



Final Betrayal
A Novel of Suspense by Elaine Taylor

Lust. Murder. Betrayal. (With a Texas twang.)

Someone has secretly videotaped Catherine Calabretta's most private moments. Her married lover is murdered and an unidentified informant convinces the cops Catherine is the perp. With intimate videos showing up all over town, Catherine's personal life becomes front page news as she struggles to find the real killer before the law rolls her up and puts her away.

"Of the two genders, women have a greater ability to experience sexual pleasure. But as the bookies will tell you, without the right jockey, even a triple crown winner is nothing but a nice looking horse." Much to her surprise, that was the hokey come-on line that intrigued Catherine on the day she met Stephen Forsster, investment banker and self-described sexual connoisseur.

Final Betrayal (ibooks, December 7, 2005) is ... "a sexy, sassy and fast-paced ride. Catherine Calabretta has it in spades. Bleeding edge computer security, clout and a down-home attitude; but she never reckons on murder." **Cara Black, author of the bestselling, *Murder in the Marais* and the *Aimee Leduc* series**

Catherine Calabretta, CEO of Emerging Technologies Consulting (ETC), a San Francisco-based computer security firm, is crowned "Guardian of Privacy" in a Business World cover story. Subsequently, she undergoes a personal make-over to transform herself from a nerdy "breed that woofs, to one that purrs" ... and comes face-to-face with the bleakness of her personal life. Two failed marriages and limited dalliances with the opposite sex have convinced her fornication is like playing the slots in Vegas: "You keep plugging those coins, feeling your pulse dart with eager anticipation when a two-dollar hit starts plinking those eight piddly quarters into the tray, knowing in your gut there's gotta be a bigger pay-off." So it seems logical she should accept Stephen's challenge to engage in "Sex Ed 301", never for a moment imagining an innocuous seduction will end with her the primary suspect in his murder.

Faster than the dot-com era went bust, Catherine goes from America's "Guardian of Privacy" to tabloid headlines. An SFPD Homicide Inspector plows through her private life like a roto-tiller through a fertile field. An unidentified informant drip-feeds incriminating phony evidence to the cops. Videos of Catherine's most intimate moments are selectively distributed to the people she least wants to see them. And Catherine realizes it's up to her to find Stephen's killer before the law rolls her up and puts her away.

Following trails of data – accessed legally or otherwise – Catherine realizes she was naïve to believe Stephen's carnal escapades were confined to the "missionary position" end of the sexual preferences spectrum. She discovers there are a lot of people – including his widow, a former business associate, and a socialite playmate with a penchant for sex play with minors – who won't devote a lot of time to grieving Stephen's death.

With the help of a computer hacker and a bitter, paraplegic ex-cop with a death wish, Catherine navigates a web of suspense and plays hardball with a killer who's determined to destroy her life.

You'll find FINAL BETRAYAL a great read if you like the action fast and tense, and the sex as steamy as an Amsterdam whorehouse. With Elaine Taylor, the world of fiction has a rising new star. Rate this one R and give it two thumbs up. **James N. Frey, author of *How to Write a Damn Good Novel series*.**



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