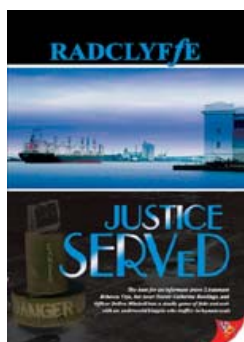


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Once again Radclyffe delivers a crisply written, fast-paced story with *Justice Served*. This book serves up twists and turns and keeps us guessing until the final explosive ending.

Justice Served, the fourth in the Justice series, begins where *Justice in the Shadows* ends. Police officer, Dell Mitchell is recovering from her stab wounds that she received trying to take down an internet porn ring. Detective Rebecca Frye's team is a little closer to finding who is at the bottom of her partner's and another officer's assassination, but at every turn, the suspect seems to be one step ahead. Cyber sleuth JT Sloan discovers that there is a leak in the department, but as the team pursues that suspect, he is killed. Organized crime is somehow involved. The Port Authority turns up some clues, and the sex clubs are definitely mixed up in the crimes. Frye's team has all these pieces that they must tie together, and as they hurry to solve the crimes that are piling up, more people are getting killed.

In *Justice Served*, Radclyffe is a master at weaving several complicated plots together, keeping her readers in suspense though not confusing them with extraneous details. And she does not forget the romantic subplot either. The romance flows naturally with the storyline as Radclyffe explores all of the characters' love lives. Even the gruff Watts, Frye's partner, develops a love interest.

Radclyffe's characters come alive. They are passionate about their careers and their lovers. They are honorable too. Throughout the plot, members of the police task force struggle with ethical issues, but there is no preaching on these pages. Her characters also originate from all walks of life and through them, we learn about different lifestyle choices whether it be a transvestite or prostitute. Sandy and Michael have a very real and sensitive conversation on why Sandy became a prostitute and through that conversation, Michael understands Sandy better and reserves no judgment. These are characters we want to get to know. We want them in our lives, and we want them as our friends.

While all of the books in the Justice series are page turners, what gives *Justice Served* potency is that you can read it without reading the others. Radclyffe gives us the character histories and story backgrounds as she moves the plot along. This naturally flows with the current story. We do not get bogged down with a story we may have already read. She refreshes our memories.

Radclyffe claims that this is the last book in the series, but the ending leaves this reader wanting more of Rebecca Frye's team. Even Frye says, "That's what police work is all about. The story never really ends."

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