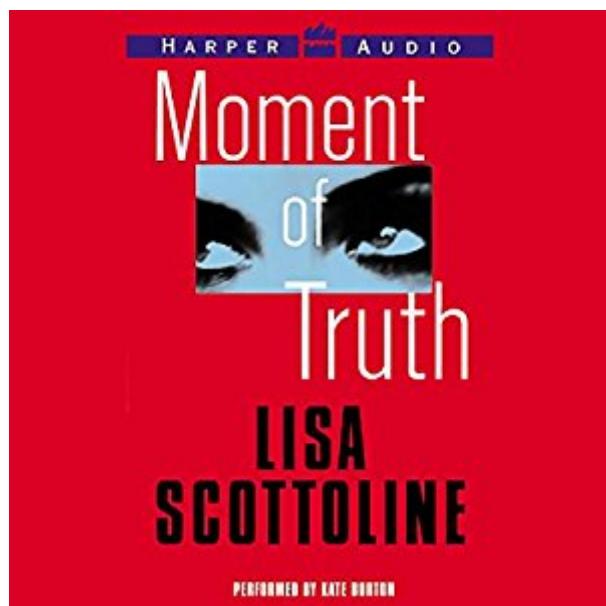


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Synopsis

Attorney Jack Newlin comes home one evening to find his wife dead on the floor. Convinced that he knows who killed her, and determined to hide the truth, Jack decides to make it look as though he committed the felony. Before calling the police, he stages the crime, so that the evidence incriminates him. And to hammer the final nail in his own coffin, he hires Mary Di Nunzio, a reluctant rookie and the most inexperienced lawyer he can find, at a hot Philadelphia firm. However, hiring Mary is where Jack makes his mistake. She doubts his confession and starts to investigate the murder. Mary's ethics and instincts tell her she can't defend a man who wants only one thing, which is to convict himself. But because she is intelligent, strong-minded, and courageous, she decides to stick with the case and see it through to the final verdict. And nothing is ever certain until the final moment of truth.

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Customer Reviews

I'm starting to read Lisa Scottoline novels like they are candy, one right after the other. I was really excited about this book for the plot it promised and especially because of that classic first line. However I found this as one of the books that was harder to get through. Despite the many, many twists Scottoline came up with this book was slow and even bordered on far fetched after a time. Everyone was just tossing theories around on a hunch and then the actual truth of whodunit was random for me. Yes the story is a page turner if you suspend your belief for a time but as far as great stories go, this isn't one of her best.

When I started to read "Moments of Truth" I was immediately turned off by the story line. It was unexpected. It seemed to end the novel just as I had begun to read it. I thought: why read further? There is no mystery. The crime is solved. However, Lisa Scottoline is a skillful story-teller. She can hold your attention with the most mundane matter. The story starts with the startling confessions of an unusual client and develops into an interesting and intriguing plot replete with classic conflicts and unrelenting doubts on all sides. The story moves through multiple paths of suspense and intrigue. It arrives at a resolution that affirms a timeless adage: good will triumph over evil. Lisa Scottoline's powerful writing force draws her readers into the story as active participants in a quest for the truth. She shows that this quest can be messy and can contain unavoidable tragic consequences. "Moments of Truth" is a book I could not stop reading once I got started. Every page evoked my curiosity and had me engaged in solving mysteries. I was just as anxious as Mary DiNunzio, the rookie homicide defense attorney, and the lead detective, Reginald Brinkley, to discover the truth behind a high profile murder. It was exciting reading it. There is not one dull page in this book.

The story line was fairly good. The narration was horrendous. It sounded like the narrator was eating lip smacking and all throughout the book. This coupled with unknown background noise and crackling paper was distracting and annoying. I am purchasing a second Scottoline audio book today if the narration is a poor as in Moment of Truth I will return the book and not purchase another. I drive a lot and use audio books to keep me alert and make the drive less boring. Not these if the audio does not improve. Forgot to mention taking deep sucking breaths directly into the recorder is not cool at all.

Moment of Truth is another must read if you're a Lisa Scottoline fan. Great fast paced book first to last page. I have only discovered Lisa Scottoline and her books this year but was hooked after reading my first book by this great author. Loved the characters and how the storyline grabs you and takes you for a great ride.

Enjoyed this book thoroughly. It was fun and daring and at times left me somewhat breathless. Do read it.

lisa scotoline did a good job as usual with this book

Another suspenseful book by Lisa Scottoline! With just enough legal jargon to make the novel educational and believable, *Moment of Truth* captured my interest within the first few pages. While the reader is led to believe that Jack Newlin confessed to a murder he didn't commit, as the story unravels, you find yourself beginning to doubt his innocence. Did he or didn't he? Or was it his daughter Paige? Was Trevor, her boyfriend involved? It's obvious that the two young people are selfish and ill-mannered, but does that make them murderers? And then there's Mary, the lawyer. Will her emotions cloud her judgment and prevent her from doing her job? Is Jack taking advantage of her attraction for him? There are heart-stopping scenes when you (the reader) fear for someone's life. There are also heart-warming ones that take place in the DiNunzio kitchen that make you realize that despite the evil in the world, somewhere there is love and goodness. While everything comes out "okay" in the end, there are some harrowing, suspenseful moments and surprises leading up to it.

This is my first time to read Lisa Scottoline and it definitely will not be my last. Here is a fine writer who knows how to keep the reader on the tip of the page and the edge of the chair. And what a plot!! Every time things seemed to be moving in one direction, Scottoline turned them sharply in another direction, over and over. That is in my opinion what makes a good mystery thriller. The characters are well developed and even the bad guys well defined. It is not my policy to tell what the book is about. That keeps the reader from the fun of uncovering and enjoying for him/herself the joy of a well structured and enjoyable book. Read it and get ready to hold your breath. Highly recommended.

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