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Ten years ago Kara Vanderbilt was abducted and tortured for four days. She fought her way out of the hands of a sadistic madman and struggled to safety, nearly dying in the process, only to have her world shattered once safely home. Fleeing her family home and the only person who loves her, she tries to start over, but distance does not heal all wounds.

Kara goes home seeking closure and gets sucked into a murder case that sounds eerily familiar. But the similarities must be a coincidence, because the person responsible all those years ago died in a fiery crash. With her life in turmoil Kara meets a man she can start a life with. But will it be too late? With the help of Detective Caleb Montgomery, Kara races to find the killer before he finishes the job that was started all those years ago.

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Laura says

holy twisted book, batman! I NEVER would've expected this book to end the way it did. Definitely kept my blood pumping and was definitely a book I stumbled on by chance.

Mona says

My first book by Ms. Sinclair and won't be my last. This book was fantastic. Kept me on my toes throughout. Ten years ago Kara's life changed in the most awful way. She heads home after all these years to see peace. What she does not expect is reliving things, finding out another murder was committed which may or may not be linked to her abduction. The biggest surprise was meeting Detective Caleb Montgomery. He isn't like anyone she's ever known.

She's not sure what will happen, but also hopes just maybe there could be something..

Highly recommend this book.

Taylor says

I was enthralled from the start!

Overall I really enjoyed the story. There were a few parts that I thought were badly written, but again, overall I liked it. The beginning had me enthralled though, so I had to finish reading it. I was able to figure out part of the mystery, but I definitely kept trying to figure out all the pieces of the puzzle until all was revealed.

Kara, when she was 18 years old and just worrying about finishing her final exams and getting away from her controlling and domineering parents, was home alone and studying late one night when she was abducted by an associate of her father's who was working for his gubernatorial campaign. Kara was held for 4 days where she was drugged, raped, and tortured. It was only by luck or divine intervention that she was able to escape and make it out alive. And finding out that the man who was her terrorizer has died in a car crash. Once she was recovered, she couldn't get away from her home fast enough. Fast forward to ten years later when she is still struggling to survive but has become a successful doctor in the meantime. She moves back home to a new home, new job, and the only person who she loves. Her older brother Ethan, who is a detective. It's then she meets Caleb, Ethan's partner, who begins to heal her. And other things. :) Unfortunately Kara's terror isn't over. With a fresh murder of a young woman that has a lot of similarities to Kara's own experience, Kara, Caleb, and Ethan, realize that there is more to what happened to Kara, then even Kara suspected. Will Kara be able to withstand another emotional bearing? Will Caleb be able to help her and stop the responsible monster? Or monsters?

Anna Stewart McCall says

Ho. Ly. Crap. I read this book all in one sitting, and loved every bit of it. Ten years ago, high school senior Kara is abducted from her prominent family home and tortured for four days before she manages to escape. Now, she is back in her hometown, her brother Ethan is a police officer, and her parents (whom she despises) are in the governor's mansion. The body of a young woman is discovered in her town, and immediately, Kara is swept back into the terror of her nightmare from ten years ago. But the bad guy is dead. Right?

Ethan has always been Kara's saving grace. Her parents were indifferent towards her, and this is the first time in the ten years since her ordeal that she's returned home. Ethan's partner is tall and handsome Caleb Montgomery, and Kara feels an almost instant connection with him. The romance is there and definitely satisfying, but the author doesn't shy away from the dark and depraved. I couldn't put it down, dying to get to the end (no pun intended), and it did not disappoint. I can hardly wait for Melissa Sinclair to write more!

Zinaida says

Honestly, after hitting about the tenth chapter I just skimmed until the end. Not enough believable dialogue between the characters and the writing in general wasn't great. This had the potential to be a great book due to the story line but the villains and their background was ridiculous.

Yvonne says

I'm in the minority here, but this book didn't work for me as a suspense or romance.

None of the characters behaved the way you'd think they would. I think the problem was that there wasn't nearly enough dialog between the characters to flesh out the story. It also didn't help that the heroine/Kara pulled more than one TSTL stunts. I almost gave up, but kept going.

I've ready plenty of villainous characters over the years and this cast of crazies was just so over the top I almost burst out laughing at the big reveal at the end. It was just too bonkers to believe.

Mild romance - zero steam.

Elizabeth Bennet says

This is not a book for a light read. The h, Kara, deals with a tragedy no woman should ever have to experience. She gets no support from her parents, in fact, she has always been treated with indifference while her brother Ethan was given the love that every child should have. Kara survives a 4 day nightmare and 10 years has passed before she comes back home. Her time was not wasted while she was away she comes back home a doctor.

Ethan is a policeman and his partner , Caleb, gets swept away from the first glance of Kara. Kara never thought it possible that she would ever be able to feel anything for a man. Things move rather fast between the two but it is a step by step process. I did get tired of hearing that Devon was killed. He was the man who abducted her and when she escaped all evidence lead law enforcement to believe Devon was dead. It became repetitive to read this. Also I found it hard to believe her place was not checked better for cameras well

before they did. It made the police look so amateur. They knew they was dealing with a sick individual that was one step ahead of them and they don't check her house better. When the house was broke into the first suspect should have pointed right to the realtor because he had keys. There was never any further check into his background.

The twists in this book are many and while sick in spots I liked being surprised by things you didn't see coming. I would recommend this to anyone who is a into dark stories not turned off by brutal images that are painted. Some of the problems that I had trouble with early on were explained as the book went on. I also agree with another reviewer who stated the early rape can be skimmed over at the beginning. She does have reflection on this later but it too can be skipped over. I did not skip passed it and can say it is not as graphic as I originally feared but it was close. I definitely couldn't read too many like this in a row and am looking forward to a light and fluffy read after this one. One final note is that I felt the author felt at times as though she was following a outline instead of letting the story take a more organic feel. What I mean by this is the characters were trying to show the reader the stages a victim goes through instead of doing. If that makes sense.

I just felt like Kara never talked about what she went through and Caleb explains it would help her if she opened up about it. Next thing you know shes able to just tell everyone from other detectives to Caleb's parents and on and on. Other PTSD symptoms would come up too and then it would be overcome. I like the idea of a character growing but it felt like a how to more than, wow, look how far she's come. It was still an interesting read.

TAMI says

A good first book

OK...this was a good first book. Too much romance for my taste and I think the author went way too far with graphic details and a flood of "f" words that could have been left out without hurting the story. The villains were no surprise and I did not believe the heroine as a physician for 1 second. And as a dog lover, she forgot about her dog a lot more than I would have. I may read her next book. I think she has a ton of potential as a writer but do your research Ms Sinclair and rely on your talent of weaving a tale more than your use of gratuitous use of language and graphic detail.

MrD says

Well, I read that this was the first book from the author and I will definitely be following her work. It would have been a 4 starts for me, as the police investigative skills were quite poor and some things were kind of too much in terms of twists, but the fact that this is her first published book upped it for me. I'm so tired of reading the same formulas over and over... this was refreshing.

I really liked the writing style and the story, even if it was insta-love it was credible. And both MC were endearing, especially Kara. It has strong scenes but I wasn't uncomfortable with them, as they were very well written. If you like a good mystery and romance with a strong female character, give it a try.

Cindy ~ says

This author has one twisted mind. I've been reading this genre for many years and I was shocked at the depravity of the killer. And that ending – skin crawling. But the biggest shocker is that this is the first book from the author – home run first time out.

Now a little about the story. When Kara Vanderbilt was 18 she was kidnapped, raped and brutalized. She managed to escape and was told the man who kidnapped her was dead. As Kara's home life consisted of two unloving parents, which only got worse when she escaped, she left home and got her medical degree in emergency medicine. Now its 10 years later and she has come back to town that changed her life. Even though her parents never gave her any nurturing love, she always had the love and support of her brother Ethan who is now a homicide cop in their hometown. Unfortunately, on the day Kara returns to town another prominent daughter who was kidnapped turns up dead with a message for Kara. Seems someone was waiting for her to come home.

Kara has been unable to have any type of romantic relationship since her kidnapping but after she meets her brother's partner, Caleb Montgomery, she finds herself having feelings she has never experienced before. Caleb was also instantly drawn to Kara and knows she needs protecting as its looking like the killer (copycat or partner) continued killing during the 10 years she was away and is taunting her that they want to finish what they started all those years ago.

That's just a little taste of what the books about – my recommendation is to go get your copy and read it!!

Mei says

[and a horrific rape scene of a very young girl (hide spoiler)]

Kat says

DNF at 55%

The story had a lot of promise, and clearly I've been on a Romantic Suspense kick recently, so I decided to give it a shot. But it was just too painful to finish. The dialogue was stunted and awkward, with the characters speaking without contractions and speaking unrealistically. Overall it was more than kind of a mess, and as much as I hate not finishing books, I just couldn't make myself finish it.

Ang -PNR Book Lover Reviews says

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Book Lovers, I am in aww again. I have found a new genre that I love just as much as PNR/Fantasy Romance. And that is Suspense, Thriller Romance. I don't know what it is about this genre, but I just love it so much, the way it creeps me out, and makes the hair on my arms stand, the way it makes me think. Why, How, Who, Where the authors takes us on these creepy adventures with these characters, I love it all.

In the Night is not a book for a weak stomach or is it a light read. It was far beyond this. When you open the book up it starts with a chilling opening, Kara goes through a tragedy that NO women should ever experience.

Kara survives a 4-day nightmare, that consist of Abduction, rape, torture, and more. Kara is a fighter and somehow escapes and wakes in the hospital with her brother explaining to her that the man who did this to her is dead. She has shitty parents, and a loving brother.

In the ten years that has passed she has become a Dr, a good Doctor and has moved back to her home town that she ran away from all them years ago. She has her reason why she has moved back, and they unfold as her story unfolds.

Ethan her brother is now a detective, and his partner is Caleb and they discover a dead body that makes Ethan run to his sister, you see they young women they find has similar markings that his sister Kara has.

Caleb, and Kara's relationship is lovely. She hasn't been able to be close to a man, since the day she was taken, let alone be close to anyone she has tough walls surrounding her for reasons, she has over the years put things together that doesn't make sense, or has made sense. Kara witnessed and herd something that makes her leave home and never come back till now. Now she wants back her life, she wants control, she wants to love, live and be happy. This is a story about survival about Kara, discovering secrets, lies and the truth about her abduction. Caleb is everything that Kara needs to help her get through some of her pain and anger, trust issues and everything else that has been fester over the years, some people might say there is to much romance, but I say it has the perfect amount, she feels safe for the very first time, and she wants to take back the last 10 years! I like how the author wrote their relationship.

I loved the twists and turns in this story, for a debut story I was shocked at how well it came together, the writing is fantastic and how the story read fast and not boring. Never once did the story slow down, it was continually moving along fast, I didn't once skip ahead or skim. I read each word, scared myself half the time, obviously when you read thrillers read them with your doors locked, lights on curled up in a blanket. In the Night, made me jump, pace and sit on the edge of my chair, flipping the pages not quick enough to see what was going to happen next. Yes, it is graphic, yes it was disturbing but I loved every single moment.

The ending had me like HOLY MOLY, BATMAN!

Like I'm still sitting here like, Did. I. Read. That. *Claps Hands* the last few or more chapters were a rollercoaster ride of emotions and shocks!

Before I was even finished with this book, I was on amazon purchasing book number 2, which is about Ethan. For me that says a lot, I really enjoyed my experience with this one. I am really looking forward for reading about Ethan and I think I might know who his lady friend might be. I haven't read the blurb, I'm just excited to read another book by the new author to me.

So, to say I loved this story, is an understatement, I really loved it, I loved the characters, the writing, the journey that Melissa takes us on. If I could rate it more than I defiantly would!

5 stars I would recommend to everyone who loves romance with there suspense, thrillers. I would most definitely be buying this in paperback.

No arc was given for an honest review, I purchased my own Kindle eBook copy.

Ang, PNR Book Lover Reviews

Joy says

It is difficult to believe this is a debut novel. It has everything readers want: mystery, romance, likeable characters, well-written.....and waiting for another book by Melissa Sinclair!!!

WiLoveBooks says

Dark and disturbing. Kept me on edge wanting to know the rest of the story. Kara's abductor died, so what's happening now? At least Kara has her brother Ethan and his partner Caleb to help her through. The romance was really sweet, in contrast to the other things going on.
