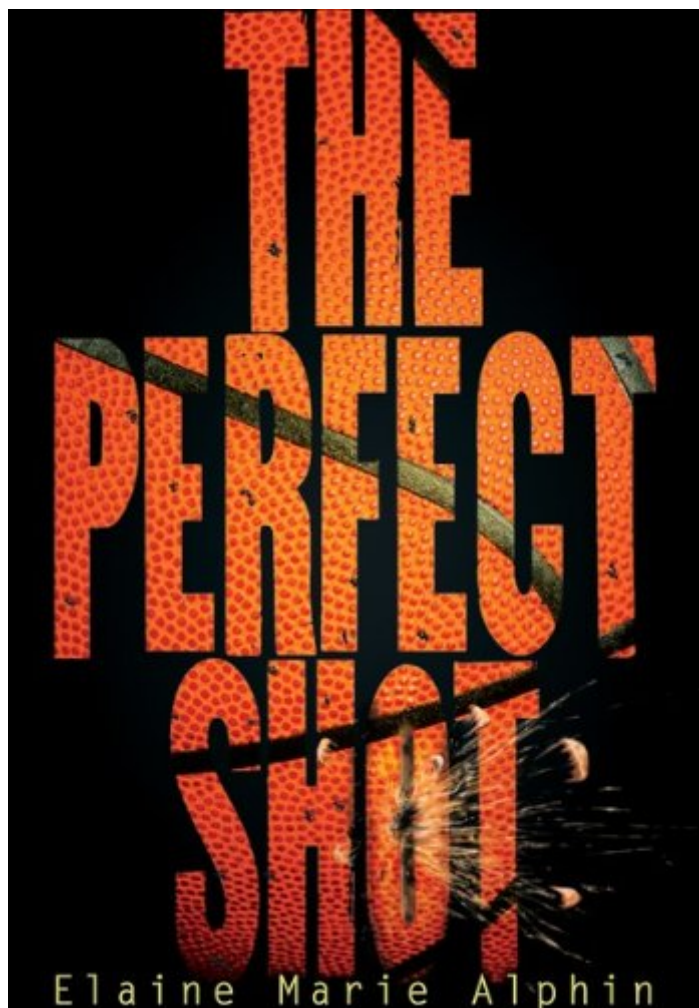


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Someone murdered Brian's girlfriend, Amanda. The police think it was her father. Brian isn't so sure. But everyone he knows is telling him to move on, get over it, focus on the present. Focus on basketball. Focus on hitting the perfect shot. Brian hopes that the system will work for Amanda and her father. An innocent man couldn't be wrongly convicted, could he? But then Brian does a school project on Leo Frank, a Jewish man lynched decades ago for the murder of a teenage girl—a murder he didn't commit. Worse still, Brian's teammate Julius gets arrested for nothing more than being a black kid in the wrong place at the wrong time. Brian can't deny any longer that the system is flawed. As Amanda's father goes on trial, Brian admits to himself that he knows something that could break the case. But if he comes forward, will the real killer try for another perfect shot—this time against Brian?

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Customer Reviews

A very problematic book, exploiting the tragic Leo Frank case for author's personal agenda. This

book is not recommended for family reading.

I enjoyed the ending the first time I read this book, but since I've read more and more thriller books it seems as if you can see the ending coming from a mile away. Also, some of the subplots seem to move too quickly with out any real explanation so it leaves the reader feeling unsatisfied and questioning the novel. Not a bad way to spend a lazy afternoon though.

This book shows today's issues with the world. Unfair justice, racial discrimination. I couldn't put this book down. Brian has to go through many difficult choices in this book while learning new things among the way on how people are judged on how they look or act. Would recommend this to anyone.

This book keeps you wanting to continue to read. The end is unpredictable. The only part I felt was boring is during the games in the book it is very descriptive. If you like sports this won't bother you.

I'm in 7th grade. It was a group book. I loved it. It was so good. I loved it sooo much that I finished it a week before we where supposed to! I got caught up in this book and couldn't stop reading. Elaine Marie Alphin wrote a AMAZING book!!

Was what my daughter needed for school assignment...received an online copy as the local bookstores were out and not sure when they would have it back in stock...

I must admit, I had not heard of this book before it appeared during a search for YA novels. The jacket sounded interesting, so I ordered it. I usually have stacks of books to read and this would have taken its place on the bottom. But something grabbed my attention as I read the flap once again: Alphin was not just telling the story of one young man's struggle to fit in, be a hero, and win the girl - like so many stacks of YA's. She was rambling through the back roads of lives and history, picking at scabs, and scars, and bones, unraveling tales and mysterious happenings through decades of lies, cover-ups, and misdeeds. I am always in the mood for a read that can't be put down - and this one is one of those! Its genuine, and brings all of us back to the place where "but for the grace of God go I." Where we need to understand that things are still not right in our world. Discrimination. What shame we still carry on our backs. I found a strong, daring, defiant young man in Brian. I would have wanted him for my son, my friend. He reminds me of a line from Ted

Kennedy's eulogy for his slain brother, Robert, "He saw wrong and tried to right it." That is Brian. He wouldn't walk away. He couldn't walk away.

This book was phenomenal. From a chilling mystery to social injustice to grieving. This book has it all and is definitely worth your time.

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