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aPriL does feral sometimes says

An essential read for those of us immersed in P.I. Sharon McCone's world. There is a lot of change for every one of the characters, equivalent to the second movie in movie trilogies.

Relationships are rupturing, but that is only the tip of the iceberg. The surprises really start when new relationships begin. Even McCone and Ripinsky are uncertain of each other, distance growing between them with each chapter. They stare at each other more coldly as the incidents pile up. Will they still be a couple by the time they discover who is threatening McCone's famous brother-in-law, Ricky Savage?

Quillracer says

About on a par with other books in the series - not great but not terrible.

There was a bit too much 'family' in this book because Sharon McCone is investigating threats to her brother-in-law, country superstar Rick Savage. The story is told from two perspectives - Sharon's and her employee, Rae Kelleher - with occasional asides in the form of newspaper articles. While they added to the story in some ways, they tended to slow its forward progress.

Also, I felt the guilty party came a bit too out of left field, as if Muller hadn't quite figure out 'whodunnit' until late in writing the story.

Still this book was good enough that I won't banish Muller from my 'to read' list, but not near the top.

Elizabeth Ruth says

One of my recent faves in this series. Really great characters.

Ed says

#17 in the Sharon McCone series. Sharon is asked to look into a series of threatening messages received by her brother-in-law, country singing star Ricky Savage. An excellent series entry and one that calls all sorts of relationships into question. Recommended.

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Anne says

I found that this went on too long and was somewhat boring. I didn't care about the protagonist, but did care about the antagonist...

Spuddie says

Like most series that go on as long as this one does, there are some books that are better than others. This one was one of the mediocre ones, I thought, mainly because it dragged on too long and was too detailed in some respects, and too light in others where more emphasis was needed. I also felt like some of the comfortable bits of the previous books were gone--PI Sharon McCone has moved from the old Victorian that All Souls Legal Co-op was in into her own snazzy office and she wasn't at home at all so her personal comfort zones were missing. Don't get me wrong...I also get peeved when characters don't ever change or evolve, but sometimes these transitions seem to be awkward.

Shannon Appelcline says

Muller writes deep and compelling characters, and this book is one of her best because it's all about characters near and dear to our hearts: not just McCone and Rae, but also Mick's father, Ricky Savage. It's a tense and delightful story about these people and their changing lives. There's of course also a mystery here, and it's a compelling one. (And the California scenery is as always authentic.) All around, one of of Muller's top books.

Nancy says

Another must read in the series. This is where Rae and Ricky meet up.... How I could almost be done with the series and have missed two of the most crucial storylines..... Really liked this one. Kept my interest!

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Kenneth Flusche says

this one drops a lot of one liners from previous stories so not really a stand alone novel, but still a good read

Linda B says

I liked this book because it introduced the characters well, followed the action and kept the dialogue real. I

will read more in this series for sure!

Gail Burgess says

Still on my reread of these books that I first read 20 years ago! I definitely remember much of this book -- although I did not know who was threatening Ricky until everyone else knew... But the characters are much more like the ones I have grown familiar with. Sharon tries to blend and understand her diverse beliefs and actions --as do we all if we are thinking folks. She and Hy have an opportunity to work together, Rae meets the person she is meant to be with, Mick continues to grow.... For me the book is so much more about the characters and their relationships than just the mystery involved. And I do love those characters!

Amy Bradley says

So much happens in this novel - we see the end of Charlene and Ricky's marriage, as well as how Rae and Ricky come together. Someone is stalking Ricky, becoming increasingly more threatening.

Sharon brings in Hy to provide security as Ricky begins a tour with this unknown threat menacing from the darkness.

This was satisfying to read, even after reading later books, to see how things happened.

Victoria says

Frankly I thought I was reading a Sharyn McCrumb and was disappointed with the book because it was so staid, not fun reading. One gets tired of women P.I.s after some years of reading mysteries. So actually this was my first Sharon McCone novel. McCone is hired by her soon-to-be ex-brother-in-law, Ricky Savage, famous country singer, because enigmatic notes begin appearing: "What Have You Done With My Song". McCone discovers that there is a real threat behind the notes, and brings in her lover Hy for bodyguard service.

There were two things I didn't like: I thought the perpetrator of the threats was not actualized very well, and that his actions didn't make a lot of sense. Also, McCone seems to rely on her bodily feelings a lot, on her senses, to detect dangers. While I believe in the power of intuition, I don't believe in a PI who relies on it as much as McCone does.

LJ says

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Muller, Marcia - 16th in Sharon McCone

A crime novel featuring private investigator Sharon McCone, who steps in to help her brother-in-law,

country music star Ricky Savage, when he receives an anonymous threat, and discovers that he has some deadly enemies.

I'm not a country music or celebrity person so the subject didn't grab me. It was a good read but not nearly up to the level as Muller's other books.

Kristin says

Another one bites the dust in my attempts to like mysteries. I finally decided to just go for one that I sort of liked the cover of. Unfortunately, this just wasn't my cup of tea. It was chock full of details of life in manufactured country music/record industry giants. City high rise office setting. In other words, of no interest to me. But I didn't get the sense that the writing was too bad, as far as books I don't like go.
