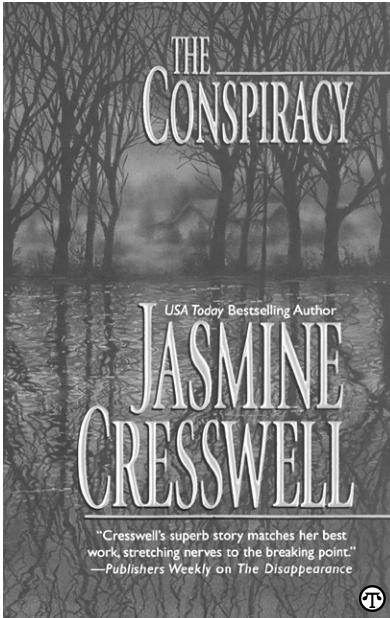


Escape Reading

The Conspiracy

(NAPSA)—Amidst a background of international terrorism, two government agents search for a mole and find each other in *The Conspiracy* (MIRA Books, \$6.50) from bestselling author Jasmine Cresswell.



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Once a top State Department analyst, recently widowed Verity Marlowe must climb out of the vodka bottle to attack a high-stakes political assignment. Making the situation more unsettling is the reemergence of Michael Straight, a CIA counter-terrorism agent who has spent eight months in Kashmir trying to get Verity—his best friend's wife—out of his mind.

The two are now forced to work together as Verity sorts through an intricate puzzle of intrigue and deception. Compounding the tension is the disturbing possibility of betrayal at the highest government level. Is there a traitor at State? If so, then in whom can she confide? Her boss? Her co-workers? Or the person she thought was a businessman, who is now ordering top-ranking government agents around? Meanwhile, Michael has made it his mission to ferret out the traitor.

The fate of nations, the security of the country, the lives of hundreds and millions of dollars hang in the balance as the two grapple with an exhaustive political challenge and each other.

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