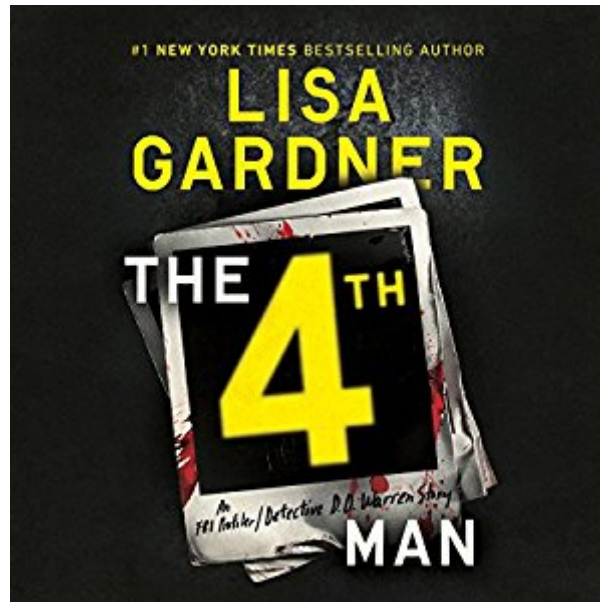




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# The 4th Man



## Synopsis

FBI Profiler Pierce Quincy and Officer Rainie Conner return in a baffling cold case in this short story by New York Times best-selling author Lisa Gardner. A young woman is found strangled in the stairwell of a college library, only her sneakers missing. With no physical evidence, no signs of sexual assault, and no witnesses, all the police have to go on are the three men who were in the library with her: her boyfriend and two campus security guards...all of whom have secrets, none of whom can be proven guilty. Five years later, ex-FBI profiler Pierce Quincy and his wife, former police officer Rainie Conner, agree to consult on the still-unsolved case, delving into deep background to comb for any clue that will lead to the woman's murderer. But with no leads and the case colder than the body, will they be able to build a case against one of the three suspects, or is there a fourth man out there? And if the killer has eluded the police this long, how far will he go to ensure justice is never served? With Gardner's singular ability to delve into the minds of criminals and law enforcement alike, "The 4th Man" is a shocking look at the reasons for taking a life...and just how far profilers need to go to learn them.

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## Customer Reviews

The 4th Man by Lisa Gardner is An FBI Profiler/Detective D.D. Warren Story. Sergeant Detective D.D. Warren is a Boston homicide detective working cold cases. Her latest case is the murder of Jaylin Banks that occurred at a local Boston college ten years ago. Jaylin had been found in one of the stairwells by a campus security guard. The police have no physical evidence of the killer and

there was little violence involved. The only thing that was missing was Jaylin's dirty white keds. Their only hope is getting a confession from one of their suspects. Warren has brought in the top three suspects to be questioned by profiling expert, Pierce Quincy and his wife, Officer Rainie Connor. If one of these three men did not commit the crime, then it is the unknown fourth man. Will they finally get justice for Jaylin Banks by identifying her killer? The 4th Man is well-written, has a good pace, and is very easy to read. I appreciate the characters and their method of interrogation and investigation. The 4th Man is a very (extremely) short story that can be finished in about 30 to 45 minutes (depending on how fast you read). The mystery is interesting (unique) and most people will be surprised the killer's identity. I give The 4th Man 4 out of 5 stars. I wish the story had been just a little longer. I felt that the whole story was too rushed. A preview of Lisa Gardner's next book is included (and it is very good).

Lisa Gardner. Her name is enough to sell me on any story ~ and even at 47 pages, she never fails to deliver!! The entire short story you are in the police department ~ along with suspects, and people of interest who are being re interviewed about a case that took place 10 years ago ~ but Det. Dee Dee Warren has the case now, and she's called in some help from some experts, Quincy and Rainie, stars from another L.G. series. And the fun ~ and the grilling ~ begins!! I didn't think she could surprise me, lol, not in 47 pages ~ but not only did she make me SEE the 10 year old crime and what the myriad of suspects were like back then, she surprised me with the whodunnit and WHY!! If you're a fan of Lisa Gardner do NOT hesitate to pay for this, you'll be glad you did!! And if you're not a fan? What the heck are you waiting for? This woman has a twisted mind ~ I LOVE it!! Her suspense rocks!!

Even with a short story you're on the edge of your seat while the plot thickens. This was a great read. Bringing in some of her best characters together on this short story was genius. Truly one of my most favorite authors, I've read and own all of her books. I anxiously look forward to the next which I've already pre-ordered. Don't forget to participate in her maim a friend, kill a Buddy sweepstakes.

This is what I call a short story. It involves my two favorite Lisa Gardner characters: Quincy and Rainie. I thought they were long gone, only to reside on a shelf waiting for new fans of the author. I jumped at the chance to find out how they were doing. Called in to consult on a 10-year old homicide case, Quincy and Rainie assist D.D. Warren interview the possible suspects. There are four

interview rooms, three of which hold a suspect. The fourth room sits empty. Is the killer one of the three suspects, or an elusive 4th unknown? Hence the title. It's difficult for me to give a glowing review, simply because there's just not much to talk about. The story lacks the development of characters I'm used to. It doesn't have the depth of research facts so much a part of Lisa's books. Because of that, I'm giving it a so-so. Nothing negative, just a good short story.

I'm the type of person who thinks chilling and twisted thrillers, like Lisa Gardner novels, are "fun" to read. This brand-new short story was no exception. No gore, no DNA left behind at the crime scene 10 years ago... a mystery that fan favorites Quincy, Rainie, and D.D. are working together on to solve. The author's note at the end is interesting where it explains that this novel was based on a real-life killer with a seemingly bizarre fetish. 4 stars because I love Lisa Gardner so much. No real suspense here once the identity of the killer is brought to light, but I really liked this anyway.

I have read other books by this author and remember liking them. This was total trash and not worth the time. It began well but went downhill. By the ending I was shaking my head that this was the best the author could do. Do all of us a favor by not ripping off your paying readers with such tripe. Wish I could get a refund.

Love the DD Warren series; however, this book was an abbreviated version of, I would assume, the original. Wish would be more forthcoming when advertising books. I guess you have to guess that it is a very shortened version for \$1.99. The rating in no reflects Lisa Gardner's writing because it is not her doing that the book was a compendium.

I enjoy Lisa Gardner's books, but this short story fell far short of the mark. Looks like something she intended to write as a book and then decided it wasn't worth the effort. No character development, no clue why the behavioral experts were called in or how they contributed to solving the cold case.

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