

Left to Die Discussion Questions

by Lisa Jackson

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Lisa Jackson is the number-one New York Times bestselling author of more than 85 novels. Her books have been published and reprinted in more than a dozen languages. A single mother, she is a native of Oregon, where she still resides with her two teenage sons. Her sister is author Nancy Bush.



Characters:

- **Grizzly Run, Montana** – Town found in the Bitterroot Mountains of Montana.
- **Selina Alvarez** – Police detective. Pescoli's partner. Highly educated, single, and takes martial arts. Comes from a poor area and had a trauma in her past.
- **Regan Pescoli** – Police detective. Alvarez's partner. Son Jeremy. Daughter Bianca. 2 ex-husbands. Luke (Lucky) Pescoli and Joe Strand, a police officer killed in line of duty.
- **Jillian Rivers** – Self-employed in advertising. Getting strange phone calls and notes. 2 ex-husbands, Aaron and Mason. Aaron was an embezzler who has been missing (and presumed dead) for many years. Has a sister, Dusti, and mother, Lynette.
- **Zane MacGregor** – Ex military medic. Found Jillian and rescued her from her car wreck. Has a dog, Harley.
- **Theresa Charleton** – Victim #1.
- **Nina Salvadore** – Victim #2.
- **Wendy Ito** – Victim #3.
- **Rona Anders** – Victim #4
- **Hanna Estes** – Victim #5. Found alive.
- **Cort Brewer** – Undersheriff. Father of 4. Deacon of his church. His youngest daughter, Heidi, is 15 and involved with Pescoli's son Jeremy.
- **Stephanie Chandler** – FBI agent. Straight-laced and uptight.
- **Chilcoate** – MacGregor's hacker friend.
- **Joelle Fisher** – Sheriff's secretary.
- **Peggy Florence** – Police dispatcher.
- **Dan Grayson** – Sheriff. Recently divorced. Brings his dog to the station.
- **Craig Halden** – FBI agent. A "good ol' Southern boy."
- **Ivor Hicks** – Town drunk. Claims he was abducted by aliens 30 years previous. Found Wendy's body.
- **Grace Perchant** – Found Jillian's car while walking her wolf dog. Says she sees ghosts.
- **Mason Rivers** – Jillian's second (ex) husband. Defense Lawyer. Remarried.
- **Carl Rousseau** – Outdoor shop owner in Spokane.
- **Falda Rousseau** – Carl Rousseau's wife.
- **Nate Santana** – Pescoli's current lover. Bad boy. Outdoorsman.

Discussion Questions:

1. Did you like the book? Why or why not?
2. The book was written from multiple characters' points of view. Was it successfully done? Did it help or harm the story?
3. What did you like about the book? What did you dislike?
4. Who was your favorite character and why? Who was your least liked character?
5. Did you find the characters in this story believable?
6. Why do you think MacGregor told Jillian about his criminal past?
7. Did you anticipate the path MacGregor and Jillian's story took?
8. A good portion of this story revolves around the idea of Stockholm Syndrome and the idea of falling in love/identifying with your captors. It is a real phenomenon. Why do you think it happens to some captives?
9. Who/what do you think the "Scorpion" is in the killer's message?
10. Did the story give enough evidence to figure out who is trying to kill Jillian?
11. When did you suspect that there might be a copycat killer?
12. Who do you think the "Star Crossed Killer" is? Why?
13. If you were Jillian, would you forgive Aaron? Why?
14. A second theme in this book is betrayal. The Star Crossed Killer betrays his "rescues." Aaron betrays Jillian. Lucky betrays Regan. Do you think betrayal is as prevalent in society as depicted in this book?
15. The story ends on a cliffhanger. What do you think about the way the author ends "Left to Die" and justifying it by stating that it was Jillian's story? Why do you think the story was separated the story into two books?
16. Lisa Jackson has written a multitude of books. (There are 7 in the in Alvarez & Pescoli series.) Will you read any of them?

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- Wikipedia: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Montana> & <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ohio>

Lisa Jackson's Books

Selena Alvarez and Regan Pescoli / Montana To Die Series

1. Left To Die (2008)
 2. Chosen To Die (2009)
 3. Born to Die (2011)
 4. Afraid to Die (2012)
 5. Ready to Die (2013)
 6. Deserves To Die (2014)
 7. Expecting to Die (2016)
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Abandoned

- Sail Away (1991)
- Million Dollar Baby (1992)

Maverick

- He's a Bad Boy (1992)
- He's Just a Cowboy (1993)
- He's the Rich Boy (1993)
- He's My Soldier Boy (1994)
- Secrets and Lies (omnibus) (2012)
- Confessions (omnibus) (2012)

Historical Trilogy

1. Enchantress (1993)
2. Kiss of the Moon (1994)
3. Outlaw (1995)

Love Letters

1. A Is for Always (1994)
2. B Is for Baby (1994)
3. C Is for Cowboy (1994)
4. D Is for Dani's Baby (1995)

Dark Jewels

1. Dark Ruby (1998)
2. Dark Emerald (1999)
3. Dark Sapphire (2000)

Forever Family

- A Family Kind of Guy (1998)
- A Family Kind of Girl (1998)
- A Family Kind of Wedding (1998)

McCaffertys

1. Thorne (2000)
2. Matt (2001)
3. Slade (2002)
4. Best-Kept Lies (2004)
5. Randi (2007)

San Francisco / Cahill Family

1. If She Only Knew (2000)
2. Almost Dead (2007)

Savannah

1. The Night Before (2003)
2. The Morning After (2004)
3. Tell Me (2013)

West Coast

New Orleans / Rick Bentz / Reuben Montoya

1. Hot Blooded (2001)
2. Cold Blooded (2002)
3. Shiver (2006)
4. Absolute Fear (2007)
5. Lost Souls (2008)
6. Malice (2009)
7. Devious (2011)
8. Never Die Alone (2015)

1. Deep Freeze (2005)
2. Fatal Burn (2006)
3. After She's Gone (2015)

Medieval Trilogy

1. Impostress (2003)
2. Temptress (2005)
3. Sorceress (2007)

Lisa Jackson also has **40 stand-alone novels**, most recently:

- You Don't Want to Know (2012)
- Sinister (2013) (with Nancy Bush and Rosalind Noonan)
- Close to Home (2014)
- Ominous (2017) (with Nancy Bush and Rosalind Noonan)
- You Will Pay (2017)

If you liked **Left to Die**, try...

- Smash Cut – Sandra Brown
 - Sense of Evil – Kay Hooper
 - Killing Hour – Lisa Gardner
 - Most Wanted – Lisa Scottoline
 - Private India: City on Fire – James Patterson
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Bitterroot Mountains, Montana



	Ohio	Montana
Area (size) – Sq Miles	44,826	147,040
Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total: 11,613,423 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ranked 7th in US • Density: 282/sq mi <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ranked 10th in US 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total: 1,042,520 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ranked 44th in US • Density: 7.09/sq mi <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ranked 48th in US
Snowfall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22 inches/Year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cities: 30 to 50 inches/year. • Mountains: 300+ inches/year.
Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manufacturing • Financial Activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture (Ranching and Grain Farming)
Tourist Attractions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rock and Roll Hall of Fame • Cedar Point • Wright Brothers Memorial 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glacier National Park • Little Bighorn Monument • Yellowstone National Park.

