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A PURSUIT TO CHANGE HIS LIFE FOREVER. OR END IT.

TITLE: STEADMAN'S BLIND

AUTHOR: JOSLYN CHASE

GENRE: THRILLER

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AUTHOR BIO

[Joslyn Chase](#) is a prize-winning author of mysteries and thrillers. Any day she can send readers to the edge of their seats, chewing their fingernails to the nub and prickling with suspense, is a good day in her book.

Joslyn's story, "Cold Hands, Warm Heart," was chosen by Amor Towles as one of the *Best Mystery Stories of the Year 2023*.

Her short stories have appeared in *Alfred Hitchcock's Mystery Magazine*, *Malice Domestic's Mystery Most Devious*, *Thrill Ride Magazine*, *Fiction River*, *Mystery*, *Crime*, and *Mayhem*, *Mystery Magazine*, and *Pulphouse Fiction*, among others.

Known for her fast-paced suspense fiction, Joslyn's books are full of surprising twists and delectable turns. You will find her riveting novels most anywhere books are sold.

Her love for travel has led Joslyn to ride camels through the Nubian desert, fend off monkeys on the Rock of Gibraltar, and hike the Bavarian Alps. But she still believes that sometimes the best adventures come in getting the words on the page and in the thrill of reading a great story.

Join the growing group of readers who've discovered the thrill of Chase! [Sign up for Joslyn's readers' group](#) and get VIP access to great bonuses—like your free copy of *No Rest: 14 Tales of Chilling Suspense*—as well as updates and first crack at new releases.



JOSLYN CHASE



BOOK BIO

Chief Randall Steadman faces urgent disaster on every side. Struggling to save his family from the clutches of a ruthless crime ring, he is forced to shift direction when Mt. Rainier erupts, bringing the most destructive catastrophe in American history.

Things cannot get worse. But then they do.

Pushing his way through hazardous conditions to the scene of a grisly triple homicide, Steadman thinks nothing that happens now can unsettle or surprise him.

He's wrong.

Up to his eyebrows in trouble, Steadman sets out on a course that will require every ounce of strength and wisdom he has to give.

And then demand more.

Brimming with suspense, *Steadman's Blind* will send you to the edge of your seat. Gripping and fast-paced, this explosive tale explores the limits of trust, the price of redemption, and the lengths one will go to protect the innocent.

If you like books by C.J. Box, Thomas Perry, and Jeffery Deaver, you've just found a new favorite in *Steadman's Blind*!

TARGET AUDIENCE



WHO SHOULD READ

Fans of suspense-packed fiction featuring plenty of action, adventure, and emotionally charged moments will devour *Steadman's Blind* and be hungry for more.

Readers who like a gritty, thrilling story but prefer to steer clear of profanity and gratuitous sex scenes, will find what they're looking for in *Steadman's Blind*.

The story doesn't shy away from the evil that men do, but it does celebrate the good, the heroic, and the compassion that often shines through in times of catastrophe and unthinkable wickedness.



STEADMAN'S BLIND TIE-INS

Although *Steadman's Blind* can be read as a stand-alone, its story runs alongside another Joslyn Chase thriller novel, [Nocturne in Ashes](#).

The two stories share a dramatic and perilous setting centered around the eruption of Mt. Rainier, near Seattle, Washington. Though each follows a different set of characters and tells a unique tale, the two stories do briefly cross over in a few spots, adding to the reader's insight and enjoyment.

Steadman and his partner, Frost, also appear in a series of [short mystery stories](#). Amor Towles chose "[Cold Hands, Warm Heart](#)" from the series as one of *The Best Mystery Stories of the Year* in 2023.



PRAISE FOR STEADMAN'S BLIND

"Just like *Nocturne In Ashes*, I found *Steadman's Blind* a one session page-turner and gave it five Amazon stars."

RON KEELER, READ 4 FUN

"Ms. Chase's second novel is just as unputdownable as the first one was. I got lost in the book and the world the author created, transported to another place and time."

DR. GABI ROSETTI

"Author Joslyn Chase has now confirmed my first impressions of her being a formidable suspense writer bound to make readers sit up and take notice."

MANIE KILIAN, AMAZON REVIEWER

"As always in her writing, the settings and action scenes are vividly portrayed and the relationships between the characters are seamless and authentic. Ms Chase has a talent for bringing characters to life."

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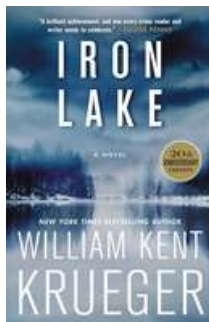
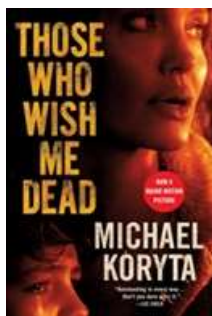
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Fans of...

Jeffery Deaver, CJ Box, William Kent Krueger, Iris Johansen, Thomas Perry, Nevada Barr, Michael Koryta, Marc Cameron, JA Jance, David Baldacci, and Nelson DeMille...

will find a new favorite in Joslyn Chase!

COMPARABLE BOOKS TO STEADMAN'S BLIND



KEYWORDS FOR STEADMAN'S BLIND

- volcano disaster thriller
- innocent girl escapes
- crime scene peril
- forest pursuit
- police boat story
- Puget Sound serial killer
- killer on the loose
- dangerous child abduction

CATEGORIES FOR STEADMAN'S BLIND

- FIC030000 **FICTION** / Thrillers / Suspense
- FIC031010 **FICTION** / Thrillers / Crime
- FIC002000 **FICTION** / Action & Adventure
- FIC022020 **FICTION** / Mystery & Detective / Police Procedural

BOOK EXCERPT

Most of the team was already assembled around the large conference table, consuming coffee and energy bars as they listened to Sheriff Polander coordinating their assignments.

Steadman pulled a chair from against the wall and inserted it into the space between Jamieson and the new guy, Frost. The sheriff's cheeks were mottled with red, his blue eyes slightly bulging under the pressures of the situation.

Steadman looked around the table, noticing rumpled uniforms, whiskered chins, and shaking hands. Everyone looked a little wired. He knew he was.

"We're spread way too thin out there," Sheriff Polander said. "Parking lots at Walmart and Fred Meyer are jammed and folks are making a run on bottled water, paper products, and canned goods. This makes Black Friday look like a baby's birthday party. Morris, Beck, Danforth, and Collins—get out there and restore some order, try to keep the casualties to a minimum."

"Yes, sir."

The four officers hurried out and Polander turned his attention to policing the downtown area. "Jamieson, I want you and—"

The door burst open and Peg from dispatch, one floor down, stood on the threshold, her face a dangerous shade of scarlet, eyeglasses sliding down her sweaty nose.

"Sheriff, I—"

She broke off and bent forward, coughing and panting.

"What is it, Peg?"

"The radio, sir. It's..." a pause for breath, "out of order."

The sheriff nodded, unperturbed. "Well, I can't say we didn't see it coming. That mountain will wreak all kinds of havoc—"

"But that's not all," she said, holding up a hand. "A call came in from a Bellevue detective just before the radio went down."

"Bellevue? That's eighty-five miles across the Sound. Besides dealing with the volcano, they've got their hands full trying to find a serial killer. What do they want with us?"

"Well, sir, that's the thing. There was a lot of static and I'm not sure I heard him right. It sounded like he said he was calling from the Ferguson estate."

"Rico Ferguson's place? Here, on the Case Inlet?"

"I suppose it must be, but it gets crazier, sir."

"All right, Peg. What's the rest of it?"

"He said there's been a murder."

SNIPPETS FROM THE BOOK

It will be the deadliest day in American history—ending lives, changing lives, reminding people how precious life is. And how precarious.

Steadman saw all too clearly where this was going. It was like letting the camel put one foot inside the tent. Pretty soon you've got the whole animal on your lap and you're drowning in sand.

Steadman gritted his teeth, regret searing through him like white-hot fire. He stabbed the oar with savagery into the tossing water as if that might kill the beast of memory.

With all the devastation Rainier could pour out, the volcano could hardly rival the power of a human heart set on destruction.

“Okay, I get it. There's no point in playing if there's nothing at stake. Still, I hate someone forcing my hand.”

Frost felt like he'd just fallen down a rabbit hole. The world was tilting at a dangerous angle, stretching his grasp on reality. In a thousand years, he wouldn't have seen this coming.

“Then don't get in the game.”

“If I read you right—and I'm pretty damn good at reading people, Rand—you're backed up hard against a wall and you need a way forward.”

The air felt thick and heavy, hard to breathe, and the walls were closing in. She was in a box. Locked in a box, like an expensive toy or a piece of jewelry.

“I sure hope you can work a miracle, then, because you're going to have to teach a blind man to see.”

And the madman with the key was on his way.

Maddie flashed back on her days of playing hide and seek. The stakes now were higher than she'd ever envisioned during those easy days of play.

Frost whistled low in his throat. “Holy smokes, does this sort of thing happen a lot in homicide investigations?”

Now, she was hiding for her life.

Steadman rubbed the bridge of his nose where a headache was trying to work its way under his skin. “Pretty much never, Frost. Guess we're just lucky.”

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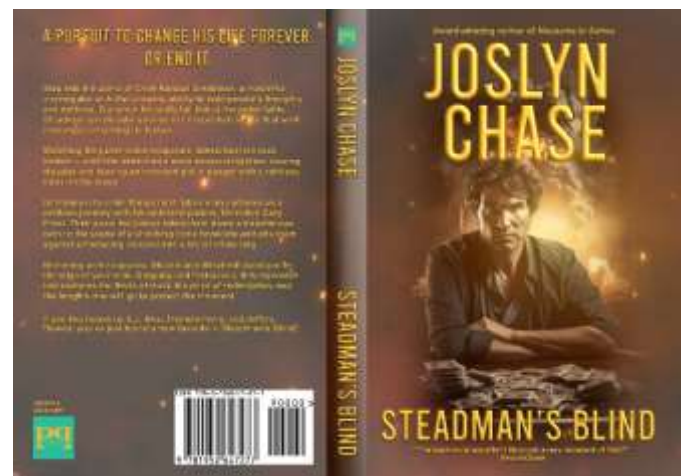
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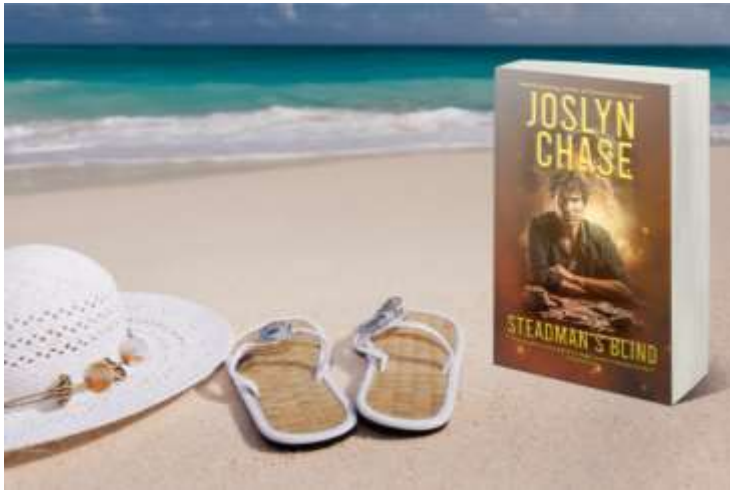


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