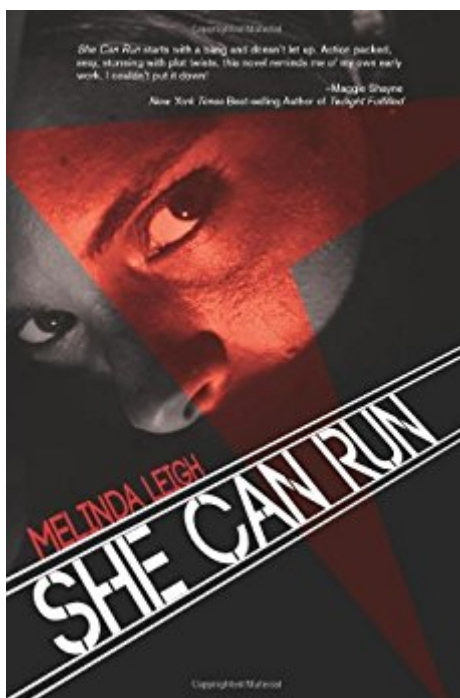


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Synopsis

Elizabeth was a young widow with two small children when she met Congressman Richard Baker. Handsome and wealthy, with a sparkling public image, Richard seemed like the perfect man to provide the security that Beth and her kids were craving. But when she uncovers a dangerous secret about her new husband, Beth realizes he will go to any lengths—even murder—to keep it. After barely escaping with her life, she and her children flee. They eventually make their way to a secluded estate in the Pennsylvania countryside, where Beth dares to hope she has found a safe place at last... Forced into retirement by an unexpected injury, Philadelphia homicide detective Jack O'Malley is mourning the loss of his career when his uncle abruptly dies, leaving Jack to dispose of his crumbling country house. Unbeknownst to him, his uncle engaged a caretaker just before his death, a mysterious woman with two children and a beautiful face that haunts his dreams. Determined to know her, Jack begins an investigation into Beth's past. When he uncovers the shocking truth, and a local woman is viciously murdered, Jack puts his own life on the line to keep Beth and her children safe. A 2012 International Thriller Award nominee for Best First Novel, *She Can Run* is a sexy, satisfying debut from award-winning author Melinda Leigh, packed with enough suspense and romance to get even the tamest heart racing!

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This is the second book of this series I have read. Ms Leigh writes a compelling and stirring story and I have very much enjoyed her books. Plan to purchase the next one!

This is the very first book I've read by Melinda Leigh and I'm going to practice the second book in the series . She writes very similar to Kendra Elliott who is also an excellent author . The twists and turns of this book really had you going but I will say that I did guess who done it can you ?

This book had me guessing for on the beginning. Just when I thought I had it figured out, the author threw another twist. Heart-stopping and thrilling book!

Being a fan of thrillers and romance, I decided to buy "She Can Run". The cover is intriguingly designed, looking almost like a film poster. It perfectly conveys the emotional nature of the novel's protagonist, Elizabeth Baker. She's a single parent with two children who is on the run. For several years, Beth--as she's almost always referred to--was forced to live in fear of her shadow. Her husband, a dirty stuck-up politician, has been looking for her all this time. While the public believes Congressman Richard Baker is concerned for the welfare of Beth, his true motives are to find and kill her. Beth holds a secret that Richard must protect to have a shot at being elected President. Beth eventually ventures to a Pennsylvania estate whose owner died recently. The owner's nephew, former cop Jack O'Malley, takes Beth and her kids into his care, and with time he grows to care for them...and even fall in love. I find Jack a very well-created and solid character. He has the professionalism of a detective and the raging hormones of a teenager. Jack's constantly imagining Beth in lingerie (and less), but that doesn't mean he doesn't care about her as a person. Jack slowly falls in love with her. His fantasies are understandable and not perverted, as Jack's been a cop for

decades and has never had a serious relationship due to the job demands. Elizabeth is neither a damsel in distress nor as strong as Lizzy Gardner of "Abducted", and that's okay. Beth, like everyone, has her own unique personality. At the top of her priorities are her children, and she's willing to go far to protect them. Her hiding acts are not cowardice; she just has no choice. It's her word against that of a prominent politician (I know, it sucks). I think her underdog position, vulnerability, and charm makes the reader root for Beth. She also has emotional baggage, but lets go of it by the end of the book. Overall, and with her suggested girl-next-door beauty, Beth is a woman any man like Jack would be willing to protect with his life. The novel's plot was well constructed, except perhaps for the last 10 percent or so. The ending is a bit rushed, but I won't spoil it. I just feel there was so much buildup for such an unceremonious climax. It just was too easy. Another minor annoyance is the author's use of similar names: Beth and Ben (Beth's son); Jack, Jeff, and James; O'Malley and O'Connell, Wes and Will. The English language has a lot of names, even for a novel set in a pint-sized town where everyone knows each other. Don't let the minor annoyances scare you. This novel is a remarkable debut. If you like thrillers and romance, you won't regret buying "She Can Run". I highly recommend it.

I bought the whole series at once. Melinda Leigh never fails to keep you on the edge of your seat and keep your pages turning till late in the night. I recommend buying the entire series.

I really enjoyed this book. It was well written and the characters were developed. My only complaint is that sometimes the sex is a little too much and it becomes distracting.

After Elizabeth Baker unknowingly stumbles on to her politician husband's secret, she barely escapes with her life. Ten months later, on the run with her two children (Ben & Katie) she lands a job as caretaker to a large estate. Jack O'Malley is her new boss and an ex-homicide detective who is nursing a leg injury. He senses Beth is hiding something and wants nothing more than to help and protect her and her kids. However, there is another threat to Beth that nobody sees coming. A sadistic serial killer has her in his sights and ultimately it will be up to Jack to save the woman he loves before she becomes the next victim. This story started out really intense and though Beth wasn't a favorite, there were so many other characters that I loved. Then there was Henry, the German Shepherd K-9 reject who stole my heart. Jack was a wonderful hero who at 48 was a bit older, great with the kids and always there when needed. It was obvious to me that he loved Beth with all his heart and was completely devoted to his new family. The romance and suspense were

well written although the senator's secret as well as the killer's identity came as no surprise. Still, I found this book hard to put down and I look forward to reading the next in this series soon!

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