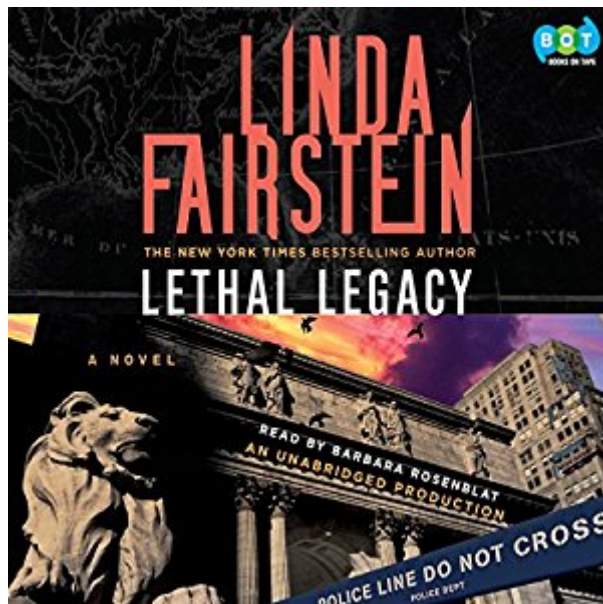


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Lethal Legacy



Synopsis

In Linda Fairstein's outstanding new novel, the New York Public Library houses dazzling treasures—and deadly secrets. When Assistant District Attorney Alex Cooper is summoned to Tina Barr's apartment on Manhattan's Upper East Side, she finds a neighbor convinced that the young woman was assaulted. But the terrified victim, a conservator of rare books and maps, refuses to cooperate with investigators. Then another woman is found murdered in that same apartment with an extremely valuable book, believed to have been stolen. As Alex pursues the murderer, she is drawn into the strange and privileged world of the Hunt family, major benefactors of the New York Public Library and passionate rare book collectors. Eventually Alex connects their internal family rivalries to a priceless edition of *Alice in Wonderland*, which also contains the world's oldest map. Would one of the well-bred Hunts be willing to kill for the treasures? The search for the answer takes Alex and her team on a breathtaking chase from Manhattan's grandest apartments to the secret tunnels and chambers of the New York Public Library, and finally to a nineteenth-century underground vault. There, in the pitch-black darkness, Alex comes face-to-face with the killer who values money more than life. Featuring a cast of elite, erudite, and downright eccentric characters, and a complex trail of clues that will have you guessing until the final pages, *Lethal Legacy* is Linda Fairstein's most beguiling thriller yet.

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Customer Reviews

I was traveling to New York City so this mystery was perfect for me. It gave me a desire to explore the NYC Library but, unfortunately the bad weather made extra trips difficult so I will have to do that some other time. Lots of interesting information on the library is woven into this book recommended to me by a man so it appeals to both sexes.

It is a very good, and quite accurate portrait of the New York Public Library workings, It is also interesting on the subject of collecting old books--rare ones at that, and also an intriguing mystery.

Lethal Legacy is the perfect read for a lazy read. You will not be able to put it down so it would be awful to have to put it down. There were many nights that I spent reading until two. There were so many possible suspects, that you had to stay right with Alex, Mike and Mercer until the end.

The story is another example of a good, engaging read by an author who uses "head" to solve problems. Keep it up, Alexandra and Ms. Fairstein. The reader always picks up some fascinating facts about New York.

Fairstein knows how to write a gripping, compelling story line of mystery and intrigue. Her character Alex Cooper always brings new views about herself and the city she lives in.

Learn about wealthy collectors of ancient books and maps as well as a great overview of what all goes on at the NY Public Library and how it came to be while solving a murder mystery. Fun.

can hardly wait for the next book. Excellent characters, love the way the plot develops and of course Alex is always in the thick of things...in court and solving problems.

I have loved all the Alexandra Cooper novels since the first one I read. I really like the romantic direction this is heading, and hope the future books follow this route.

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