

TICK TOCK

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Attorney Spiegel Cullen gets a new case and she cannot make up her mind immediately about whether to take it up or not. The reason is not just because the case seemed to be just an "open and shut" one, with the client's role in the crime obvious, but also because Breanna Jordan, the younger sister of her ex-lover, James is the accused. It does not help matters that Spiegel thinks that Breanna is capable of murder and, to complicate matters further, she realizes that she still loves James. However, her sense of duty prevails and she takes up the case. But can she prove her client is not guilty? And can she get over her infatuation for James and get her own life in order?

Breanna is accused of the murder of her ex-boyfriend. Did she do it? Or is it a crime committed unintentionally? Or is a 'pre menstrual syndrome' (PMS) crime?

"Tick Tock" never gives the impression that it is a debut novel. The scenes are well constructed and executed, the characters are lifelike, and the climax is among the best in recent times. With enough legal jargon employed, though in such a manner that no one would find it tedious, the work succeeds in creating a realistic atmosphere. Conspiracy, betrayal, romance and passion find a place in this tale. The fast paced courtroom drama leaves one asking for more. Gail Ramsey's novel is sure to please both the discerning critic as well as the casual reader.

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