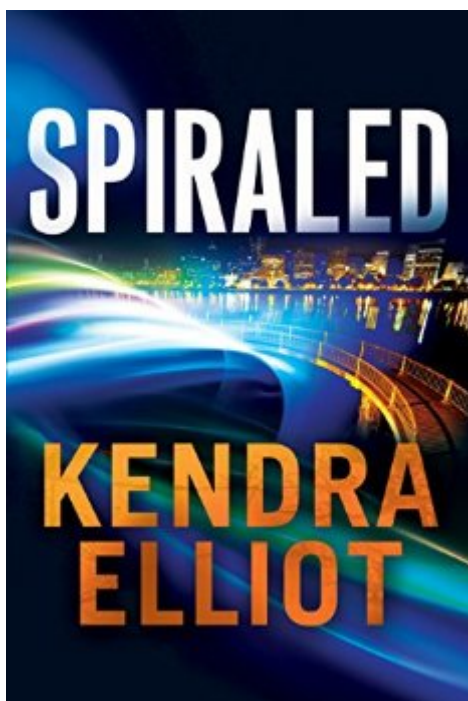


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## Spiraled (Callahan & McLane Book 3)



## Synopsis

A Wall Street Journal bestseller and Daphne du Maurier Award winner. FBI Special Agent Ava McLane solves crimes; she doesn't witness them. When she's trapped in a mall without her weapon as a shooter picks off victims, she hides with a wounded teen and prays for her survival. But that's only the beginning. An epidemic of mass shootings has swept across Oregon. The young shooters terrify the public, committing random murders before taking their own lives. The task force assembled to solve the case—which includes Ava's boyfriend, detective Mason Callahan—remains stumped. And on top of this chaos, Ava's troubled twin sister reappears, throwing Ava's already-tumultuous life into a tailspin. An old-fashioned cop with a strong sense of duty, Mason struggles to find the cause of the shootings as workaholic Ava spins ever closer to breaking down. But can one detective save the lives of countless innocents and prevent the woman he loves from going over the edge?

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## Customer Reviews

The mystery thriller comes to life in SPIRALED as Elliot's female protagonist FBI Agent Ava McLane leaves her yoga lesson and walks into the sights of a shooter. Her teen age friend is

wounded and Ava manages to drag the teen into hiding hoping the shooter doesn't find them. The pace of Kendra Elliot's novel never slows down. Ava knows the shooter is going to strike again. Elliot introduces Mason Callahan, who is an Oregon State Police detective. Elliot provides her readers with both Ava and Mason's backstory, bringing readers up to date and continues to develop each character as her story proceeds. Readers are provided with details of the antagonist but don't get to put a name to who he is until the very end of this action filled thriller. SPIRALED's plot develops and as supporting characters enter the storyline, Elliot adds some twists and turns leading to subplots focusing on events in Ava's personal life. Elliot brings Ava's realization she has to learn how embrace her sister Jayne, and help her because she is family. Readers experience Mason's feelings as he steps forward to support Ava. The author shows interaction between Ava and Mason that will take readers' breath away, and the development of the interaction between Ava and Mason helps readers to embrace them. Mason expresses his commitment to Ava that he will stand by her regardless of how events might be frustrating or heart wrenching. Readers see how Ava finds the strength to work the case and use her instincts to survive both personally and professionally. Elliot continues to keep speeding up the momentum of SPIRALED keeping reader on edge the entire story as the task force makes a shocking discovery.

As a voracious reader, I thrive on simple, charming and mushy romances and I feed off of convoluted, crazy and evil mind gamed characters created by authors. Both require hard work, immense passion for their characters and getting into the minds of their characters to give them individuality and depth. Book 3 of the Callahan/McLane series, "œSpiraled" literally takes the readers down a twisted path of a guy hell bent on creating havoc and targeting law personnel and on the other end of the spectrum, a mentally unstable sister makes Ava McLane wonder if she can ever be sane around her. And in all this mayhem, Special Agent Mason Callahan questions his stance beside Ava and is he prepared to put a ring on her finger? As the OSO and FBI try to get to the bottom of mass shootings in public areas by young adults, Ava has her own demons to fight as her sister makes an appearance in her life. She questions her support for her sister, her love/hate relationship with her and the guilt she feels for dragging Mason into her spiraling life. And the question remains if Ava can survive the emotional upheaval of her sister, even as she struggles to keep death away from her. "œSpiraled" is just not about a demented guy wanting revenge; it is so much more about the progress of the relationship between Mason and Ava. They may face danger every day in their job, but their personal space is equally affected by their jobs. Kendra does an awesome job of showing the progress of their relationship from their first case to now. The trust and

love, the companionship and support, the maturity and understanding of each other, is what makes them stand apart and be able to handle the fears and insecurities in their lives.

SPOILER ALERTS! I really liked the first 2 books and was excited about the 3rd. Now I am thinking Kendra Elliot has run out of ideas. The twist behind the crime was no twist at all. If you really read in detail it was out about a 1/4 way in. The bad guy could have had way more interesting story to his character. But it wasn't developed. It just gave us highlights with some fluff. Very disappointed. You didn't really know why his dad was actually put in jail for. Yes. Basic charges but come on, 10 years for what? There were no flashbacks to his dad's character and then it just skipped over, developing the mom's character. She went from door mat to bitch in 30 seconds. Why the intense treatment? The actual crime of killing the patsey's was never explained. You could guess that it was part of the shock video plan and they were supposed to look like they killed themselves but it was still murky. What happened at the end of their lives? Why would they hold a gun in their mouths? Did they think it was blanks and someone was watching? Well, ummmm there was no one else in the bathrooms to watch. No watchers no shockers. A good twisty explanation would have been welcomed. And trying to gloss over why none of them bolted when they heard gunfire by saying it was fireworks? Really? And Ava being the victim again! BORING and predictable!!!!!! She is supposed to be a bad ass. Why is she the victim again? And she would never have shown up at the Starbucks after it was busted. Come on! It gives no credibility to her character. She was the victim last time. You have lots of characters. Pick a new victim or make one up. Jayne trying to kill herself! BORING!!!!!! So, so tired of that storyline. Either develop it and do something once and for all or put it on the far far far back burner.

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