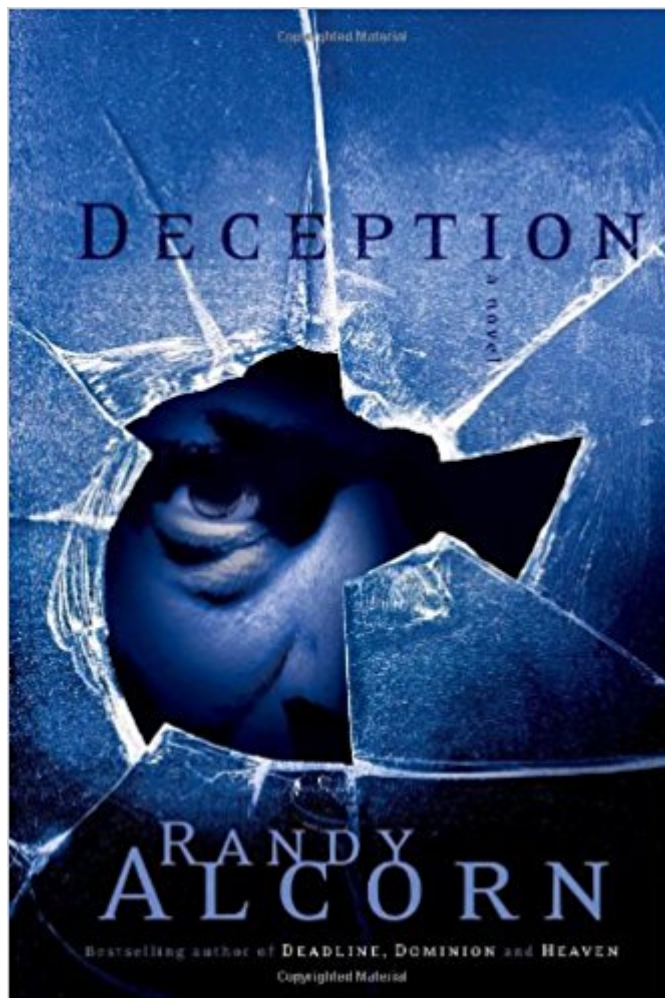


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Deception (Ollie Chandler, Book 3)



Synopsis

“Messin’ with me” is like wearin’ cheese underwear down rat alley. Ollie Chandler Homicide detective Ollie Chandler has seen it all. Done more than he cares to admit. But when he’s called to investigate the murder of a Portland State University professor, he finds himself going places he’s never gone before. Places he never wanted to go. Because all the evidence is pointing to one horrific conclusion: The murderer is someone in his own department. That’s not the worst of it, though. Ollie has nagging doubts about himself. Where was he during the time of the murder? Joined by journalist Clarence Abernathy and their friend Jake Woods, Ollie pushes the investigation forward. Soon all three are drawn deep into corruption and political tensions that threaten to destroy them and anyone who tries to help. But they’re in too deep to quit. They’ve got no choice. They have to follow the evidence to the truth. No matter how ugly or dangerous it gets. A gripping story of murder and spiritual struggle, Deception proves, as never before, the truth of Ollie’s first law: “Things are often not what they appear.” From the Hardcover edition.

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“I have just finished reading Randy Alcorn’s new novel. Deception is the same high quality as Randy’s related novels Deadline and Dominion. All three are page-turners. Randy is a gifted writer. I strongly recommend that you read his

books. — Chuck Norris, six-time World Karate champion, international film and television star — “Deception was as engaging to me as books by Chrichton or Clancy — I’m sure glad Randy can’t paint, or I’d be in big trouble! — Ron DiCianni, award-winning artist, author of *Beyond Words* — “Randy Alcorn is amazing. He’s one of my all-time favorite authors. — Karen Kingsbury, bestselling author of the *Redemption* series and the *Firstborn* series — “Alcorn has written a novel that combines the suspense of John Grisham and the theological pondering of C.S. Lewis. — New Man Magazine for Deadline — “[Deadline] is for clear thinkers who enjoy a good argument. There can be no mistaking — and there should be no ignoring — the vital message of this book. — Frank Peretti, bestselling author of *This Present Darkness* — “Randy Alcorn has hit it out of the park. *Deadline* is riveting. Motivating. Intriguing. Provocative. And it’s for the mystery lovers too. Many books feed the mind. Some feed the heart. *Deadline* nourishes both. — Stu Weber, author of *Tender Warrior* — “Alcorn’s writing remains top-notch, and he fills the pages with enough tension to cause ulcers. — Bookstore Journal for *Dominion* From the Hardcover edition.

Bestselling author Randy Alcorn is the founder and director of Eternal Perspective Ministries. His novels include *Deadline*, *Dominion*, *Edge of Eternity*, *Lord Foulgrin’s Letters*, *The Ishbane Conspiracy*, and the Gold Medallion winner, *Safely Home*. He has written eighteen nonfiction books as well, including *Heaven*, *The Treasures Principle*, *The Purity Principle*, and *The Grace and Truth Project*. Randy and his wife, Nanci, live in Oregon. They have two married daughters, Karina and Angela, and three grandsons. From the Hardcover edition.

After reading the first two books in this series, I was completely unprepared for Ollie Chandler’s point of view. His dry humor and skepticism made this extremely entertaining as well as insightful and thought-provoking. Ollie, a Portland detective, mistrusts two things: religion and the media. His constant exposure to the criminal world, as well as the loss of his wife, makes him doubt the existence of a God of love. And a corrupt reporter who twisted the facts so that he was held up to the world’s scorn gives him a strong aversion to the “truth” of the news. So when a Christian news reporter is assigned to shadow him, he is not exactly thrilled. But the case he’s working on just may need more wisdom, time, and grit than he has to offer.

Hey this is the third book in the series, and I recommend that you read the other 2 books first. Just

because he talks a little about the other characters from the last books, especially Clarence's Dad. But you don't Really need to read the others first, I think It would just help bring it into context a little more. But otherwise, Super good book! I skipped So much homework because I was reading this Dang book! One day I didn't do anything productive just read! Gah. Great mystery too lots of twists and turns and Randy is very Funny in this book. Pretty Darn funny! Great explanation of why God allows suffering. a Fantastic Book.Update 2nd time reading it. Man, I loved it. I really urged my wife to read it, and I even tried to read parts aloud to her, funny parts. This book is hilarious. And a great mystery. I loved every second. In fact, I skipped out on a lot of work and was instead reading. It just really grips you. So pretty much my work life suffered (I work at home, my own business.) while I was reading this book .

First off, if you haven't read Randy Alcorn's other two books Deadline and Dominion, you just need to go and buy them right now. Go ahead, I'll wait.....I'm serious. His books are so good that they will make every other book you read seem bad, honestly.Deception's main character is Detective Ollie Chandler. He was a minor major character in the above mentioned books, but we get to know him so much better in the pages of this book.Ollie is a son of a gun, no frills, let's fry the bad guys, Jack Bauer and Chuck Norris worshipping kinda guy. Alcorn makes Chandler instantly likeable, and molds his character like someone out of a 30's detective novel.Clarence Abernathy (main character of Dominion) and Jake Woods (main character of Deadline) both make appearances in Deception. They added some very deep, soul-searching dialog to match our loveable homicide detective's cynical and dark thoughts on life.Alcorn does not handle the problem of evil and living in a broken world with kid's gloves in this novel. Ollie is on the forefront of a lot of bad stuff, thus his very cynical look on life and God. He just can't believe there's a God while so much evil goes unchecked.What ensues through the novel is Ollie's journey through a very complicated murder, always delving for new clues and always not sure who he can trust.Alcorn is a master wordsmith, and his mastering of the 1930's detective novels is superb. This book is a must have for mystery lovers and people who just love a good book.

I found Alcorn when I moved into an office and someone left a copy of "Dominion" on the bookshelf. Since then I've read at least a dozen of his books and recommended them to many others. "Deception" is an excellent example of a tongue in cheek hard boiled detective story where nothing is quite what it seems, but it's not so unreal you want to slap yourself and then the author for writing the drivel. The twists and turns keep you on your feet and the tongue in cheek references to many

things kept my attention with the occasional chuckle e. There are several points where you think, "hey, it's solved", but the book has many pages left, so you think, "how could that be? Well how sharp are you? You're not explicitly invited to solve the case, but hey, it's an entertaining thing to think of when you have a new detective novel. A previous reviewer labels this book "Jesus junk". Well, Ollie admits in the first five pages that he's not sure if there is a God, and the characters from two previous books that the author wrote are in there and they are Christians, so if the concept of Christianity offends you, then maybe you shouldn't read the book. IF YOU'RE NOT A Christian, then read can still read it and see what a fun read it is. If you want to read the series in order, Read "Deadline" then "Dominion" and then this one. It's a fun read, but one that stretches your brain. And Randy Alcorn is a director of Eternal Perspectives Ministries, which tries to get people to see beyond today into their life in heaven. If Christianity is the thing that offends your tolerant heart the most, then you probably won't like his novels, though you could still learn something. Enjoy

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