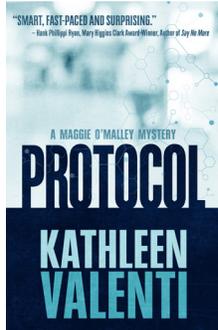




PROTOCOL

A Maggie O'Malley Mystery | Kathleen Valenti



Freshly minted college graduate Maggie O'Malley embarks on a career fueled by professional ambition and a desire to escape the past. She's determined to save lives from the shelter of her lab. But on her very first day reminders appear on her phone for meetings she's never scheduled with people she's never met. People who end up dead. With help from her best friend, Maggie soon unearths a treacherous plot that threatens her mission—and her life. Maggie must unlock deadly secrets to stop horrific abuses of power before death comes calling for her.

Author Bio:

When Kathleen Valenti isn't writing page-turning mysteries that combine humor and suspense, she works as a nationally award-winning advertising copywriter. *Protocol* is her debut novel and the first of the Maggie O'Malley mystery series. Kathleen lives in Oregon with her family where she pretends to enjoy running.

The Maggie O'Malley Mystery Series:

PROTOCOL (#1)

Author Appearance Opportunities:

- Skype or FaceTime
- Conference Call
- Facebook Live
- In-Person

Kathleen will happily attend in person if it fits these travel parameters:

In the Central Oregon area, weather permitting.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Have you ever had a strange technology experience? For example, have you received a nerve-jangling text from a wrong number, stumbled across a full memory card in a used digital camera you purchased, etc.?
2. Have you taken a job, then had misgivings after you started? Were your instincts right? What did you do?
3. What was your worst first week on the job or experience being the new girl/guy?
4. Maggie doesn't begin investigating right away. What finally made her dive in? What took her so long?
5. Maggie makes friends and enemies at work. Which become more important as the book evolves?
6. Workplace harassment is in the spotlight these days. Do you think Rxcellance would have responded differently to Maggie's complaints about Miles if Miles hadn't been the boss' son?
7. Which relationships change the most in the book? Are these changes caused by external forces, character growth or both?
8. What are your feelings about Ethan by the end of the book?
9. Did you learn anything about how drugs are brought to market? If so, what did you find surprising?
10. How central are pharmaceuticals in healthcare advancements? How about healthcare costs?
11. Which character would you most like to have over for dinner? Why?
12. What is the theme of this book?
13. Has this book changed your perception about anything?
14. If this book were a movie, who would play Maggie? How about Constantine? Ethan, Miles and James Montgomery?
15. What do you hope is next for Maggie? Constantine?



PAIRING MENU

Veggie Pizza
Craft Beer Tasting Trio
Cannoli

GOODIES & SWAG

The author has oodles of *Protocol* pens that look like syringes and a limited number of book bags with Maggie O'Malley Mysteries printed on them.

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TOP CRITICAL REVIEWS

"A page-turner! Smart, fast-paced and surprising." – Hank Phillippi Ryan, Mary Higgins Clark Award-Winner, Author of *Say No More*

"Medicine and murder come together in Kathleen Valenti's page-turning debut, *Protocol*, a twisty and breathless exploration of big Pharma and the drugs that can both save...and kill. This one will have you up all night following Maggie O'Malley on her search for the truth." – Maggie Barbieri, Author of the Murder 101 Mystery Series

"Gutsy and loyal, Maggie O'Malley finds herself plunged into the corrupt and chilling world of big pharmaceuticals where trusting the wrong person could prove as deadly as an experimental drug side effect. With a page-turner debut like *Protocol*, I can't wait to see what Valenti cooks up for us next!" – Annette Dashofy, *USA Today* Bestselling author of the Zoe Chambers Mysteries

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