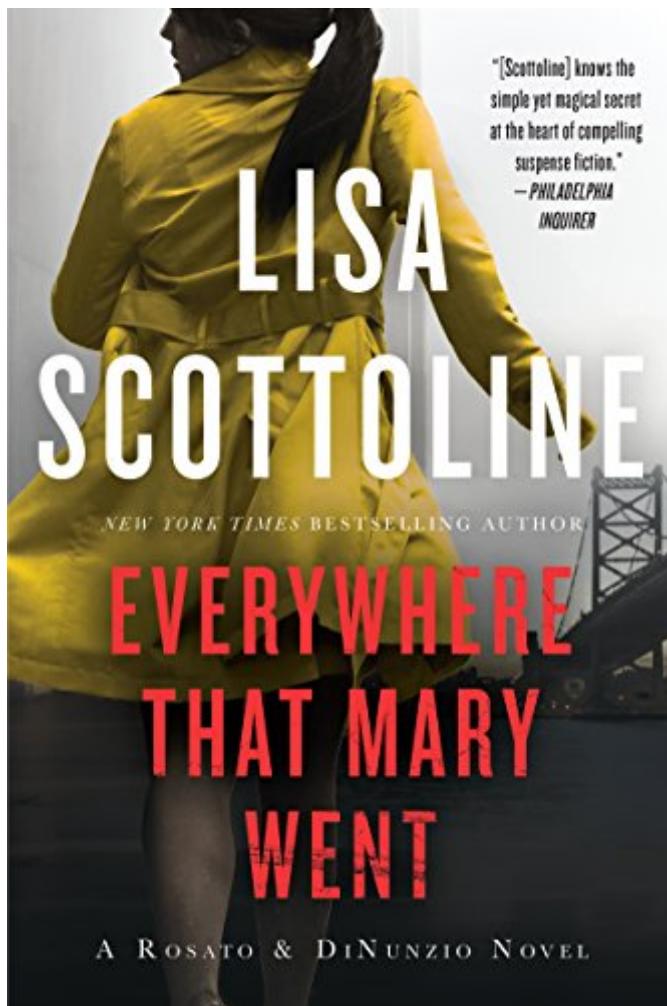


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Everywhere That Mary Went (Rosato & Associates Book 1)



Synopsis

Mary DiNunzio is trying to make partner in her cutthroat Philadelphia law firm. She's too busy to worry about the crank phone calls that she's been gettingâ "until they fall into a sinister pattern. Mary can't shake the sensation that someone is watching her. Following her every move. Then the shadowboxing turns deadly, and she has to fight for something a lot more important than a partnershipâ "her life.

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Customer Reviews

There were too many religious references, yet it was entertaining. The actions of the main character were, at times, unrealistic, yet it was entertaining. The climax was absurd, yet it was entertaining. So if you are in the mood for an entertaining diversion where you can suspend reality for a few hours, this book fits that bill. The book is far better than most brainless TV shows.

This is the first in the Rosoto and Associates series about an all woman's law firm. Each book

focuses on a different attorney in the firm. Great series.

In a high-powered Philadelphia law firm, Mary DiNunzio is working hard to earn a position as a partner. She has a lot to prove, to herself and to her family. But something is distracting her these days, threatening to derail her focus. First there were the oddly threatening notes, hang-ups on the phone, and then the feeling that someone is always following her. But who? And why? Mary hasn't felt like herself since the hit and run death of her husband Mike Lassiter a few months before. So is she imagining the menace that seems to be hovering over her? But her best friend and co-associate at the firm, Judy Carrier, does not think so. Between the two of them, they start to piece together the clues. And then a second hit and run death leads Mary and Judy to believe that there might be a connection between the "accidents." Everything ratchets up a few notches as various possible suspects come to mind. Could it be someone at the firm? A jealous associate? Or possibly a rejected suitor? Everywhere That Mary Went (Rosato & Associates Book 1) was a page-turning thriller that had me guessing until the very end. I trusted none of the possible suspects, but I was blindsided by the identity of the perpetrator. And in between the mysterious events, there was a lot of fun dialogue and charming episodes with Mary's Italian family. I have read and enjoyed other books in this series, but it was delightful to read this one that introduces the main characters. Four stars.

Some action inserted into this story didn't have much to do with the story line and almost skipped some pages. Also there was many religious parts. Mary DiNunzio trying to make partner, surrounded with loving family, friend and secretary. She misses her twin sister, who decided to become nun. Conversations between the two sisters about their life choices was the best part of this book. Somebody has been following her and sending notes, ending was shocking.

Lisa Scottoline's story is gripping and gives you clues but makes you doubt. The book kept you guessing until the "big revelation." Mary DiNuzio is a litigator on the fast track to partnership in a top law firm throwing herself into her work after her husband's unexpected death. She starts to get the feeling that someone is watching her. Mary starts getting notes and calls where no one speaks but is still on the phone. A suspicious car is also seen frequently as Mary goes around town. Eventually the police are called but they don't really believe her accusations. I really liked the way Brent, Mary's male secretary keeps her sane, safe, and on track to make partner. Mary's best friend, Judy, is also concerned about the calls, notes, and car following Mary. They work together to

figure out who is sending notes to Mary and following her around in car. There are glimpse of Mary twin sister, Angie, and her parents. When reviewing the next books, I was disappointed that I couldn't figure out if the strong story line continues or not.

It's clumsy, but it has good bones. A lot of threads left that look like they will be fleshed out as the series progresses such as the one unreeling for the main character's relationship with her twin sister. Mary DiNunzio, in this first book of the series, is not my cup of tea, but I will read the next one before deciding on whether to read more. There was too much stalking, not just from the criminal, but it seemed every male in the book, including the gay ones, loved her best over everyone else in their lives. Only the cat hates her. The plot is about there being a man who loves her insanely, and he is a scaring her with real threats to her life demonstrating a crazy mind at work. But many many other characters love her too very much over the top. Mary appears to be hard worker, but insecure and indecisive, clingy and seeking a male protector despite her distrust of men. She also has a female friend whom she loves, but she turns to males for solace and advice, ignoring her own inner voice as well as her female best friend. The plot matches Mary's supposed emotional life, which is uneven and doesn't quite make sense as a book. For someone making Partner in a top legal firm, Mary appears too dumb and too high school, not like a smart professional. Perhaps this is because the book is teetering into the Romance genre at many points instead of sticking to the path of legal thriller. I guess the next one might make it more clear who the intended audience is.

I have been reading and recommending Scottoline for a while now, both her standalone and series. Have enjoyed them all! Mary feels that someone is watching her and not in a good way. Her friends want her to call the police but she concerned about her position at the firm. Can you guess who it is? I couldn't. Loss, love, fear, friendship but standing up and being brave is important too.

I had read some other books in this series first and it is so good to go back to the beginning and meet the main characters I can identify with so many of Mary's struggles with losing loved ones, struggling with issues of religion, dealing with men who aren't as smart as she was but have the power. And I totally didn't figure out the villain until the author revealed him. Excellent read!

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