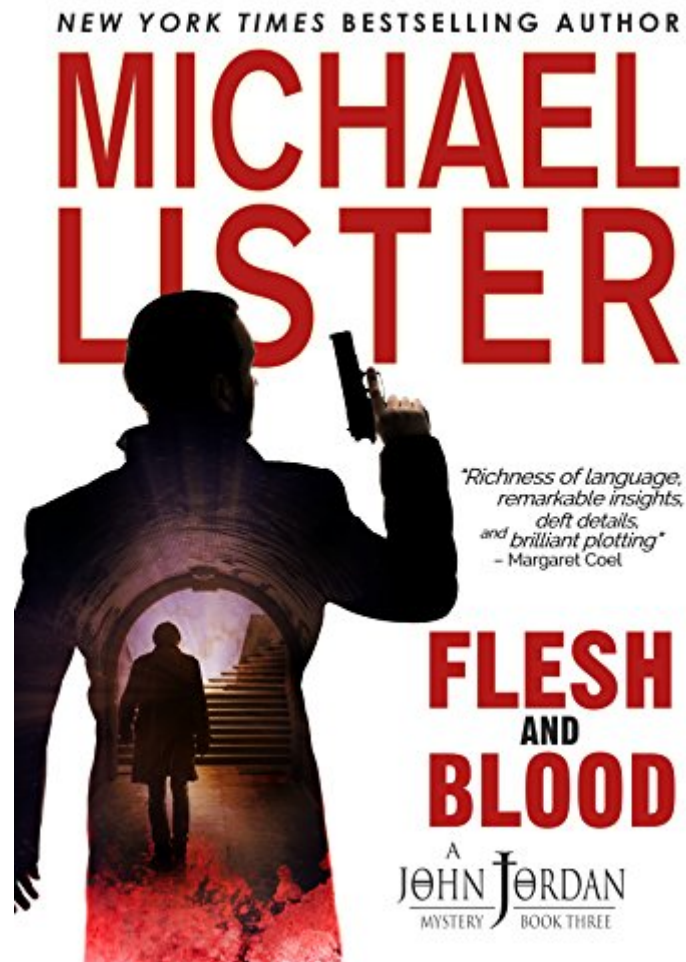


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Synopsis

John Jordan is backâinvestigating eternal mysteries woven into the fabric of everyday life. Within the confines of seemingly ordinary cases, John explores the ineffable and inexplicable, the profoundly mysterious within the mundane. In this diverse collection of cases, John investigates the Shroud of Turin, a pregnant virgin, a daring prison break, a Hurricane Katrina orphan who might just be the Second Coming, a desperate woman who sleeps with one too many men, a bloody body on the rec yard, a mystery that turns on a single observation, and a murder in which John himself is the prime suspectâall this as he deals with depression and battles alcoholism. These stories are puzzles, whodunits, and enigmas, but they are much more. John Jordan doesn't just solve crime, he investigates the hidden heart of humanity and the mysterious world in which we live. Here are temporal answers and eternal questions, and at the center of it all, a conflicted man of faith and doubt, flawed, but faithful, who ministers mercy even as he thirsts for justice. If you love exciting, gritty, thoughtful mysteries, don't miss Michael Lister's FLESH AND BLOOD.

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Customer Reviews

I was not going to read this book, as the main character didn't sound too appetizing, but the stories

seemed interesting, so I gave it a go. I was pleasantly surprised at the humanity of the writing, and the interesting bits and pieces. Very well done, I do say!

I got a better understanding of who the character John Jordan is by reading these short stories. I also got a better picture of the people in his life and how they supported this truly human man in his search for peace. I find myself comparing my beliefs with Chaplain Jordan. While I don't always agree, I find I can accept his beliefs without sacrificing my own. If you have never read any of the John Jordan series, this might be the place to start. If you have read others in the series, you might try this one to better understand where the author is coming from.

I had expected Book 3 in the John Jordan Mystery series to be a full novel. Still, I was delighted with the short stories in "Flesh & Blood." Even though the stories all convey events in Jordan's life, the reader sees Lister testing various approaches to Jordan's personal story. The least inconsistent with the 2 previous books is the final story which focuses on his relationship with his mother. This story, which is about Jordan's gift to his mother to research the validity of the Shroud of Turin, seems to be his treatise on faith. Lister's unorthodox views are well argued & interesting for the reader to ponder.

When I picked up this book I thought it was a novel. Turned out to be short stories! I enjoyed them very much and used this book as an introduction to Micheal Lister's books to all the busy people in my online book club. A happy accident!

John Jordan is a prison chaplain at Potter Correctional Institution. John Jordan is also divorced, an ex-policeman and a recovering alcoholic. He is in love with a woman named Anna who is now married to someone else but Anna still helps him out in some of his cases. John is really more a detective than a chaplain. Flesh and Blood is a series of short stories describing some of the interesting cases that have come up during John's employment at the prison. The stories are varied. One involves a nun who is pregnant but still a virgin. You will be quite surprised when you read how this came to be. Chaplain Jordan's father is the local Sheriff and he sometimes aids John in his investigations. There is even a story about John falling off the wagon and his fight back to sobriety. The reader learns something of the interactions between the prisoners and the employees of the prison. The stories are all varied and interesting. There is the story of a body of what was thought to be a prison employee found face down in the yard. John helps sort out the identity and

the purpose of the murder. The book has a wonderful introduction by Margaret Coel. This review really doesn't do the book justice but to tell more would have to include spoilers. This is a quick read and worth your time.

I read for entertainment. I was definitely entertained and appreciative of the well written stories and the colorful character of John the self described screw up, who has his faith questioned at all times, but inadvertently believes in grace and ultimately the right thing.

I am not too great at rating books. I enjoyed all three of Mr. Lister's book that I have read so far. There are not a lot of extra words, or thoughts or any of that type of thing that slows down the story.

Do yourself a favour and read Michael Lister's entertaining and well written short stories. Each one speaks to the heart yet avoids sentimentality. An excellent read.

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