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Paroled on a murder conviction, Jesse Damon shows up at a funeral home to pay his last respects to his foster mother. He quickly finds out she was murdered, and he's the prime suspect.

Jesse Damon has spent most of the last twenty years in prison on a murder conviction. Now paroled, he's trying to beat the odds and stay out of prison with a pair of overactive cops watching him for mistakes. He's got a one-room apartment, a job working the overnight shift at a factory, and some-times girlfriend Kelly. If he can just stay out of trouble, he may even be able to join the union.

But when he pays his last respects to Mrs. Coleman, his foster mother, he finds out that her death is being investigated as a homicide. And he's the prime suspect.

Jesse's life is getting complicated fast, what with a group of religious fanatics in saffron robes opening a tabernacle in the abandoned pizza parlor over his apartment, problems at work, and Kelly's custody battle with her ex. It's a lot to deal with while he tries to find out who really killed Mrs. Coleman and get the cops off his back.

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Jessyca Garcia says

Fostering Death by K.M. Rockwood is an easy read. The story follows Jesse Damon, a parolee with really bad luck. Being a criminal Jesse is always a suspect so when his foster mother is murdered of course he is suspected.

I did enjoy this story. I never read the first book that Jesse was in so I felt I was missing parts of his story. The book does evidently explain Jesse's story and tell why he was in prison, but it does not really stand out to well. I also felt the character of Jesse was too naive and seemed to have the worst luck possible. Of course that could be the way he is supposed to be and could be why he was in prison. Everything comes together rather quickly in the last chapter I actually had to reread it to make sure I understood what actually happened. Overall I did like the book and would read more of Rockwood's work.

*I was given a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Renee Collins says

Excellent book. Good story line and fully developed characters. Jesse has been through a lot...and now faces another crisis. I throughly enjoyed this book. The author really draws you in to the feelings and experiences of Jesse. I highly recommend it to others.

Lhenry says

This is five stars for me just because I love the hero, Jesse Damon so much. I enjoyed every minute of the book, even when I was saying, "no Jesse, don't help that helpless old man, it will backfire on you!" Jesse's goal in life is to not go back to prison, but his kind heart and strong conscience is always prompting him to do things that are kind but bound to be misinterpreted seeing as Jesse is a covicted murderer. And he is willing to step up and defend himself too, not always a good idea for him either.

More great characters inhabit this story, including Kelly, Jesse's sort of girl friend who's got a surprising secret; Isaac, the member of the church of the "inaccurate conception", and surprisingly, an almost decent cop named Montgomery. If you're looking for a whodunit or romantic suspense, this will probably not be your first choice, but for an exciting, heartwarming but not sappy story, with a good dose of subtle humor it's a good bet. Hope KM Rockwood keeps up this series!

Patricia says

I enjoyed reading FOSTERING DEATH which is a short crime novel. The main character, Jesse Damon, has been paroled for a murder conviction after serving 20 years. Although Jesse never actually killed anyone, he was arrested at age 16. Now on probation, the cops suspect Jesse of murdering his foster mother. There is quite a colorful array of characters included in this novel. After a lifetime of unbelievable bad luck, I felt

quite sorry for Jesse who turned out to be a very likable guy. I look forward to reading more exploits of Jesse Damon. Kudos to K. M. Rockwell!

Sandy Pipp says

Jesse had a lot of over come and a many things deal. But he did great job for what he was dealing with .

Jen says

I received Fostering Death in a Goodreads giveaway and was pleasantly surprised by the book. I am usually not one for Crime Novels, but wanted to give this one a chance and now I want to go back and read the rest of this series. Jesse Damon was an interesting character who kept finding himself in trouble even though he didn't do anything. This was a touching story and I look forward to seeing what else Jesse Damon stumbles across.

Gloria Zak says

I had received this book as a giveaway, it was actually a bonus book. Thank you KM Rockwood and MUSA Publishing.

The second Jesse Damon book, Fostering Death, was the bonus book. It is an easy read, one that I put aside for a while and then picked up again. I just have a problem believing the situation as outlined in these books. It is difficult for me to believe that a parolee could be constantly harassed as it is described in the book, including regular beatings. Is this possibly true? Is our criminal system and law enforcement so bad?

Jesse is a likeable person, who wants so badly to put prison behind him. Yet he still goes to great lengths to get himself into trouble, going where he was cautioned not to go, hanging with a woman who is constantly drinking, getting into fights.

He shows his sensitive side with the kids of a woman he is seeing; by taking a cat into his home, trying to give advice to others

You want to route for Jesse but after a while, it is just too ridiculous. Sorry, I am just not a fan of this series

Tess Olson says

I received this book as an extra gift from Goodreads Giveaways and the author. It was a surprise addition to the 5th book in the series, which I won.

This was a good intro into Jesse Damon, as I have not read the first book in the series. It can be read as a stand alone. Rockwood does a nice job of weaving in the back story from book one. It was a quick read with fairly well developed characters and an intriguing plot. I was a bit put off by all of the scrapes Jesse gets in due to his poor choices, despite his internal dialogue of 'don't do it.' These choices always catch the interest of the police. This cycle is presented numerous times. Overall, an okay read. I have book five next on my Giveaway reads list.

June says

This story was touching and at times I had to put the book down. Jesse Damon spent twenty years in prison for a murder he didn't commit. He is trying to make something of his life now, but things are happening around him that makes it almost impossible. For someone to have all these things against him, he has compassion and a spirit to help others.

Barbara Rathbun says

Not badly written, but formulaic. I didn't both finishing it. Too bad--I was looking forward to a new series, but this isn't it.

Shalini Ayre says

Hounded out of the funeral home after trying to pay his last respects to his foster mother, Jesse is devastated at her passing and not being able to explain that he didn't actually commit any crime that sent him to prison for nearly twenty years. He heads home fighting back tears only to be confronted by detectives Belkins and Montgomery.

The epitome of good cop/bad cop, Jesse knows the routine when stopped by them or any law enforcement officer; turn and face the wall, hide the wince as the handcuffs are clamped tightly around his wrists, wait to be frisked. And then answer the relentless questions, knowing the answers given won't be heard let alone believed.

From the questions and the error of not keeping his mouth shut, Jesse learns that his foster mother may have been murdered and he's the prime suspect. Disbelief that someone could have killed a woman dedicated to looking after 'lost' children, Jesse tries not get involved. The only problem is that someone wearing the same black and red plaid jacket was seen in the neighborhood of his foster parents. So naturally he's a suspect.

With only a few days to go before his probation is up at work which means he's with the union and has health insurance, Jesse needs to keep his head down. Unfortunately, with drug induced Aaron popping up where he lives making trouble, the odd goings on with the newly opened Tabernacle and its cat goddess plus his possible girlfriend a drunk and overreacting to a change in work procedures, Jesse is itching to 'investigate' the death but can he do so with out misfortune getting in the way?

Continuing on from Steeled For Murder, Jesse is still struggling with getting back on track. With detectives determined to find him guilty of something and the threat of going back to being monitored, he is even more

on tenterhooks about what he does and where he goes. The main characters are met again - Kelly, Aaron - as well as a few new ones such as Issac. Convinced he's a target, the likable convict finds himself tangled in web of mistrust, bad judgement and misunderstanding.

Another brilliant, gripping outing for Jesse. It's a fairly quick read but so absorbing and delivers a punch. I found myself wishing Jesse could catch a break. Despite staying out of trouble somehow it finds him; he has essentially a good heart and looks out for other people, even if it may mean getting into trouble himself. A riveting, engaging crime novel with a surprising ending. A highly recommended read.

I received a complimentary copy of this book from the author to review. The opinions expressed are my own and I am not required to give a positive critique.

M. says

Good series and an intriguing read.

Tena says

FOSTERING DEATH is a very good short (but not short on style) crime novel. ** I won this in a GOODREADS giveaway!

Liz Elfring says

Love the characters, well thought out plot, and execution of details. The story reminds us how difficult it is for people on parole to stay out of trouble, even if they are not looking for it.

Written with compassion for a character that usually doesn't get much except grief from the world. The story flowed nicely, with highs and lows that kept me turning the pages.

I can't wait for the next book in the series.

Kudos to KM Rockwood.

Carrie says

Received a copy for an honest review.?

See my review of book one, *Steeled for Murder*, here.

Fostering Death picks up a little after book one left off. Though this book is one of those series where you don't necessarily have to have read the previous one to still enjoy the next book, there are some things that

just fit better if you have. So keep that in mind, there may spoilers in number two if you haven't read the first one yet.

Jesse is back. What could be worse than all the drama and BS he suffered in his life? Finding out the one person who has ever cared about and believed in you has passed away. Then learning that the person was murdered and you are once again the prime suspect in a murder investigation, oh what fun for him. Add in some harassment, a cult, and some trouble in paradise, and you get Fostering Death.

Book two, had all the elements I enjoyed in book one. I still really like Jesse. And while he still has the worst luck for a decent person, he doesn't let it get him down. Yes, he feels it, but he doesn't just say screw it, fight back, and take the express lane back to prison. He's really trying to make this work, to make a life for himself even when no one but him trusts or believes in him 100% of the time. They kick him, but he gets right back up, determined not to be the person everyone thinks he is, but rather the one he knows he can be.

Even with his various struggles and interactions, including the Goddess Cat and her very interesting followers, it's not Jesse who stole my heart in this book. It's Kelly's kids. I've never wanted to crawl into a book and steal someone before, but I needed to rescue them, needed to help them. And that's one of the reasons I love this author's work. To me, reading is not just about passing time or being entertained. Depending on the story, it's an emotional/spiritual/etc. journey and a good book makes me want to be a part of it. Or, when it's not all happy ever afters, drags me into the pages kicking and screaming and forces me to feel. Forces me to learn something.

If you like mysteries with a hint of murder and a lot of character, then this series may be for you. I highly recommend this series. Lots of fun, some humor, and characters that will make you feel.
