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# Once Taken (a Riley Paige Mystery--Book #2)



## Synopsis

â œA masterpiece of thriller and mystery! The author did a magnificent job developing characters with a psychological side that is so well described that we feel inside their minds, follow their fears and cheer for their success. The plot is very intelligent and will keep you entertained throughout the book. Full of twists, this book will keep you awake until the turn of the last page.â •--Books and Movie Reviews, Roberto Mattos (re Once Gone)ONCE TAKEN is book #2 in the bestselling Riley Paige mystery series, which begins with ONCE GONE (Book #1)--a free download with over 100 five star reviews!Women are being murdered in upstate New York, their bodies found mysteriously hanging in chains. With the FBI called in, given the bizarre nature of the murdersâ ”and the lack of any cluesâ ”there is only one agent they can turn to: Special Agent Riley Paige.Riley, reeling from her last case, is reluctant to take on a new one, since she is still convinced a former serial killer is out there, stalking her. She knows, though, that her ability to enter a serial killerâ™s mind and her obsessive nature is what will be needed to crack this case, and she just canâ™t refuseâ ”even if it will push her over the edge.Rileyâ™s search takes her deep into a killerâ™s deluded mind as it leads her to orphanages, mental hospitals, prisons, all in an effort to understand the depth of his psychosis. Realizing she is up against a true psychopath, she knows time is short before he strikes again. But with her own job on the line and her own family a target, and with her fragile psyche collapsing, it may all be too much for herâ ”and too late.A dark psychological thriller with heart-pounding suspense, ONCE TAKEN is book #2 in a riveting new seriesâ ”with a beloved new characterâ ”that will leave you turning pages late into the night.Book #3 in the Riley Paige series--ONCE CRAVED--is also now available!

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## Customer Reviews

Bravo for the author listening to the "no backup" feedback from Book 1!! loved Book 1 (Once Gone) but I agreed with many of the other's comments about the FBI agent not calling for backup on numerous occasions. In this second book (Once Taken), the author not only has the FBI agent facing her fears from Peterson (the killer who haunted her and Maria, the women she saved from his torture) but also another twisted killer obsessed with chains! Although the new case is probably taken on at an important emotional point in her life, and her daughter's, it also adds to the intensity of this book and the amount of stress the agent, her new partner Lucy, as well as her old partner Bill, have to take on. What's great is that the author involved the agents daughter (April) to make the storyline more intense - who wouldn't let their motherly instincts kick in when your child's life is in a killer's hands?!?! This is an excellent story, whether you read the first book or not. However, I encourage you to read Once Gone first, then read this one to get closure on a lot of areas that were left as a cliffhanger at the end of Book 1.

This story was a bit better than the first one. I was disappointed in Riley meeting her number 1 nemesis. The author gets you wondering about it from the first book but then fizzles the whole meeting between the two characters in the second book. I did like that there was more history and background story behind the second killer in book 2. Although the stories are kinda good, I'm done with Riley. However, if Criminal Minds ever needs a story line they could take Blake Pierce's ideas.

This book just as good as the first, love the character of Riley Paige. Her determination to find the killer is really fascinating how she becomes one with the killer. The killer talking to the chains was very creepy, and in his mind they talked back. The author keeps you glued to the page wanting more!! Can't wait to read the next book ^• 5 Stars

Another great page turner in the Riley Paige Mystery. This book picks up right where Once Gone

left off. Peterson is alive and Riley is hunt for him, but he is also on the hunt. There is another serial killer on the loose that Riley is also investigating, this nut job is obsessed with chains. I can really imagine the stress that Riley is under as a single Mom of a teenager, losing her partner Bill, getting a new partner (Lucy), all the while still suffering for PTSD from being capture and tortured by Peterson. I think Pierce does a great job showing me the story instead of just telling it. I highly recommend this book after reading book 1. I just saw that there are 4 books total in this series. I also that each ebook is more expensive than the last, what a bummer.

This is book 2 of 4 in a series. I liked the first book so much I had to get this one, and the first book carries on into the third, so I ordered that one as well. The 4th is not released yet, but I will likely order that one as well. Book 1 held my attention more than this book, but I was still determined to finish it and continue onto the 3rd. There is a lot of conflict with a teenage daughter and ex-husband, plus an attraction at work. There are serial killers to find and the main character works hard to keep focus, because her mistakes take her into dangerous territory.

Amid the family crisis that both lead characters have already been enduring, the FBI partners are at odds over Riley's obsession with her ghost... staring their partnership until friend, partner and family all come back into focus, and multiple chases begin. Recommended for adults

What can I say...I couldn't put it down. I like how each book is a stand alone story and yet the story line continues in the next book. The characters and new story line are slowly weaved like a spider web and before you know it you are caught up and can't leave.

I absolutely love this series. I love how the story continues without revealing everything. Blake Pierce puts just enough intrigue into each of his books to where you just want to read more. I'm really looking forward to his next book which I have already bought.

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