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Generally a good read, but I didn't mind the Christian faith references during the story as they were unobtrusive and were written in as part of the characters. The epilogue, though, pretty much beats you about the head with them almost like the editor said, hey we need so we can classify this as a christian book. Suspense mystery is my favorite genre, but when it also includes medical or pharmaceutical talk, I'm in my glory. And if it's Love Inspired, there's a bonus point, because you know it will be clean.

HER PERSONAL PROTECTOR Researcher Dr Lily McAllister Has Dedicated Her Life To Finding A Cure For A Family Disease And Now, Steps Away From A Promising New Treatment, Lily Is Attacked Only The Training Of Army Physician James O Reilly Can Save Her As The Would Be CEO Of His Family S Pharmaceutical Company, James S Secret Dream Is To Reenlist But He Can T Leave Lily With A Bull S Eye On Her Back Nor Can He Stay And Stop Her From Pursuing Her Goal No One Can, Including The Stalker Who Shadows Her Every Move Still, James Has Lost Too Many People He S Loved And This Time He Refuses To Lose Lily The race is on to find a cure for a family disease that has claimed the life of researcher Lily McAllister, and the disease that is currently infecting her young niece Someone is after Lily, or appears to be someone who wants her research. Dr James O Reilly is the heir to the pharmaceutical company where Lily works, and whose family took her in after her mother their housekeeper passed away from the disease Lily is working to find the cure for James is obviously struck by her right from the get go Romance didn't play a huge role it was

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about Lily being stalked while trying to find the cure. This is a Harlequin romantic suspense novel in Harlequin's faith-based fiction line. It's not heavy on the romance, or on the faith aspect. Both Lily and James have faith. James' parents were missionaries who were killed in a plane crash, and Lily strayed from her faith. They both resolve their faith issues at the end. There is suspense and intrigue throughout the entire novel, sometimes enough to keep the reader wondering what is coming next. The author did a great job creating the suspenseful scenes, but I found that the subtle hints or red herrings planted here and there were predictable, at least to me; they were. I knew exactly who was the mastermind behind everything from Chapter 1. The descriptions of characters and places were well done, and I could picture some of the locations, a contrast between the very rich and poorest of the poor. What drove me crazy throughout the novel was the fact that the author kept the name of the disease secret. She did explain her reasons in the author's note, but still, it was not fun being kept in the dark. I didn't feel the urgency in finding the cure simply because I didn't know what it was, how serious a disease it was, nor really what the symptoms were that struck fear in Lily's heart—the ones that ultimately led to her Mom's death. Overall, it was an okay read.

Critical Diagnosis by Alison Stone is a suspenseful, terrific read. Although I consider it a great beach read, it's perfect for all-year-round. The story centers around researcher, Lily McAllister, and her quest to find a cure for an illness that has ravaged her mother's life and threatens the life of her young niece. When a dangerous man attempts to enter the clinic Lily works at, and attacks her in the process, Lily suddenly has a target on her back. Rescued from harm by her colleague, James O'Reilly, the heir to a pharmaceutical company, Lily is grateful, yet doesn't want to mix business with pleasure. Lily is a workaholic who doesn't have a personal life and avoids romantic complications. As Lily continues to be the target of an unknown assailant bent on her destruction, James makes it his mission to keep Lily safe from harm. Sparks fly between Lily and James in this edge-of-your-seat, thrilling and emotionally satisfying novel. Well done.

After reading **Plain Pursuit** by Alison Stone, I couldn't wait for the next Love Inspired Suspense story by this author. I enjoyed reading her first LIS, but **Critical Diagnosis** was even better. The suspense

The Awakening

All These Things I've Done

Angelfire

Angel Burn

Audrey, Wait!

A Million Suns

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The Archived

Alanna: The First Adventure

The Angel Experiment

Anna Dressed in Blood

Airhead

Artemis Fowl

Ashfall

Avalon High

Awake at Dawn

Afterlife

After the Kiss

in the book made me turning pages, but it's Ms Stone's wonderful writing style and a great sense of humor that made this book stand out for me. The vivid interaction between the main characters was so much fun to read, and their courage in the face of difficult and painful circumstances made it easy to root for them. Dr Lily McAllister has a personal stake in finding a treatment and possibly a cure for a rare genetic disease. She's a workaholic with no time for romance in her life. Even when she starts feeling an attraction to an army physician James O'Reilly who protects her from an attacker and is by her side to save her life and her important research, James's mind says he has no time for romance either as he plans to reenlist, but his heart says otherwise. Alison Stone is on my auto buy list. I just could not get into this book. The premise, a medical researcher being stalked for reasons at least initially unknown, caught my eye. The book did start off with an engaging action sequence and I could even see the heir to the pharmaceutical company funding Lily McAllister's research as a likable love interest. However, the author turns quickly from streamlined action and suspense into some kitchen sink plotting which quickly turned the book cumbersome. Add into that the fact that I was able to guess the villain before I was even one third of my way through the book and I decided to call it quits. I've enjoyed reading all of Alison Stone's books, and *Critical Diagnosis* did not disappoint. Alison writes smart, witty, and interesting suspense. I really liked the pharmaceutical storyline which I thought provided a unique and fresh twist. I loved the hero James and really appreciated seeing such a smart and driven heroine like Lily. Alison put in enough twists and turns to keep you guessing right until the end. If you enjoy inspirational romantic suspense, then you should definitely read Alison Stone's books. This was a great mystery suspense book. Pharmaceutical researcher Lily is working at a low income clinic when she is attacked. James, an Army doctor, saves her but she continues to be stalked. James struggles to protect Lily while trying to convince his family that he wants to re-enlist not become CEO of the pharmaceutical company. I identified several suspects as I couldn't put the book down until the actual culprit's were revealed. I was disappointed in the ending as the epilogue happening 9 months later did not include an update on Emily. Other than that, it was a great book. Great for

the beach, pool, waiting in line basically anywhere, anytime. CRITICAL DIAGNOSIS, by Alison Stone has characters that are very interesting, however, I thought the pacing moved along rather slowly at first, but smoothly, yet the great story line kept me wanting to find out what would happen next, so I kept reading The villain was a surprise BUT the ending was a wonderful and sweet love story, filled with love, faith, hope, inspiration and courage I highly recommend this book to anyone liking good clean inspiring suspense novels.



