



CRIMINAL
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LEGAL/CRIME THRILLER
SERIES BIBLE

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Criminal Defense Attorney Jordan Chase's father was framed. It is Jordan's life obsession to find the culprit of her father's imprisonment and death before the police's investigation into her stalker exposes the missing bodies, and perhaps her sanity.

Show Summary

Jordan's father was framed.

Jordan's father, Chief of Police Alexander Chase, was torn from his family home in the middle of the night in a police sting operation leaving a deep wound in Jordan. He died in a prison fire before she could prove his innocence, propelling her into the world of PTSD.

Jordan is a Criminal Defense Attorney with personal demons. Jordan's mission in life, beside revenge on who set her father up, is to protect those without a voice like her father... well most of them.

A stalker interferes in her subtle schemes and brings attention from the police. Now her world is under investigation as Detective Phidon and his partner, Detective Vearyll, try to catch, not only the stalker, but also the serial killer who targets only Jordan's acquitted serial killers - why just them?

The deeper the police dig the more it seems that Jordan's life is not so standard. Her Firm partner Leonard, her brother-in-law manipulated by her jealous half-sister, Joan, conspires to take over the Firm. Her best friend Eddy, the District Attorney, has a violent history and suspicious involvement in Jordan's rape attempt in college. Her ex-husband Jake, the investigative reporter, delves into the homicides that may expose more than he would like. Oh, and he also had an affair!

Jordan is on a deadline to find the culprit of her father's set up before the police's investigation gets too close and exposes her extra curriculum activities, and perhaps her "sanity".

World

The world of serial killers might be fascinating to few, yet for lawyers, police, CSI crew, criminal psychologists, etc., and especially the victims - the dead and the survivors - it is far from entertaining. The story delves into this world, into the lives of those that work on a daily basis on both sides of the supposed "society victims".

We will be running from court to court, from murder to murder, and witness the collision of those who find them and those who defend them. We will follow the harrowing world of the police arrest them, only to lose them again to the efficiency of the studied words of lawyers who convince us they are not guilty, but victims themselves. It's a constant battle of conflicting emotions: hating those that free the monsters yet loving them for bringing justice to the broken system.

There will be trouble in personal lives, consequences of living in this world day in day out. Lives that are never the same once touched by these demons, a constant reminder of what human nature evolved into.

By The People

JORDAN CHASE

Jordan Chase is a Criminal Defense Attorney. She is sophisticated, tough and takes no bull from anyone. She is dedicated to her work defending the most grotesque criminals, insuring they have the fair trial they are entitled to.

As a child, Jordan watches her beloved father, being dragged out of their home, accused of murder and sentenced to death row, where he dies. She is determined to find who set her father up - an obsession that drives her on relentlessly.

In spite of her impenetrable shell, Jordan is haunted by her cases and suffers from anxiety and panic attacks from her childhood trauma, the rape attempt at College and acquitting real criminals. She deals with this the best way she can, recuses herself from the word, hides in her safe haven, sees her shrink, prescription medication, jogging and reciting her personal mantra over and over again. Does it work? Most of the time....

Other times she finds alternative redemption methods - like murder!

EDDY BUNT

Eddy Bunt is the District Attorney. He is Jordan's best friend and secretly in love with her.

Eddy Bunt comes from a family of lawyers and there was never a question of his future being otherwise. He holds no resentments and actually like his profession. He is in 30s, tall, charming and handsome. That and his chosen profession, puts him in the most eligible bachelor list.

His cool exterior hides a violent streak which saw him being involved in date rapes in College. The guilt turned him into the recovering alcoholic he is today.

JAKE CHIRPPERT

Jake Chirppert is an investigative journalist.

He comes from a middle-class family, a gifted child that scores a place at Harvard's Law School. His free-spirited personality does not adjust, and he soon transfers into Journalism and decides to write his truth at the Detroit Herald.

Jake's all sex, drugs, and rock 'n' roll, and Jordan's ex-husband. Certainly an odd fit.

DETECTIVE MARSHALL PHIDON

From the first time he watched "Kojak", Marshal Phidon has been a cop.

A commendable cop most of his professional life until the day a child dies in his arms during a police crossfire and pushes him over the edge into a deep depression driving away those close to him, including his wife and daughter. Now, he is a grouchy chain-smoker old fart with borderline personal hygiene with only one purpose in life – win back the affection of his estranged daughter.

For The People

BLUE GLENNESS

Jordan's quirky, blue streaked hair baby sister.

Blue does not have much memory of her father's arrest. These suppressed memories are clearly implied in the self-destructive lifestyle and choices of partners before Jordan decides on an intervention and gets rid of her abusive husband. She now works, well, tries to, as a PA to Jordan.

DETECTIVE KEN VEARYLL

No pun intended, but yes, he's yummy.

A GQ sort of guy, tantalizing yet his fierce baby face will get you spilling secrets you don't even have. It's a mystery how he runs in those impeccable suits... oh but he does, because when duty calls there is nothing that stands in the way of getting the bad guy.

DR. BROOKE C. PRINTT

Dr. Brooke is brilliant. A psychiatrist with the perfect dose of nurturing and caring personality, balanced with an extraordinary capability to think creatively and devise alternative solutions to standard treatments.

As brilliant as she is with her patients, Dr. Brooke is not so efficient when it comes to her own issues. Holding a grudge since childhood hinders her capability to live a fulfilled life. Unknown to most, she is Det. Phidon's estranged daughter.

CHIEF ALEXANDER CHASE

Alexander Chase is Jordan's father.

A gentle giant with feral protective instincts. A family man, Alexander is devoted to his wife and kids as much as he is devoted to his police family.

The former Chief of Police has an exemplar career and is in the midst of a major bust when he is framed for murder and sentenced to death row where he dies in a prison fire.

JOAN TAPPNY

The evil stepsister!

Daughter of Alexander's first marriage, Joan never forgave Jordan for being daddy's girl. The jealousy is overpowering and it clearly shows in her bitter face. Machiavellian and mean, Joan's sole mission in life is to destroy Jordan.

Episodes

Episode 1: Chase and Kill

After winning another high-profile case for her client, serial killer “Nightmare of nightmares”, Jordan returns to her office to discover that one of her old acquittals is brutally murdered. Detective Phidon and Ken pay her a visit and request her assistance in the investigation. The murder and the presence of the police heighten Jordan’s PTSD and has her popping pills to deal with her anxiety. She escapes to her lake house, her safe haven, and goes for a killer jog to ease her tension. Back at the house she focuses on her murder wall and the ongoing search for who set up and murdered her father. Her best friend Eddy turns up by surprise and hands over a letter found in her mailbox. She opens the letter only to discover she has just acquired a stalker.

Episode 2: Stalker Chase

The discovery of her stalker takes Jordan over the edge intensifying the already very tense family dynamic over Sunday lunch, where Jordan and her older half-sister Joan fight over their father’s innocence. Jordan storms out and heads to the pier where she has a flashback of her father’s brutal arrest, one of the reasons of her PTSD. Back at the office, Jordan hands over the letter to the police who now start to consider a link of the murders to the stalker. After a telephone conversation with Jordan, Eddy is noticeably unnerved and flashbacks to their time in College where he is present at Jordan’s rape attempt.

Episode 3: Notes to Chase

As the police proceed with investigation, Jordan’s stalker makes new contact and indicates that he knows more about her than she would like. This renders Jordan vigilant of her activities, especially her late-night jogs. In a meeting with her P.I. Khan, Jordan discovers new information on her father’s imprisonment, which leads to a perhaps involvement of her over protective mother.

Episode 4: The Chase of Madness

Jordan questions her mother. She is defensive and evades questions which makes Jordan even more suspicious. She instructs P.I. Khan to look further into her mother’s past and a possible connection. At work, Jordan has a new case. Jordan and her brother-in-law Leo argue due to the police’s constant visit to the office. Leonard storms off and makes a call to his wife Joan, who is infuriated by the situation. At the same time, the police struggle to find leads in their case, when another of Jordan’s old cases is brutally murdered.

Episode 5: Memory Chase

With the news of another murder, Jake starts to harass Jordan for interviews. This is the perfect opening for Jordan to find out more about the investigation and meets up with him. This intrigues Jake, but he lets it go. With her anxiety up a notch, Jordan starts to have nightmares. They are incoherent scenes of murders, her father’s arrest, and the possible stalker’s killings. Jordan intensifies her visits to her therapist and starts hypnosis regression sessions. In one of these sessions, Jordan has a startling breakthrough in her father’s case.

Episode 6: Paper Chase

Jake, in the hopes of winning favors with Jordan, starts to investigate deeper into what the police may know. At the same time, the police start to round up all similar cases and look for Jordan’s former clients to interview only to discover that most have no records of their whereabouts. Meanwhile, Joan’s jealousy takes the better of her and, together with Leo, scheme to discredit Jordan and take over the company.

Episode 7: Wild Goose Chase

With all the new information, Jordan talks to Alexander's ex-partner to try and get further clarification and gets a slight brush off, leaving more questions unanswered. At the same time there is another brutal murder. The police return to Jordan for assistance and determine that there is a vigilante on the loose and this scares Jordan for many other reasons. She has a meltdown.

Episode 8: After Chase

Jake worries about Jordan's strange demeanor and tries to get close but is intercepted by Eddy. Eddy works hard to ensure Jake does not reach Jordan. Jake meets with Blue and tells her of his concerns. Blue starts to search for reasons of Jordan's strange behavior and is shocked to find evidence that may lead to Jordan's extracurricular activities.

Episode 9: Chase Away a Fly

Jake ignores Eddy's attempts to keep him away and manages to talk to Jordan. Learning this, Eddy has a fit of jealousy and blackmails Jake into keeping his distance. At home, in an uncontrollable fit, Eddy has another flashback and falls off the wagon. The police continue their search for the vigilante they believe is also the stalker.

Episode 10: Played Chase

Jake's suspicions of Jordan's behavior compels him to investigate a wider angle to include her father in the equation. The stalker gets more daring and leaves evidence of being inside Jordan's house when she is asleep. Discovering this Jordan has a massive panic attack.

Episode 11: Chase Down

As the hunt for the vigilante continues without success, the police widen the perimeter to statewide only to discover more of Jordan's acquitted criminals have vanished. Uneasy, Jordan continues her assistance in the investigations. Meanwhile, P.I. Khan conveys his new findings pointing to the possibility that Alexander did not die in the prison fire and might be alive.

Episode 12: Cut to the Chase

Finding many holes in Jordan's stories, Det. Phidon and Det. Ken begin to suspect that Jordan may be involved or is covering up something. They dig deeper into Jordan's life. Jake also finds evidence that points to Jordan's involvement. He investigates further and finds evidence of something much more alarming.

The Seasons

SEASON 1

Jordan Chase, haunted by her childhood trauma, is obsessed to find out who framed her father, while murdering serial killers she defends and gets acquitted. Someone seems to know Jordan's secret and is desperately seeking her attention by killing and sending souvenirs of the murders. The police department, especially Det. Phidon, launch an investigation that leads back to Jordan's defense team. Det. Phidon questions her involvement when he learns of her stalker, which diverts his attention from her. Jordan knows these are not her kills, but it heightens her PTSD and aggravates her habit of prescription pills.

With new information, it seems her father's death is far from just a prison fire. She turns to her mother, Viola, for some insight. Meanwhile, Jordan faces a coup conspiracy by her firm partner Leonardo, Joan's husband. Joan never got over how Jordan was daddy's little girl and swears to destroy her sister. She manipulates Leonard against her. She also has an affair with Jordan's husband Jake.

Overwhelmed, Jordan leans on her wall, Eddy. Not only her best friend, but opponent in court who hides the deep secret of his involvement in her attempted rape in college. He is secretly in love with Jordan and constantly sabotages any attempt of reconciliation on part of her ex-husband Jake, an investigative journalist. He knows of Jake's affair with her sister and blackmails Jake. Jake still loves Jordan, regrets ever having the affair and fights to get her back.

Jake takes interest in the wave of homicides. The more he investigates, the closer he gets to Jordan's criminal activities.

SEASON 2

After her mother's elusive answers, Jordan delves deeper in her father's prison history and finds more corroboration that her father did not die in the fire. So, who's ashes are they? Where is her father? This and the search for her stalker, which has the police too close to home, makes Jordan more restless and anxious, consequently more pill popping.

Back at the office, Leonard tries to discredit Jordan and with the help from Joan, plan to get hold of Jordan's therapist files. This goes terribly wrong when the thug contracted ends up violently raping Dr. Brooke, leaving her for dead.

Jordan's youngest sister Blue's abusive husband is released from jail and starts tormenting Blue, in spite of the restraining order. This is too close for Jordan to take action, which leaves her even more on edge. She relies on Det. Ken to ensure that no harm comes to Blue, until she can take care of it. Det. Ken's thorough protection does not come unwarranted as the attraction is clear. He investigates Blue's husband and a connection leads him to Eddy's old college days. Fearful, Eddy intimidates Jake into helping him keep the police away, without exposing to Jake the real reason why.

SEASON 3

Jordan's search for the missing puzzle in her father's death leads her to find him alive and hiding. Despite her deception, she learns that Drake, his partner, frames him when he tries to expose him as a corrupt cop and his wife's lover. Jordan, together with her father, scheme their revenge. This becomes a dangerous game as they uncover the Mayor's involvement.

As Jordan gets more restless, she starts to make mistakes. Det. Phidon gets closer but the discovery of his estranged daughter's, Dr. Brooke, rape leaves him disorientated and not quite his astute usual self.

Meanwhile, Joan's frustration in her failure to destroy Jordan, sees her play the last chip. In an argument, she blots out about her affair with Jake and, when Leonard tries to leave her, she threatens to expose him. Jordan endures a whole new level of bitterness, thwarting Jake's chance of reconciliation even more. Now that the secret is out, Jake is ready to retaliate and explores his suspicions of Eddy's past.

Det. Ken and Jordan come public with their relationship and spikes Eddy's jealousy. This drives him back into the bottle, which consequently releases his violent streak. Being Jordan's confident, he knows about her father and decides to sabotage Jordan by becoming an ally of the Mayor.

SEASON 4

Now that the Mayor knows that Alexander is alive, he needs to make sure he is not exposed. He teams up with Drake and the hunt for Alexander Chase is on. Hiding underground, Alexander allies himself with the Mayor's enemies to bring him down. A cat and mouse war ensues. Viola senses the impending danger and reaches out to her old lover, Drake, who turns her away. Desperate she turns to Jordan and confesses her part in it all.

Det. Phidon is certain that Jordan is the killer. He is torn between his obligations and his gratitude for Jordan with his daughter's case. He chooses to look the other way. Meanwhile, Eddy's mind is busy in stalking Jordan and eliminating her father, he does not notice how close Jake is in discovering his secrets.

When Joan finds out that Jordan knew her father is alive, her jealousy takes a dangerous turn. In a family get together she loses it and shoots Jordan. Leonard jumps in and takes the bullet instead. Jordan gets her an insanity plea and she is institutionalized.

SEASON 5

Jordan and Alexander manage to expose and take down the Mayor and the entire operation, including Drake. Alexander receives a full pardon and is reinstated as Chief of Police. His first assignment is the hunt for the "Killer of Killers". He becomes suspicious of Jordan and Det. Phidon tries to divert the investigation.

Eddy manages not to get implicated in the take down. When he thinks he is on a home run, Jake manages to find proof of his involvement in the college rape gang. Det. Phidon and Det. Ken also uncover evidence that point to Eddy as the stalker. He does not go down easily.

Without the rage that keeps her going, Jordan's guilt takes over as her father gets close to identifying the killer. She cannot bear the embarrassment he may face and attempts to take her own life with an overdose of prescription pills. Blue arrives at her house to find her already out. Is Blue in time?