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Returning to her hometown after being released from jail for a theft she didn't commit, Kaitlin Wells is determined to catch the real thieves. However, someone doesn't want her digging up the past or getting close with the new sheriff, Justin Radner. Original.

Half Past Dead Details

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Bob says

I almost gave it a 3. The glaring problem in the plot is the sheriff getting involved with an excon on parole. Hard to believe such a straight arrow law officer would have done so. Otherwise, a very fun read.

Cam says

Good suspense. Good narrator.

Sunshine says

Good book. This girl keeps getting her but kicked and still comes back for more!

Donna says

Kaitlin Wells served several years in prison for stealing from a bank, although she is innocent. She has agreed to help the feds figure out who really took the money in return for her early release. She's working for the local newspaper but even Sheriff Justin Radner is not aware of her undercover status. She must confront her dying mother and hostile sister as well as getting in the crosshairs of the person who has no intention of going down for the crime.

I found this 2006 paperback at a garage sale and it's a good romantic suspense. The guy I figured was behind all the money laundering and drug dealing in town was not the real crook after all. This is my first time reading a book by Meryl Sawyer but I will be looking for others.

Lisa Currier says

Entertaining, not always believable. Everyone is out to get Kat, the sheriff and news paper editor come to her rescue. Guessed the bad guy early on. Still a good read.

~Megan~ says

My first Meryl Sawyer book, and I really enjoyed it! A lot of suspense in this one...everyone and their grandma is out to get Kat, who is completely innocent nit did get a bit unbelievable at times, but I loved the small town feel of it. Justin Radnor was a super hot hero, too!

Robynn says

This was a great romantic suspense with what I would say is very little romance. I would recommend this book to men and women who like suspense. Keeps you guessing to the end.

KathyB says

I really enjoyed this story, great small town romantic suspense.

Definitely recommend the audio version, fantastic narration.

4.5 Stars

Tanya says

This was another great book from one of my fave authors!

Jennifer says

A typical Harlequin romance, but the back story wasn't too bad. A few racy scenes.

Martha says

This Harlequin Romantic Suspense novel takes place in a small town in Mississippi. Kaitlin "Kat" Wells has spent three years in Federal prison for stealing money from the bank where she worked, a crime she did not commit. She is released back to her hometown in an attempt to draw out the true culprit. In the meantime, there is a new sheriff in town; Justin Radner grew up in this town but has been away serving as an Army Ranger and working in the New Orleans Police Department. Attraction follows, of course (this IS a Harlequin Romance, after all), along with secrets, small town politics, narrow-minded prejudices, and murders.

The plot has several twists and turns. And, I must admit, I did not figure out the identity of the killer before it was revealed, and a few other things surprised me as well. I like reading a book that is not completely predictable.

Mom says

IT WAS GOOD. KAT WAS A GOOD CHARACTER. EVERYONE SEEMED TO HAVE REASON TO WANT HER DEAD OR GONE.

Sandy says

Again, Sawyer does an excellent job of making you guess the identity of the suspect. Her stories always include dogs, murder, a mob, and lots of motives; I believe this shapes the trademark of what is fine-tuned talent for writing a good romantic suspense from Sawyer. The characters are likable and the story is just as quick to absorb as it unravels. I didn't like this book as well as her others, maybe because of the predictability factor. 3/5 stars.

jenjn79 says

It's definitely an interesting story with lots of twists and turns, but that is a bit of the problem. There are just way too many pieces. There's just so much going on that it's a bit much. There's murders, poisonings, money laundering, drugs, people being framed, vendetta's, assaults, etc. And the author doesn't do quite a good enough job tying everything together at the end. She doesn't give a clear enough picture as to what exactly was going on. You still understand it, but clearer lines connecting all the dots would have helped the story.

One of the things that really pushed the story into the "too much" range was that there were 4 people trying to kill Kat, all for different reasons. I mean, come on. One or two people out for her is fine, but four? That's just way, way too much and pushes the story into unbelievable range. Just kinda makes you shake your head and think "yeah, sure, whatever". I also had a problem with Kat not quite standing up for herself to her family. They were horrible to her. And though she didn't welcome them with open arms, she was unreasonably accepting of them. True, family is family, but there comes a point where lines are crossed and they did. As for Kat and Justin's romance, it was nice, but underdeveloped. The author didn't give it the attention it needed and didn't build the emotional ties enough so that when they say "I Love You" at the end, it worked.

So in the end, it was an okay book. I didn't hate it and I didn't love it.
