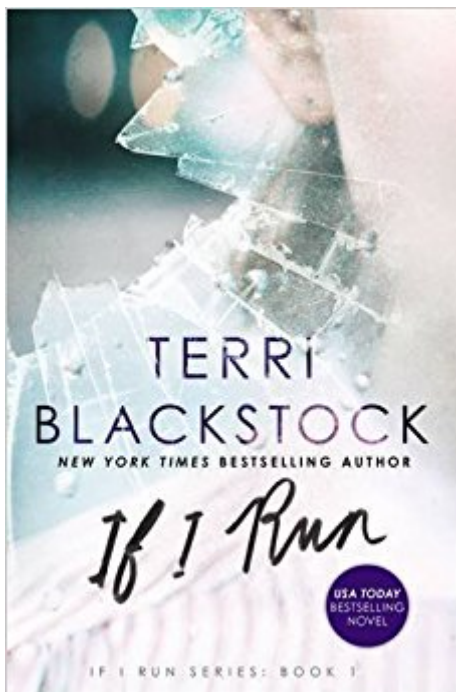


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## If I Run (If I Run Series)



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due to the first-person point of view. This never allows the reader to fully engage in the action. In addition, there is a far-fetched side storyline involving a missing girl that is just too contrived. Casey is an intriguing character, and further novels in the series may deepen and develop her into someone more believable.' (RT Book Reviews)

Terri Blackstock has sold over seven million books worldwide and is a *New York Times* and USA TODAY bestselling author. She is the award-winning author of *Intervention*, *Vicious Cycle*, and *Downfall*, as well as such series as *Cape Refuge*, *Newpointe 911*, the *SunCoast Chronicles*, and the *Restoration Series*. Visit her website at [www.terriblackstock.com](http://www.terriblackstock.com) Facebook: [tblackstock](https://www.facebook.com/tblackstock) Twitter: [@terriblackstock](https://twitter.com/terriblackstock)

I would recommend this book to every person who loves to read! From the first few lines on page number one it had me intrigued to a depth I can't explain and I could not put it down. I had to read more....more...more. Far into the night until I finished it and my curiosity was satisfied. Well, sorta, now I am awaiting for book two, the sequel, comes out and we can continue this story. ....write sister, write. This book is fiction but this story line is all too true in our society today. Corruption is around us everywhere and dishonesty and fraudulent conduct in high officials is the norm anymore. We live in a morally depraved world, and This book speaks volumes. Terri Blackstock has been among one of my favorite writers for years. Her ability to catapult you into a story is unmatched. She keeps me on the edge of my emotions. And I feel the anguish, distress, despair, intrigue, love and compassion for others that our characters feel as their lives unfold in this story. What makes a good story?.....when the readers can identify with the characters or storylines. This is a GOOD BOOK!! Bravo!! The best part is bring God into threads of this story. Where would we be in real life without him? He is not a fictional character He is alive and real and in control. I paid full price for this book and I wanted to tell you how good it is.

You don't trust law enforcement and haven't since you were 12. You never let go of your control. You have only one best friend...and he's dead. Your DNA is all over the scene. Do you stay and explain that you found him and hope they believe you or do you run? That's the question posed in *If I Run*. Casey can't trust the police because she suspects them in the cover-up of her father's death. To her she has no choice but to run. Dylan can't get a PD job because his PTSD is a red flag, but his best friend is dead and the parents hire him to track down the murderer and bring her to justice. Terri Blackstock does a wonderful job in bringing to life the anxiety of each character as one runs and the

other chases. As each layer is peeled away and as the truth becomes known Casey and Dylan both face indecision. I wished for more depth into the characters' emotional states at the beginning until I realized that they were slowly opening up. Casey is still in shock and that is made evident. Dylan is still struggling and his reserved nature is shown. The character development is slow and progressing which makes it believable. Writing first person, present tense is difficult. Blackstock uses it well; and her style and language engaged me from the first page to the last. There were no convenient ending or unrealistic romance (hinted that it may be later, but none at all in the first book). Each chapter and scene was realistic. Although I found two inconsistencies within the novel, the merit of *If I Run* outweighed those two minor weaknesses. With such a strong story in this first novel I am ready to read the next book. Terri Blackstock set the bar high for all Christian suspense.

*IF I RUN* is the newest novel from author Terri Blackstock. It is a suspenseful book. I usually love this author's books, but this one was very hard for me to really get into as it was written in the first person from the (female) main characters point of view but it was also written in the first person by the other (male) characters point of view, and it was very confusing. The chapters alternated between the two characters first person narration, but I kept losing track over which first person point of view was now telling the story. The author does a great job in character development and I loved the main characters. I was very dissatisfied with the end of the book. It just was sudden, and leaves the reader kind of hanging with a lot of questions. I received a copy of this book in exchange for my honest review.

Terri Blackstock is an excellent writer. I have read all of her books but if I had known that the story line wouldn't be resolved until a second book was released I wouldn't have made the purchase now. If I had read the reviews before starting this book I would have waited until the release of Book 2 to read it. I was totally invested in the characters, both good and evil, and the plot. When I reached the end of the book and realized that I would have to wait until 2017 for a resolution I was angry. I was sucker punched! This isn't anyway to treat loyal readers. I would encourage anyone who is on the fence about purchasing this book to wait until Book 2 comes out in 2017 and read the books back to back. **BADLY DONE ZONDERVAN! VERY BADLY DONE!**

My own fault: I didn't read the reviews before purchasing this book on Kindle Special. I never start a series that doesn't allow each book its own resolution. I am not a fan of first person point of view, but given the nature of this plot it works. All in all, it's okay, but unresolved books in a series always

seem a ploy to sell more books. There are lots of good series that don't need to resort to this technique--and i still purchase the subsequent ones because the characters warrant it. I really resent being "forced" to do so just to see how the author resolves the plot.

I choose a 5 star rating for this book because it truly deserves 10 stars!! Casey is a strong young lady, who has had to live with emotional torment for years. She questions if there is really a loving God, and finds her answer as she's running for her life....Dylan, a man who has returned from war, with PTSD, is fighting his own battles, but, with God's help. Dylan is hired to find Casey and bring her back to face charges for which she is innocent of. As Dylan is looking for clues to find Casey his instinct tells him she is being framed and that she is in danger. I'm not telling you anymore about this book because I don't want to ruin it for you. Trust me, you'll love it!! Terri Blackstock delivers another edge of your seat suspense filled story!!

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