and nothing to the imagination. Other reviewers have given more details, so I'll just say, you have nothing to lose and everything to gain by reading this and the others in the Marty Singer series.

Having read the first four installments in Matthew Iden's series of novels featuring Marty Singer, I knew that the fifth would be well-written. I trusted also that it would have a compelling story that would hold my attention and carry me along to its conclusion. I was not disappointed. However, I was a bit surprised. This entry in the Marty Singer series is not so much about Marty. In fact, he is almost a secondary character featured in a story into which he himself is drawn, as is the reader. At first, I thought this might detract from the story. It doesn't. In "The Wicked Flee," we get the story from the perspectives of a number of characters, including Marty's. We are carried along by the Maryland State Police officer who uncovers a series of killings, the kidnapper and his client, the most recent victim and her brother. To some, this might be distracting, but I found it compelling. It was interesting to me that Matthew decided to tell Marty's viewpoint in the first person, while all of the other perspectives are third-person. I'm still working on the effect that has on the narrative as a whole. On the whole, the characters are well-drawn, the plot is believable and fast-moving, and the story captured my attention. The ending raised some questions in my mind about how far one goes to find "justice," and it could provoke considerable discussion. Thank you to Matthew Iden for another engaging mystery. I continue to look forward to more.

This novel is full of suspense and action. I read this book in an evening (it was too hard to put down). This is the 4th book I have read by this fine author and plan to read his future works as they are offered.. this was a fine read

I have enjoyed all the Marty Singer books. This one had me engaged all the way through until the

end. I thought the ending was unsatisfying and hurried. It left a lot of questions unanswered. One of the joys of reading Iden is the development of Marty's character. In this case, Marty is almost an afterthought. The book probably could have done without Marty himself and focused on the other characters, who are interesting and made for a good story. It almost feels like Iden is using Marty here to introduce new characters and launch spinoffs. I gave it three stars because it was a compelling story until the end and helps raise awareness of human trafficking crimes.

Another Marty Singer novel that had me white-knuckled from the beginning...this time dealing with human trafficking. Marty helps a cop friend in a desperate search for his friend's abducted sister. We see the story from several perspectives, and the threads are neatly tied together in the explosive ending. My only complaint is not enough Marty. On the other hand, I was enthralled with Maryland Trooper First Class Sarah Haynesworth--and would love to see more of her! A great addition to the series.

Marty Singer is a retired hard-boiled homicide detective with a soft side when someone is in trouble and needs his help. He has his health battles to help him see the world from a softer side while he loyally helps friends. Worth reading, maybe twice.

I've read all the books by this author involving Marty Singer. I've also read several of the other books written by this author. Having said that, you could conclude that I'm sold on Matt Iden and you'd be correct. THE WICKED FLEE (TWF), however, is a departure from previous books Mr. Iden has written about Marty Singer. Hence 4 stars and not 5. What I like about Singer is his compassion and non-stop determination to complete the crime investigation. He is truly an investigator's investigator. Read any of the other in the series involving Marty Singer and be assured to be a fan as I am. I don't re-tell story lines in my reviews, nor do I succumb to ****Spoiler**** alerts. Having said that TWF is not in the same vein as the other Marty Singer books is not to say this was not a great read. It was. And, one I would recommend as a stand alone book to be read regardless. Again, if TWF was your first introduction to Mssr. Singer, do not be deterred if you were disappointed by his involvement (or lack thereof) in the story line. Iden's Marty Singer is a character you will thoroughly enjoy. Just read on. See if I'm not right.

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