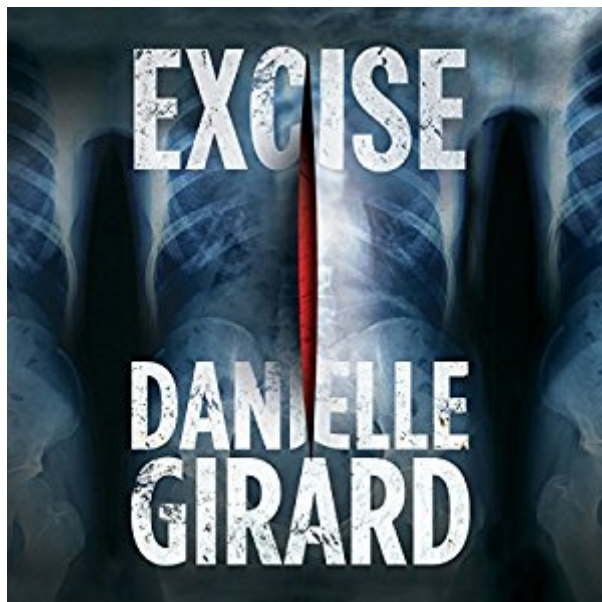


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## Excise: Dr. Schwartzman, Book 2



## Synopsis

Medical examiner Dr. Annabelle Schwartzman was not meant to be idle, which is why she's back at a murder scene even while reeling from recent chemotherapy treatments. Having undergone a double mastectomy, all she wants to do is dive back into her medical examiner job. It's a gruesome world, yet Schwartzman takes comfort in its science and precision. But the crime she's dealing with brings her right back to the cancer ward: the victim is her own oncologist, dead from ingesting the very chemical used to fight her disease. Now, Schwartzman and homicide inspector Hal Harris must figure out why and stop the culprit before he can act again. For Schwartzman, the case becomes even more personal. Her abusive ex, Spencer, who's in prison and seemingly out of the picture, is never far from Annabelle's mind. But to solve the mystery behind the death of the doctor who saved her life, she's got to put aside everything else.

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## Customer Reviews

I didn't read Book 1 but happened upon Book 2 and I'm so glad I did. Very good story, weaves the suspense through the story, lots of complex emotions as well as surprises. Looking forward to Book 3.

Phew! Excise is the second book in the Dr. Schwartzman series and as powerfully intense as the first novel. Annabelle Schwartzman, recovering from a double mastectomy and now undergoing chemotherapy, pulls herself to work dealing with the nausea and other body "adjustments" to the

chemo. As usual, she simply cannot be the medical examiner and leave the solving of murders to the homicide detectives. Thus she quickly is embroiled in a confusing homicide that turns into several murders probably from the same person. Meanwhile, Spencer, in jail awaiting trial for at least two murders, continues to entrap others in his desire to keep hold of his "Belle." Superb writing, strong police procedural, spot-on descriptors of people on the edge, and gripping suspense led me on a convoluted and entirely absorbing read.

Dr. Annabelle Schwartzman wants to keep busy while she undergoes chemotherapy treatments and recovers from her double mastectomy so she continues her work as a medical examiner. When she arrives at a crime scene she is shocked to learn the murder victim was her surgical oncologist. With her friend and homicide inspector, Hal Harris, on the case, it becomes apparent that the list of suspects is very long. And despite her abusive soon to be ex-husband in prison, Annabelle can't help but wonder if Spencer had something to do with the murder. This is a really solid mystery with two characters, Schwartzman and Hal, that are so easy to root for in the book. What I liked most was there were a few interesting storylines going on, the crimes that were occurring in San Francisco, Schwartzman fighting through the effects of her chemo and how it affected her job, and things that happened in the past with Schwartzman and her ex. I haven't read the first book in the series and although doing so would have added more context to this book, I still think this book can be easily read as a standalone novel. Highly recommend to anyone who likes a good mystery with a strong female character. I received a free ebook from Publishing but was under no obligation to post a review. All views expressed are my honest opinions.

ARC - I voluntarily offered to review this book with no obligations and my opinions are honest! Annabelle is still going thru chemotherapy, but she won't let it stop her from doing her job. Her first case is already a puzzle. A surgeon ingested a toxin, but that is not what killed him. Dr Todd Posner was not a very liked man. As Annabelle + Hal trying to find the killer. The list of suspect just keep increasing every day. People just did not like him. This is a new author for me, but I do like her storytelling. The book grabbed me from the beginning. I can't wait to read the next book in the series.

Five stars for this book! I loved the first book in the series and this is just as good. I so want to get my hands on Schwartzman's ex-husband Spencer and %&fâ ã Å(ãfâ ã Å% him myself. Besides the breast cancer treatment there is also a new case on Schwartzman's table and she just

know's that this has something to do with Spencer. She fears that he finds a way out of jail and that he will come for her. And given everything she did in "Exhume", chances are that Spencer might pull it off and get free. This is a fast paced story and once started, it's hard to put the book down. I can't wait to read more about Annabelle Schwartzman and see where the story takes her and if she find a solution to her Spencer problem. I chose to read this book and all opinions in this review are my own and completely unbiased. Thanks to NetGalley and Thomas & Mercer!

I have read Danielle Girard's books for years and all of them are great! This is the second in the Dr. Schwartzman series and although it kept me reading it was a bit slow . I loved the first book in the series but this one lacked the thrills of the first book. I am hoping the 3rd and maybe finale to this series with be much better. The reasons for the killings were a bit strange and way to unbelievable. I love the characters of Anna and Hal and absolutely love reading about them . I do look forward to the next book because I have to find out if Anna and Spencer meet again!

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