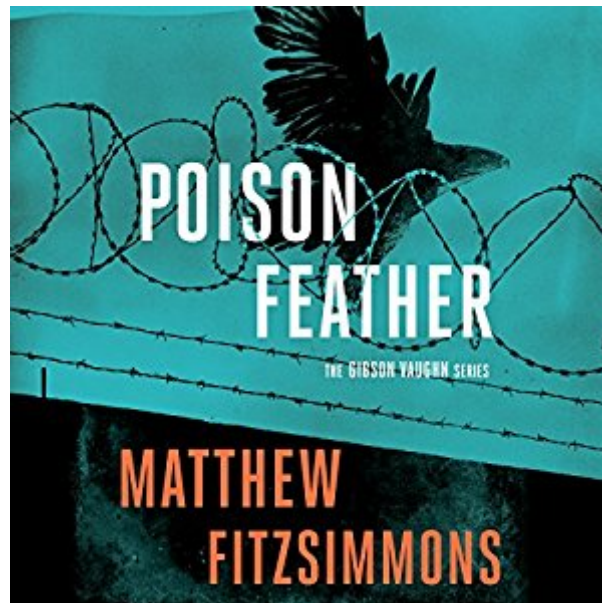


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Poisonfeather: The Gibson Vaughn Series, Book 2



Synopsis

Gibson Vaughn, hero of the bestselling novel *The Short Drop*, returns in a smoldering thriller. When jailed billionaire Charles Merrick hints publicly that he has stashed a fortune in an offshore cache, a school of sharks converges upon his release from federal prison. Among his swindled victims is Judge Hammond Birk, the man who saved Gibson Vaughn's life when he was a troubled teenager. Now Gibson intends to repay that debt by recovering Merrick's victims' money. But Gibson isn't the only one on the trail of the hidden fortune. The promise of billions has drawn a horde of ruthless treasure hunters, including an edgy ex-con, a female bartender with a mysterious history, a Chinese spy with a passion for fly-fishing, and a veritable army of hardened mercenaries. To stay ahead of the sharks and win justice for his mentor, Gibson will need all his formidable skills. But at the end of the road, he'll still have to face "Poisonfeather" - a geopolitical secret that just might get Gibson killed...or worse.

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Customer Reviews

I have the same critique many others do. This was 85% of a good book. Swiftly followed by 15% infuriating "now you gotta wait a year and buy my next book" garbage. *The Short Drop* was a great book, which I have recommended to MANY friends. It had some... Some questions at the end but it was plausible that those would be answered in *Poison Feather*. Well, they weren't and then you get the cliffhanger that comes off blatant and totally unsatisfying. This had potential and what I don't understand is that three more chapters could have done so much to avoid such an abrupt ending. It

ruined the book for me. I hate walking away from a book I thoroughly enjoyed 85% of being pissed off.

The book is well written and exciting but I felt cheated by the ending. There was no resolution and the main characters were left in limbo. The ending was just a come-on to buy the next book. In my view, books in a series should be complete novels connected by the main characters and a back story. This book didn't satisfy that criterion.

As others have noted, not as strong as the first in the series. I actually read "The Short Drop" twice. It was that good! And I've recommended it to many friends. But, while interesting, and yes, I'll keep reading the series, this one felt disjointed, rushed, and unfinished. Reading between the lines of the acknowledgements section at the end, it seems that Mr. FitzSimmons felt a bit rushed too. It shows.

I really enjoyed the first Gibson Vaughn book. It was clever and had lots of twists and completely kept my attention. A really great read. The second in the series isn't as good. The author mentioned he struggled with the pressure of a second book and it shows. This is entirely forgivable as an early author. Simply not finishing the book isn't forgivable, however! I find it disrespectful and will not be buying the next installment, if there is one. This is not how you create a loyal following, leaving them hanging without a resolution to the story, and then forcing people to buy the next book. Very disappointing!

Without warning, this book ended in a cliffhanger so that you would have to buy the next book to find out what happens to the characters and wait for six months for the book to be published. I hate such gimmicks!

Good story, but terrible way to end a book. There is no ending. There will probably never be an ending. The obvious intent is to involve the reader just enough to keep him buying books. This is like a soap opera where the last scene is the heroine bound to the tracks with the train coming. Waste of talent by the author, waste of time for the reader. Burn me once, shame on you. Burn me twice, shame on me. There won't be a third time.

I loved The Short Drop and eagerly waited for the next Gibson Vaughn book. I was lucky to win Poisonfeather in a Goodreads Giveaway! Once again, Gibson gets himself involved in a dangerous

situation, and there are plenty of bodies to prove it. A rich swindler is about to get out of prison. Lots of interested parties are waiting for him for very different reasons. Characterization is excellent, and dialogue riddled with wit and sarcasm makes the characters come alive. I adored Swonger! The storyline is interesting and the pacing was steady, but I didn't feel as much tension and anxiety as in the first book. There were some twists and turns involved, and then it was like hitting a brick wall. That was not cool. That abrupt ending was totally unexpected and not cool. Major major cliffhangers there and not cool. Book #3 is expected September 2017.

I like Matthew Fitzsimmons' style of writing and was ready to give Poison Feather a 4 or 5 but the ending was horrible. Kind of like saying "if you want to know what happens, you need to wait for and read the next book" Just feel cheated out of an ending. It is almost like the author just got tired of writing.

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