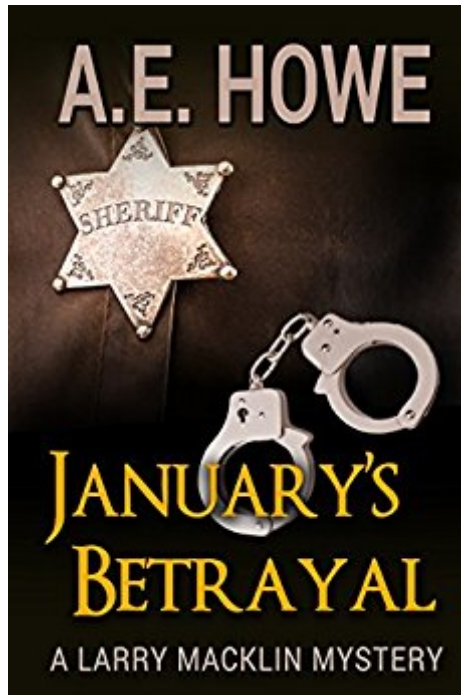


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Synopsis

The specter of corruption has hovered over the Adams County Sheriff's Office for months. Criminal investigator Larry Macklin is convinced he's identified a mole for drug dealers within the department, but he doesn't have enough evidence to prove it. Larry's attention is diverted when a recently released suspect in a series of rapes is shot and killed in the act of raping and murdering a woman—or so it seems. But the more Larry digs into the case, the more it becomes clear that the incident is part of a larger conspiracy—one that could have a devastating effect on his father's career as sheriff. Larry is desperate to find the real killer and to protect the reputation of the sheriff's office, but it just might lead him to make the biggest mistake of his career.

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Customer Reviews

This series is a delight to read. In this, the third one one plot twist was telegraphed all the way through, but it was also totally believable that the main characters didn't see it coming. Both father and son's relationships with diverse members of the community and the sheriff's department have the kind of evolving respect regardless of race or gender that is believable and optimistic. The characters' household pets continue to provide a nice continuity and some comic relief. Northern

Florida is new turf to many, and it is capably rendered in this series. I agree with another reviewer that it can be read as a stand alone, but the series in order is better.

Truly enjoyed this third installment, and glad to see there is a fourth coming; if you happen to be reading this review and haven't read any of these books, read them in order as events in the later books build on the previous stories. The plot is well crafted, although some elements are a bit obvious, but that didn't detract from the story. The dialogue is realistic, as are the police procedures. All in all, still a very well written story and well worth reading.

First off, this is book three in this series and I highly recommend purchasing books one and two first. In both books one and two there is an underlying plot regarding corruption in the sheriff's department and Larry Macklin is concerned for two reasons; first, he hates corruption; second, this could be very bad for his father, who is the elected County Sheriff. Larry is determined to find out who the corrupted deputy is and what they're up to. But what he uncovers and how he deals with it could end his own career. Typically I receive books for free in exchange for an honest and unbiased review, however this is a verified purchase. To date, I've purchased all three books in the series and very much look forward to the next one (reviews for books one and two are posted separately). See all our reviews at [...] or on Goodreads at [...]

I've read and enjoyed the first 3 books and will look for the 4th. This one took a different turn than the others. It has a "closer to home" feel about it. First of all, the story takes place on home ground with a lot of local color and characters, while exposing a sinister dark side of the community. It also brings out even more of Larry's personal relationships and fears. All the books have had flowing plots, twists and turns abound. January's Betrayal continues that format. You won't get bored reading it. I gave this one a 4 star because although I liked it, I liked the first 2 more.

We first met Sheriff's Deputy Larry Macklin in November's Past, the first book of this series. Larry is doing a job he's not sure he wants. He's got a dry wit, but it seems to have vanished in this book. He is a different kind of investigator, doing things his way, and in January's Betrayal, this could cost him his job. Larry and his father, the sheriff, have known for months there is a traitor in their midst. Larry is certain he knows who the mole is, but there's not enough physical evidence to do anything. In the midst of his investigation, there has been a series of rapes. A recently released suspect is shot and killed in the act of raping and murdering a woman. The more

Larry looks at this, the more he feels that the officer who shot is not telling the truth. As with the first two books, this is well written with believable characters that seem to grow and mature with each story. While there is much humor in the first two books, this one is somewhat more somber, mostly due to the nature of the crimes involved. Although it can be read as a stand-alone, I highly recommend reading this series in order. While the mystery and crimes are solved by the end of the book, there is a slight cliff-hanger. I definitely want to read the next adventure of Larry Macklin. Many thanks to the author who provided a digital copy in exchange for an honest, unbiased review.

Just read all three books in this series. They are rather short, but don't fool me into thinking this reflects poor quality. The writing is concise, the plots are clear with some twists, the characters are developed and likable and the descriptions (weather, location, people) are visual without being annoyingly wordy. Highly recommend.

Great addition to the series! I agree that reading in order may be helpful, but not at all necessary, as each is a well-developed story on its own. Larry is easy to like, and the descriptions of rural law enforcement and surrounding countryside and community make it an exceptionally delicious read. The pace and storyline make it a quick and easy read, and Mauser the Great Dane adds his own special flair to keep things off balance. Highly recommended and looking forward to the next one!

I don't usually read books written in first person, but I ordered the first one not realizing that it was. I read it anyway and was hooked. Love the series, characters and the story line. Now I'm waiting for the next one to be released. You should read the entire series, in order...it's much more enjoyable.

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