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**John L. Work : A Dark Obsession Times 2: A Novel Of Crime** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Dark Obsession Times 2: A Novel Of Crime:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Well worth the readBy Alana WoodsThe author spent 20 years in law enforcement in the US and the believability level in all of his stories and novels that encompass crime is sky high.This novel, like most of his others, once again has as its protagonist Detective JD Welch. Ive read all of the Welch books now and have enjoyed following his career. To me this one actually comes across as a thinly-disguised

accounting of Work's own career although I could be wrong about that and it makes for compelling reading. Welch is now working in the Roberts County, Colorado Sheriff's Office Jail Division. Still a policeman, but working inside the jail investigating crimes perpetrated by inmates. Work covers a lot of ground, situations, crimes and there are some nasty ones locations and time periods that are all in some way connected to men who are serving time or have served time and therefore come within Welch's ambit. As I say, we cover a lot of ground but one crime investigation weaves its way throughout. It's the one that opens and closes the story and every time I thought we might be in danger of wandering too far from the central theme it pops up again a measure of Work's weaving skill. It is apparently a true story and it's one that affected me. If you want happy-ever-after endings to your books don't look for them in Work's novels. His are definitely reflections of the injustices and inequalities of real life. However, don't let that put you off. Even though at times the subject matter may be hard-hitting they are well worth the read. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. An amazing journey into crime By Diana M. Hockley Here is the definitive police handbook on sociopaths! A riveting read encompassing the gathering of evidence into a man's plot to kill his wife and then take his daughters away and sexually abuse them. The story starts with a man beating his wife senseless at a camping ground one afternoon and being arrested for the crime by a police officer who is in the next door cabin. Some years later, the plot thickens as Jim Holber plots from inside prison to hire a criminal to kill his wife. However the second man he approaches tells the police. From there on in, the most intricate and fascinating investigation begins, as the police and the Prosecutors slowly build the case against Holber. On the way the reader hears about the dangers of prison where the lives of prisoners and the guards are frequently intertwined. Mr Work gives many case studies in which his protagonist has been involved, recounting cases of appalling verocity. The ending of this - can I call it a novel - it's more than that - is not a surprise in one way but an awful shock in another. A great read and highly recommended. If there were 6 stars, I'd give them! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. CRIME TIME at its best! By Reddeb As a long time fan of crime novels, both fiction and non-fiction, John Work's novel "Dark Obsession Times Two" took me on more than a "Sunday afternoon" adventure. JW takes you on a wonderfully mesmerizing adventure delving inside the mind of a true sociopath. It's plumbed with chilling accuracy drawn from his private police files. It is an imaginative, intelligently written novel and at times had me turning pages in disbelief. The story goes far beyond the tapestry of a sociopath's world. It's a troubling but absolutely riveting account of unthinkable abuse in a marriage. The lengths the abuser travels to exact his retaliation is hypnotic and masterful. Work's unvarnished candor and exacting detail from his years of service as a law enforcement officer makes this novel truly the main attraction.

JIM HOLBER is in a drunken rage. He's waiting for his wife to arrive for a vicious beating - like he's given her on so many prior occasions. Jealousy spurs his imagination. He's dead certain in his demented alcoholic mind that she's a promiscuous slut, a terrible mother for their two daughters. LYNN HOLBER has made a terrible mistake - she married a violent, profane, cruel man who has made her very existence a living Hell. She's endured thirteen years of beatings and emotional abuse, but finally finds the courage to contact the police and a lawyer in order to escape her tormentor. Now in his cell, Holber vows to destroy this woman who slipped from his control and did the unthinkable - after divorcing him she took sole custody of their daughters. The idea of hiring someone to have her killed, or just doing it himself, becomes his obsession. In jail, now, he's urgently looking for someone to murder his ex wife. With the lives of Lynn and her two daughters at stake, Detective J.D. Welch runs a race against time. Can he stop the horrific crime. Based on a real criminal case and written by a retired cop, A Dark Obsession Times 2 combines crime, violence, conspiracy, intrigue, treachery, jealousy, and a glimpse inside the dark world of jails and prisons to complete an intense true-to-life police investigation.