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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

La Plante's gripping thriller (after *Cold Shoulder*, *Cold Blood* and the *Prime Suspect* television series) launches the crime-fighting career of another brainy, sexy female homicide detective, fledgling London copper Anna Travis. As the bright and eager young daughter of recently deceased Detective Chief Superintendent Travis, Anna is hired by Detective Chief Inspector Langton, whose murder team has been completely outfoxed by a serial killer with a trail of six murdered prostitutes dating back 12 years. Anna joins the team just as they identify the corpse of a younger victim with no history of prostitution, a casualty that Langton takes as a sign of the killer's escalating blood lust. Further investigation reveals handsome up-and-coming film actor Alan Daniels as a potential suspect, and Anna and Langton widen their inquiry to include Daniels's past movie locations in the U.S., following a trail of victims to Los Angeles, San Francisco and Chicago. Suspense builds and circumstantial evidence continues to pile up, but absolute proof eludes Anna and Langton as the sociopathic suspect attempts to turn his seductive powers on Anna. With crime lab authenticity, a sympathetic heroine and an affecting undercurrent of May-December romance between Anna and Langton, this spellbinder spirals down to an edge-of-the-seat denouement. (Jan.)

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From [Booklist](#)

Creator of the popular Detective Jane Tennison, heroine of the *Prime Suspect* TV drama, Londoner La Plante brings a new crime series to America. Originally published in Great Britain in 2004, *Above Suspicion* follows young Detective Sergeant Anna Travis, daughter of the late Detective Chief Superintendent Jack Travis, as she works her first homicide case. And what a case it is: a serial killer who has brutally murdered prostitutes for the past eight years has suddenly switched to a beautiful young student. DCI Langton, who chose Anna for the team out of respect for her father, pushes her mercilessly. In fact, Anna's complex and heated relationship with her boss is almost as compelling as the chase for the serial killer. When a popular actor is identified as a subject, he denies it all and begins an amorous pursuit of Anna. Flattered by his attention and confused by her feelings for Langton, Anna finds herself in grave danger. For readers wondering if veteran La Plante has still got it, *Above Suspicion* leaves no doubt. *Jenny McLarin*

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Review

"More than just an excellent mystery, *Above Suspicion* provides a dramatic look at victims and victimization. Author Lynda La Plante doesn't stop until she squeezes the last drop of emotion from the situation. The story and characters seamlessly flow into a reader's awareness as a complete and compelling reality. For a little added pleasure, an understated romance filters through the detectives' day-to-day grind. Highly recommended."

-- *Romance Reviews Today*

"This is a terrific British police procedural...The triangular relationships add suspense as the audience wonders whether the naive rookie will fall for the seductive charm of the polished actor or will she act on her admiration and attraction to her superior. Lynda La Plante, author of the delightful *Prime Suspect* series, provides a marvelous first act to the elation of the sub-genre."

-- Harriet Klausner

"Most people hear best-selling British author La Plante's name and think of embattled Detective Chief Inspector Jane Tennison...here she returns to the familiar (and beloved) police procedural. In this sharp and

fast-paced book...as always, La Plante excels at involving readers in the inner workings of a police investigation. Recommended for public libraries."

-- *Library Journal*

"*Above Suspicion* is a really good thriller with a sympathetic heroine."

-- *Daily American*

"A page-turning, nail-biting, and utterly gripping work of crime fiction."

-- *True Romance* magazine

"For those who love mysteries, and only wish that American crime writer Patricia Cornwell had a dirtier mind, "*Above Suspicion*" is their book. With the book's American release, Lynda La Plante, the British author of the "Prime Suspect" novels, is back with more bondage, buggery and blasphemy...This perky detective may not only capture the killer and avenge the virgin, but she also emerges as a woman. In the process, La Plante's dead hooker whodunit has turned into an ugly duckling fairy tale"

-- *Los Angeles Times*

"La Plante keeps readers devouring pages at a murderous rate with this mystery starring detective Anna Travis, the clever daughter of a former London police chief."

-- *People* magazine

"snappy...zippy new mystery"

-- *Entertainment Weekly*

"Lynda La Plante practically invented the thriller. She is without a doubt one of the best writers working today. *Above Suspicion* blew me away -- it grabs you and doesn't let go until the last page."

-- Karin Slaughter, author of *Faithless* and *Indelible*

"Battle-scarred Jane Tennyson moves offstage to make room for a fresh, unlined face...La Plante has given us a smart, plucky series protagonist who's enormously likable despite, or because of, her frailties."

-- *Kirkus Reviews*

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