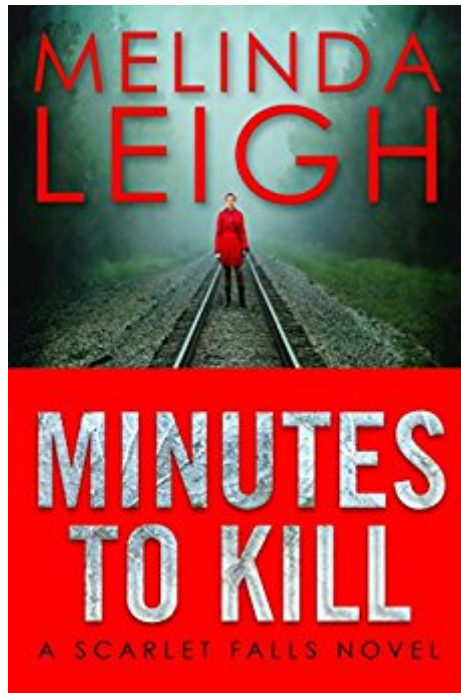




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# Minutes To Kill (Scarlet Falls Book 2)



## Synopsis

From Wall Street Journal bestselling author Melinda Leigh. After corporate attorney Hannah Barrett tries—and fails—to stop a kidnapping in Vegas, she can't shake the haunting image of the terrified young girl she couldn't save. She tells herself that a visit to her hometown in Scarlet Falls could be a welcome distraction. But soon, Hannah realizes the kidnappers have all the info they need to track her every move. And when chilling e-mails about the victim appear in her inbox, it's frighteningly clear what happened in Vegas has followed her home. Eight months after a terrible family tragedy, Hannah turns to Detective Brody McNamara once again. Brody is eager to help, though he's embroiled in the investigation of a brutal murder. But the closer they work together, the stronger their feelings grow—and the more they stand to lose when two seemingly unrelated, but equally deadly, cases collide. *Minutes to Kill* is the pulse-racing second novel in bestselling author Melinda Leigh's Scarlet Falls series. 2015 Golden Leaf Award Finalist 2016 Killer Nashville Silver Falchion Award Winner

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## Customer Reviews

The second book in the Scarlet Falls series does not disappoint. Hannah, sister of Grant (protagonist in first book), is unaware she has been followed to her family's home by the man who assaulted her in Las Vegas. As usual with Ms Leigh, the characters have depth and personality (even the bad guys). There are enough suspenseful moments to keep me intrigued but not so much to have me looking over my shoulder at night. Add in the possibly burgeoning romance with Detective Brody, and the story just gets better. Interwoven in the plot is the theme of runaway and/or missing girls and the wrenching reality of sex trafficking. The topic of underage girls being brutalized and sold was tough to read. Ms Leigh handled this with timely and accurate information. Hopefully, with books like this the issue will continue to be publicized.

Attorney Hannah Barrett is just leaving a party in Las Vegas for one of her firms clients when she interrupts a kidnapping of a young teenager. Hannah tries but is unable to rescue the girl. After it is all over Hannah realizes she has lost her wallet and phone and the kidnapper has them. Hannah suffers a concussion during her efforts to stop the kidnapping and is forced to go home to Scarlet Falls to recuperate. Hannah soon has to turn to Brody McNamara, a local detective, for help. As they realize the kidnappers have followed her to Scarlet Falls Hannah and Brody work close together and sparks fly. Another hit for Melinda!

This book was an enjoyable thriller that moved quickly and provided sufficient suspense. I enjoyed the female lead character, who was an attractive, tall, lean, butt-kicking capable attorney. At least the author gave the woman short hair for a change so we didn't have to read about her long beautiful hair getting in the way of her adventures. She manages to get in the middle of an incident where a young girl (sex slave) is trying to run away from the evil pimp. Our Hero tries to rescue the girl, but is foiled in the end and spends the rest of the book mentally beating herself up over the episode. The evil pimp's manhood is so threatened by this woman that he and his even-more-evil bro' travel over 2,000 miles to track down Our Hero. The evil-doers in the book exceed the evil quotient by quite a bit, as they raped, robbed, pillaged and plundered, and tracked down our heroine. She also manages to find herself a love interest in a cop helping with an old case that involved her brother. This book isn't P.D. James, but it is fine for an airplane or vacation read. I would download another by this author.

I very much enjoyed this book. I didn't give it a five because the first half of the book moved slow and was too detailed. However the remaining book wrapped up a good plot and I've loved this

series with this family. I would not hesitate to recommend this series. Thank you Melinda Leigh.

I don't usually get into "series" books too much, but read both the first & second (this one) books in the Scarlet Falls series. Liked them enough to keep going, so just ordered the 3rd book. Believable characters, good plots, excitement, romance... good writing!

This is a really good story however at the end it was a little hard to believe that one of the brothers fell on a knife and died when all through the book he was more violent than his own brother could stand. It is still a good story had good character build. In real life Hannah would be a special kind of lady with the skills that she had learned when she was a kid. Enjoy the book!

I read both the Scarlet Falls books yesterday. They are good. They are mystery/romance novels which is not my normal genre but I liked these. The sex scenes were fairly tame so I wasn't uncomfortable reading them. It's nice. They are love stories rather than sex stories. I ordered the next one. They are fun little reads. One thing bothered me as a New Yorker, New York is not part of New England, I'm assuming that was just a mistake and she ment to say New York and typed New England.

Three boys and one girl in this family and a father whos is bent on teaching his children survival- all except his daughter so she has to do it on her own. She grew up to be a successful attorney but also becomes an investor in a lucrative business which requires her to travel. On one of her trips she tries to stop an abduction of a teenage girl in the parking lot in Las Vegas. They grab the girl anyway and she ends up with some severe injuries. She goes on a quest to find this girl after she recovers but a lot happens in between as the kidnappers decide to take revenge. I really enjoyed this suspensful tale but there were a couple of muddy areas where I questioned the probabilities but... that's just me. The only other problem I had was this gal was a survivalist in the true sense of the word.

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