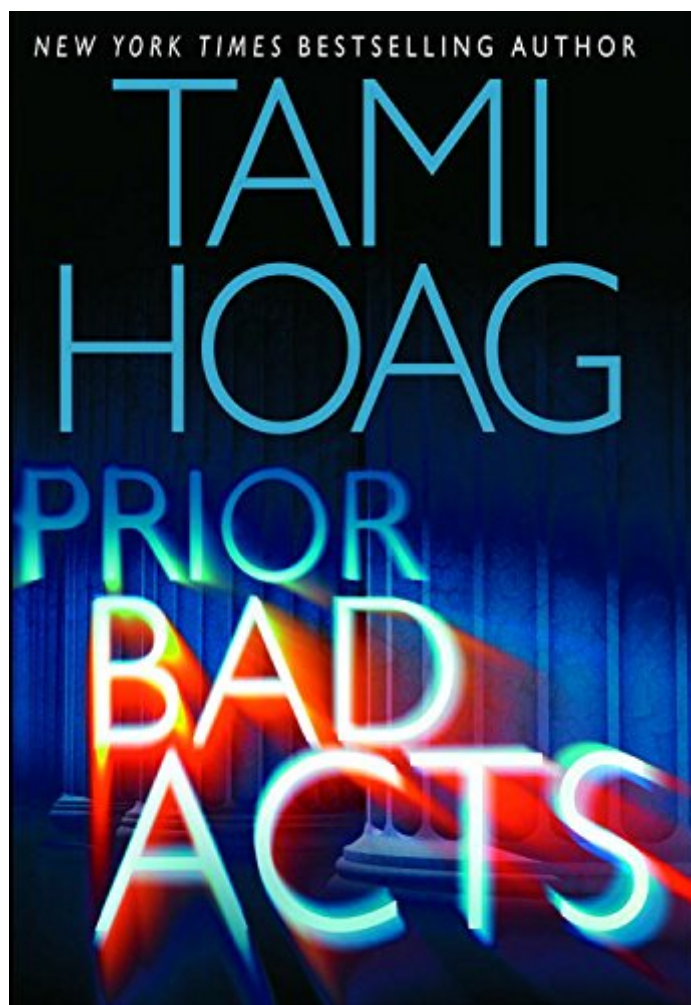


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Synopsis

New York Times bestselling author Tami Hoag returns with a thriller that begins with a shocking crime scene you'll never forget and follows two relentless detectives on a manhunt that ends in a chilling confrontation with the essence of human evil. It was a crime so brutal, it changed the lives of even the most hardened homicide cops. The Haas family murders left a scar on the community nothing can erase, but everyone agrees that convicting the killer, Karl Dahl, is a start. Only Judge Carey Moore seems to be standing in the way. Her ruling that Dahl's prior criminal record is inadmissible raises a public outcry and puts the judge in grave danger. When an unknown assailant attacks Judge Moore in a parking garage, two of Minneapolis's top cops are called upon to solve the crime and keep the judge from further harm. Detective Sam Kovac is as hard-boiled as they come, and his wisecracking partner, Nikki Liska, isn't far behind. Neither one wants to be on this case, but when Karl Dahl escapes from custody, everything changes, and a seemingly straightforward case cartwheels out of control. The stakes go even higher when the judge is kidnapped—snatched out of her own bed even as the police sit outside, watching her house. Now Kovac and Liska must navigate through a maze of suspects that includes the stepson of a murder victim, a husband with a secret life, and a rogue cop looking for revenge where the justice system failed. With no time to spare, the detectives are pulled down a strange dark trail of smoke and mirrors, where no one is who they seem and everyone is guilty of Prior Bad Acts.

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Customer Reviews

I just finished reading *Prior Bad Acts* and quite honestly, I'm not sure I want to go to bed yet. At one point, I actually had to close the book and get up and move around. This book is nothing short of frightening. The author seems to have three plots going at once, and she juggles them masterfully. The characters are fully three-dimensional; the dialogs a perfect reflection of our actual human relationships. And as with all the others that I have read I totally missed any clues as to who the criminal really was. I do not know how Tami Hoag comes up with her plots, or her characters, but I think I would be pretty scared to have her imagination. Which just gives me more reason to start the next Tami Hoag book.

As always, Ms Hoag writes compellingly and one is caught up in story very early on, I thoroughly enjoyed her early books and eagerly awaited the paperback arrival, I must admit when she started writing about serial killers' my personal life took a detour into some difficult times and I found the books hard going and stopped reading for a while. well now, it's many years later and I'm happily retired and who do I rediscover but tami Hoag and am catching up on all I missed and enjoying it greatly. Her humor is as fun as I remember it and her love interests very satisfying. But let's not forget the story. I thoroughly enjoy her story line and she keeps me guessing "who did it"? Love her characters. Recommended reading'

I liked the characters of Sam and Liska, also their lighthearted interaction! The story was heart racing at times! The plot unfolded in a twisting fashion that was not predictable at all. I would recommend this entire series to advid mystery readers!

Another winner for Ms Hoag. Again, she grabs the reader right from the start and doesn't let go. I enjoyed seeing the emotional side once again with Kovak. He's made out to seem so lonely. This was a nice story for him. Meanwhile, out on the front, a judge releases a criminal because of "*Prior Bad Acts*," and all h*** breaks loose. The funny thing is , is how much of the chaos is due to her

ruling and how much is due to other extraneous circumstances that she is unaware of in her own life?

I don't think Tami Hoag has ever written a book I couldn't recommend to everyone. I can usually know how they are going to end but enjoy the book anyway. Once in a while I get a surprise. I enjoyed this one very much.

I love Tami Hoag. I honestly don't think I've read a book by her that I didn't like. This was no exception. I especially like the Sam and Nikki series, because of the dynamic between the two partners. Sam Kovac is by no means your typical Protagonist, but much more relatable and interesting because of his faults. Would highly recommend to others

This is the third book in the series and Tami Hoag is a brilliant author! She writes the type of books where you simply cannot guess Whodunnit ! I love Kovac and Liska they are an excellent team and the plots, twists and turns are unbelievable ! She is becoming my favorite author, once you start reading you simply cannot stop and the suspense continues to unravel ! I've already purchased the last book in the series and cannot wait to start reading it . If I could I would give the book 10 stars ! I highly recommend the entire series !

Excellent read, loved the characters. Always enjoy a good Tami Hoag, she never disappoints me. 5 more words to write.

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