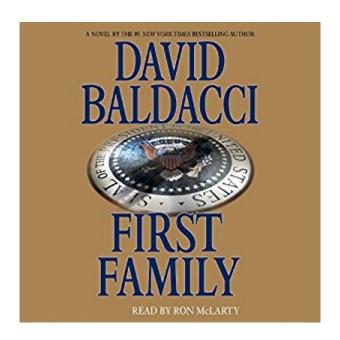
# The book was found

# **First Family**





## **Synopsis**

When she turned the page and her gaze flickered over the date on top it was as though the lightening outside had somehow grounded right into her. A billion volts of pain, a shriek of anguish you could actually see, and feel, as it pierced her. Camp David, USA. A birthday party turns into a nightmare when a child is snatched after the celebrations. The First Lady enlists the services of Sean King and Michelle Maxwell to bring the child home safely. But she and King share a past. Years ago he saved her then senator husband from political disaster. And this may not be all that passed between them. With Michelle still battling her own demons, the two are pushed to the limit, with forces aligned on all sides against them - and the line between friend and foe impossible to define...or defend.

### **Book Information**

**Audible Audio Edition** 

Listening Length: 14 hours and 35 minutes

Program Type: Audiobook

Version: Unabridged

Publisher: Hachette Audio

Audible.com Release Date: April 21, 2009

Whispersync for Voice: Ready

Language: English

ASIN: B0027A3FPS

Best Sellers Rank: #16 in Books > Audible Audiobooks > Mysteries & Thrillers > Legal Thrillers #157 in Books > Mystery, Thriller & Suspense > Thrillers & Suspense > Legal #2492 in Books >

Audible Audiobooks > Fiction & Literature

#### Customer Reviews

First Family is David Baldacci's follow-up to Simple Genius. Sean King and Michelle Maxwell are summoned by Pam Dutton to instruct them on their next case. Before they can meet with her, however, they notice two men running from the scene firing their guns. As they investigate the house they notice Pam is dead, but, Willa, her eldest daughter, is missing. Subplots are plenty as Michelle, who is still struggling to come to terms about her mother's death, returns home to be with her father. First Family is a beefy book with twists and turns reminiscent of a roller coaster. Its politics and scandals are so complex that the reader stays in tune with the book from page one, and doesn't blink until the book ends. David Baldacci has once again delivered a novel that will captivate

its readers....I would also highly recommend: S is for Sirens a novel that ranked one of the best this year.

I have read all of David Baldacci's books; and yes, some are better than others. I don't think that First Family was his best book, but I thoroughly enjoyed it. I like the characters of Sean and Michelle and hope to see them again in future adventures. The "all charm but can't keep his pants zipped" President and his manipulative, powerful first lady were very believable (due to our own country's past history). Sam Quarry was a stereotypical redneck and somewhat extreme example of how some picture Southerners. Since I am from MS / AL, Sam was insulting, but plausible. The story line was, at times, stretching the reader's acceptance; but that is one of the appeals of Baldacci's writing. He pushes the believability factor to the absolute limit and then just a little beyond. But after all, that's why I am reading, for the entertainment factor. It's not supposed to be anything more. I'm anxiously awaiting his next book.

I'm not a kindle user, so am not involved in the controversy that makes up most of the reviews based upon it's Kindle price. This is simply a review of the book after reading it. And, I found it to be a decent thriller with one major flaw. Here's the upsides and downsides of it for me: Upsides:- I love the characters in this book: From "superheroes" Michelle, the blunt damaged secret service agent and Sean, her big more laid back partner to the evil-or-is-he-so-evil Quarry.- Even though Michelle and Sean are from his previous book Simple Genius - this works just fine as a stand-alone thriller. Downsides:- The beginning was a little slow, though it picks up in the middle. (There's an interesting side-plot with Michelle in the middle that picked up the pace, but I expected it to connect more with the total story).- The overall plot is mildly implausible, but that's alright given it's thriller nature and that there's Baldacci's writing to compensate. But, the ending just gets outrageously implausible. There's about 70 pages of it that go from one completely unbelievable action to another. I would just get through one thing that happened that I'd had to convince myself that "alright, maybe it's a little believable", before something even more outlandish would occur! The size of the "holes in the story"- just grew wider and wider!BOTTOM LINE: A good page-turning premise and characters brought down to a just average thriller(and below what I expect from Baldacci) by some completely implausible action at the end.

David Baldacci creates an impossible situation with believable characters. When the president's niece is abducted after attending a birthday party at Camp David, the question is why? Why are

private investigators Sean King and Michelle Maxwell hired to locate the missing child? And what does the abductor want? Why has he kidnapped another woman along with the child? So many questions, which all get answered as the story unfolds. This book had me on the edge of my recliner as I read each chapter wondering where is was headed and why. Great book.

Quite frankly, I don't remember if the violence was "graphic", nor do I remember if there was no, some or explicit sexual content, which tells me that to whatever extend there was any, it didn't disturb me enough to discourage me reading David Baldacci's books. They are also, like Flynn, page turners. First Family was one of his better books, in my opinion, but I have enjoyed them all. I have eclectic taste in reading; the most important thing for me is that the writing be good. Yes, there are holes in these books, but they are easy reading and hold my attention.

King and Maxwell are such a good team. Of the 3 - 4 books I've read involving this team, I like this book the best. It was so interesting and I liked much of the dialogue between Sean and Michelle. They're so comfortable with each other. Their banter is fun to hear and occasionally they ribbed one another - particularly in this book. We also sometimes know their inner thoughts - including dread or fear at times. Very near the beginning, King and Maxwell come across Tyler - a teenager - who was thinking about running away from home. Initially, almost against their better judgement, they take to him and become involved in helping him with what turns out to be huge; at the same time, they know he can't really pay them. As they they become more involved, and some threats were made against them, Sean quipped to Michelle: "In for a dime, in for a dollar." Michelle replied dryly, "I'm just wondering when we're going to run out of change." Eventually their sheltering Tyler and their wanting to understand more about some mysterious events unfolding led them them in several different directions. The plot kept going and going: in the first third of the book it seemed as if nothing was really going to happen. Plus at times too much explanation was given about what they were doing. Then it suddenly picked up. I'm so glad I continued the book. Of course some bad guys were involved; we're kept in the dark for quite awhile about how exactly are the "bad guys".

#### Download to continue reading...

My Very First Library: My Very First Book of Colors, My Very First Book of Shapes, My Very First Book of Numbers, My Very First Books of Words The Family Council Handbook: How to Create, Run, and Maintain a Successful Family Business Council (A Family Business Publication) How to Start a Family Office: Blueprints for setting up your single family office (Family Office Club Book Series 3) First Things First: Understand Why So Often Our First Things Aren't First Frolic First Bible:

First Faith (Frolic First Faith) Purging Your House, Pruning Your Family Tree: How to Rid Your Home and Family of Demonic Influence and Generational Oppression The Internet Kids & Family Yellow Pages (2nd Ed) / The Internet Kids and Family Yellow Pages (2nd Ed) Noodle Kids: Around the World in 50 Fun, Healthy, Creative Recipes the Whole Family Can Cook Together (Hands-On Family) Barefoot Contessa Family Style: Easy Ideas and Recipes That Make Everyone Feel Like Family Biggest Loser Family Cookbook: Budget-Friendly Meals Your Whole Family Will Love Brooks/Cole Empowerment Series: An Introduction to Family Social Work (SW 393R 3- Theories and Methods of Family Intervention) Our Family Tree: A History of Our Family The Expanded Family Life Cycle: Individual, Family, and Social Perspectives (Allyn and Bacon classics in education) The Expanded Family Life Cycle: Individual, Family, and Social Perspectives (4th Edition) Grizzly Bear Family Book S (Animal Family) The Family Saga: A Collection of Texas Family Legends (Publications of the Texas Folklore Society LX) Your Family in Pictures: The Parents' Guide to Photographing Holidays, Family Portraits, and Everyday Life Family Inc.: Using Business Principles to Maximize Your Family's Wealth (Wiley Finance) Preserving Your Family Photographs: How to Organize, Present, and Restore Your Precious Family Images Human Resources in the Family Business: Maximizing the Power of Your People (A Family Business Publication)

**Dmca**