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Book Reviews



Harris, L. (2020). *The traitor's pawn*. Revell: Grand Rapids: MI. 336p. \$15.99 ISBN 9780800729172

Christy award winning author, Lisa Harris's recent novel, *The Traitor's Pawn* is one of her contemporary romantic thrillers.

Houston police detective Aubrey "Bree" Grayson must discover why she and retired Senator Grant McKenna, who her close friend and father-figure have been targeted. Bree is on vacation with the McKenna's at their home outside Corpus Christi. A stranger abducts her by boat after shooting the Senator. While planning her escape, Bree asks which one of them her captor is after and why? Bree's best friend from school, FBI agent Jack Shannon in in Denver, but has returned to Texas to assist in the case. He quickly finds links to an FBI investigation involving classified information being sold to the Chinese and Russian governments. Jack's case does not explain the spies' interest in Aubrey or the Senator. Bree and Jack, behave in realistic ways and have a convincing relationship, even though he had been away for a long time and suddenly they are in danger with little time to "catch-up." Both are believers and encourage each other to trust God when the stakes are high. Most of the story's action takes place in the Corpus Christi area.

A major theme of the novel is forgiveness as Bree struggles to forgive her estranged father, Charles Ramsey. Bree, a "type A" personality also learns to acknowledge her own limitations. Her father learns that you cannot run away from your problems or the consequences of your mistakes.

Harris has written a fast-paced story with plenty of action. The plot will keep readers interested. The fight and chase scenes are believable. The author admits those are hard to write and she uses scenes on you tube to help her plan them. Fans of romantic suspense and authors like Terri Blackstock will find this a satisfying read. This would make a good selection for libraries where romantic thrillers are popular.

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