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Suspenseful Thriller Features a Forensic Professor's Hunt for Abducted Child

When her nephew's friend goes missing, forensic expert Dr. Taylor Case jumps to solve the mystery, learning about her own emotional complexity along the way, in Chris Cardin's debut novel "Case Study."

(Tampa, FL) MacGyver, Indiana Jones and "The Wild, Wild West" all came together to influence first-time author Chris Cardin's strong female lead character, Dr. Taylor Case, in her debut mystery novel "Case Study" (ISBN 97809741265, Evolution Press, 2008).

Case's brother was abducted as a child, and never found. This traumatic experience influenced her decision to enter the forensic field and contribute her talents to tracking down child predators. When her nephew's friend Kevin is abducted, Case becomes determined to find the boy, no matter what stands in her way. "Case Study" is not only a suspenseful mystery, but also an enlightening look at a woman trying to forgive herself for the childhood tragedy that continues to shadow her everyday life.

Although the FBI is also involved with finding Kevin, Case is frustrated by its languid efforts and takes matters into her own hands. As she is drawn deeper and deeper into the dangerous situation, she becomes tangled in an international web of child brokering. On the softer side, she also finds herself opening up to the reflective Dr. Alex Haas, who shows Case that there's more to life than just cold, hard scientific fact.

"Case Study" offers readers a likeable, yet enigmatic protagonist. Case is passionate, yet quite; shy, but assertive; self-sacrificing and indulgent. Above all, she is dedicated to her family and students, and driven to put herself at risk for others. With Haas' help, she discovers that she needs more than just science to live a fulfilling life and forgive herself.

Case uses her forensic prowess to find clue after clue about Kevin's disappearance, eventually flying to New York in a desperate attempt to rescue him. However, as she closes in on the boy, she's unaware that a vengeful killer is also closing in quickly on her.

About the Author

Chris Cardin resides in Tampa, Florida. She earned her bachelor's degree in computer science from the University of Florida—where she also played in the all-girl rock band, Gossip—and a MBA. She is currently a business consultant, assisting clients with strategic planning and information systems. She has planned a series and is working on Taylor's next mystery.

"Case Study" (ISBN 97809741265, Evolution Press, 2008) can be purchased through local and online bookstores. For more information, visit www.crcardin.com. Publicity contact: www.perceptivemarketing.com. Review copies available upon request.