



Book Review: The Heist

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Kate O'Hare is a very well-trained FBI special agent who works in the area of international crime. She worked hard to develop her skills and reach a point where she could do her job with expertise.

Kate is thrilled when, after considerable effort and cunning she was able to capture Nicolas Fox who is con man extraordinaire. Fox is known for creating scams to trap the rich and famous into giving him what he wants.

What Kate didn't want was to find out that Nick has actually conned the FBI into hiring him and assigning him to work with Kate. She doesn't like him or his style and she certainly doesn't want to have to work with him but she doesn't really have a choice. She was told by her superiors that this is the way it is going to happen.

Derek Griffin is a corrupt investment broker who lives on a private island. He has stolen millions of dollars from his clients. Kate and Nick are assigned to stop him. In order to do this, they need to develop a very creative plan. They need to travel to a number of different places and assume roles as part of the sting.

Kate is upset with Nick and the fact that he is now trusted by the FBI but, at the same time, she cannot help but admire him. He is smart and attractive. He is also, however, not someone who she would at first have wanted to trust.

"The Heist" is an action-packed novel that takes the reader to Germany, California and remote Indonesian islands. It has everything that you might expect in an action story and more. There are pirates, high-speed chases and plans that require thousands of dollars to set up.

In the midst of all this, however, is Kate who is a very real person with a wide range of human emotions. As an agent she can be strong and determined but as a person she can be worried, uncomfortable or angry. She knows that she has a job to do but it isn't always easy to do it - especially when she has to work with Nick.

Lee Goldberg is a best-selling author who has written several books. He is also a screenwriter and television producer. He has teamed up with Janet Evanovich, who is also a best-selling author with a long list of books to write this book.

It doesn't take long to get through the 384 pages of this book because each one has something interesting on it that builds your motivation to read on.

If you like reading about exotic places, action and mystery this book would be a good choice. The main characters are well-developed and the plot has a number of twists and turns so the read is very enjoyable.

It looks like this is not the last that we will see of the Goldberg and Evanovich writing team. They have also published others including "The Chase", "The Job". "Pros and Cons" and "Shell Game" in this series. There are likely even more to come.