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First To Fall (The Avalon Series, Book 1)



Synopsis

Aiden Connelly's first case
Lawyer Aiden Connelly has traded the frenzy of Chicago for a slower pace in sleepy Avalon and his first case appears to be as open-and-shut as he could hope for. Hired to defend a local ex-beauty queen accused of murdering her husband, he's confident that he'll have the case closed in record time. But below the surface lurks a darker truth
Will be one he'll never forget. Suddenly, a quiet backwater has transformed into a dangerous pressure cooker. In a town where everyone knows everyone, gathering evidence should be easy
but the harder Aiden searches, the more he appreciates how tangled this net of loyalties is. And as he digs deeper, Aiden begins to realise that his very first case in Avalon could be the beginning of his undoing
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Customer Reviews

(actual rating 4.5) First to Fall is the first book in Carys Jones's Avalon series and it

was a brilliant, fascinating way to start it off. At the beginning we're introduced to lawyer Aiden, his wife Isla and daughter Meegan, who are moving to Avalon in the hope of strengthening their marriage and family. Aiden is soon working on his first case which he believes is more complex than meets the eye and it was a really interesting case in a book which hooked me right from the start. Aiden and Isla's marriage problems could be quite easy to relate to for a lot of people. Isla is fed up with how late Aiden works and how she's always left to be the one looking after their daughter, with no help from her husband and not much appreciation from him when he's home either. It's a realistic portrayal of an issue you see in everyday families and how to manage and split their time fairly and happily between a career and a family. As the book went on, it did seem like nothing would please Isla and though I think I was meant to be more in support of Aiden's side of the argument, I really couldn't connect with him either. I found him to be equally as unreasonable as his wife. My opinion on them both did change a few times throughout the book but I'm still not sure I can keep on either of them yet. It was the case that Aiden was working on that really had me loving this book. We're thrown into Brandy's case straight away and she willingly admitted to murdering her husband, the local hero, and therefore, set to face the death penalty at the age of 24. Wow. This case was really so much more than I had been expecting and I thought Carys' writing was fantastic. Getting to know Brandy through her meetings with Aiden really messed with my mind because none of it made sense! She seemed so calm and so accepting of her fate and I just needed to know why. I needed to know why things had turned out like they had, why her husband had been killed and like Aiden, I was convinced there must have been more to the case because it just didn't add up. The building up and the writing of this case was gripping and so strong. I felt so many emotions whilst reading First to Fall it was shocking, tense, nerve-wracking at times and I was always in anticipation of the next movement, the next twist. Sometimes these kind of books are let down by their predictability. First to Fall was in no way predictable. It was intriguing and simply great to read. I could not put this book down and I was always trying to work out who to trust and motives and well it was way beyond me to actually figure this case out but some pretty fantastic writing did that for me. Carys paced this book flawlessly and I'm really looking forward to reading the sequel and the next case Aiden is working on. *Book gifted for honest review.

I received this book via NetGalley. I have read another book by this author and I wasn't as impressed. But with *First to Fall* I was interested into the story. You have Aiden who is this young lawyer from the city who decides to move to a small town. Which I wonder how he found this small town anyway the author never gives us that information. Aiden and his wife seem to have some marital problems way before the move and it seems to all stem from him working a lot which his wife Isla hates. Aiden starts working for a legal place and he gets his first big case! Wow the pressure is on right? But there is more to this case than meets the eye. You get a real taste on how a small town can like you for minute until you do or say something wrong or not how they like and they can turn on you in a dime. Aiden and his family get to learn this real well with the case he takes on. But the question is will he save the young girl he is representing? The character development with Aiden was awesome. You got to see his good nature side and his upset side with his wife. Aiden I liked, he tried to do good and better his relationship with his wife which I think may have worked out. Not only that he never gave up on the case, which I think was a smart move for him. Now his wife on the other hand I wanted to smack her upside the head on more than one occasion. She was just a mean person it seemed like. Always getting upset if he worked late, thought he was having an affair and they weren't there very long in Avalon. The story line was greatly done to where I was really wanting to know the back story on Brandy (the convicted killer) and her life. I felt bad for her like Aiden did but I kept wondering what really happened? And I got my answer. I can see this series revolving around Avalon becoming a bit hit, especially with the way the ending came about. Will Aiden be the one that Avalon loves as a lawyer or hates?

I received this book from the Author Carys Jones in exchange for an honest review. Lawyer Aiden Connelly has traded the frenzy of Chicago for a slower pace in sleepy Avalon. And his first case appears to be as open-and-shut as he could hope for. Hired to defend a local ex-beauty queen accused of murdering her football hero husband, he's confident that he'll have the case closed in record time. But below the surface lurks a darker truth. Suddenly, a quiet backwater has transformed into a dangerous pressure cooker. In a town where everyone knows everyone, gathering evidence should be easy. But the harder Aiden searches, the more he appreciates how tangled this net of loyalties is. And as he digs deeper, Aiden begins to realise that his very first case in Avalon could be the beginning of his undoing. Then throw into the mixture Aiden's wife - a city girl transplanted to small town America and struggling to cope. She is lonely, anxious, jealous and resentful of any time Aiden spends apart from her; a town sheriff who has his own agenda; an attractive caring priest; a

father, protective of the reputation of his only son; and a town who collectively thinks of the murdered man as it's hero. I found this book an interesting and quick read. I did find the numerous typos a bit annoying, but they did not distract me from the story (which is unusual for me!). The twist at the end of the book was unexpected... I had come up with all sorts of scenarios in my mind as I was reading, but not that one! Well done Carys. I look forward to reading more from you in the future. And at the end is an extract from her novel Prime Deception... to tempt us!

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