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That's the note seventeen-year-old Haley Cooke leaves behind when she disappears from inside her high school. FBI profiler Evelyn Baine is called in to figure out who had reason to hurt her. On the surface, the popular cheerleader has no enemies, but as Evelyn digs deeper, she discovers that everyone close to Haley has something to hide. Everyone from estranged parents, to an older boyfriend with questionable connections, to a best friend who envies Haley's life.

Secrets can be deadly...

One of those secrets may have gotten Haley killed. If she's still alive, Evelyn knows that the more the investigation ramps up, the more pressure they could be putting on Haley's kidnapper to make her disappear for good. It's also possible the teenager isn't in danger at all, but has skillfully manipulated everyone and staged her own disappearance. Only one thing is certain: uncovering Haley's fate could be dangerous—even deadly—to Evelyn herself.

Stalked Details

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John W. says

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The storyline's momentum increases when another case develops at Neville University when a young co-ed is brutally beaten and ends up in the hospital. The co-ed demands to talk to the FBI to report being blackmailed to become part of a sex trafficking ring. FBI Agent Kyle McKenzie, Evelyn's boyfriend, and his new partner working with the Civil Rights Squad, end up investigating the battered coed's case.

Heiter continues to add support characters as needed and provides each characters' history as she introduces them to the storyline. She adds interesting subplots keeping her readers guessing about the connection between the two cases. The storyline moves quickly changing direction as events unfold expanding the two investigations. With each twist and turn the suspense builds towards a dramatic solution to who is has been stalking innocent women. Heiter's STALKED delivers a great mystery and is a must read.

Shelley says

Source NetGalley

Genre Mystery, Thriller

Rating 3.5

My Thoughts

Stalked, by author Elizabeth Heiter, is the fourth novel in The Profiler series. Evelyn Baine is a Special Agent & Profiler who works for the FBI's Behavioral Analysis Unit. She excels at her job, and has gone above and beyond her actual job description in order to solve some really dangerous cases. One could say that Evelyn has stepped in it a time or two, but her desire to do her job better than anyone is why I continue to read this series, and will until Heiter winds the series down.

Full Review @ Gizmos Reviews 12/15/2016

<http://gizmosreviews.blogspot.com/201...>

Tom Donaghey says

STALKED by Elizabeth Heiter is far better than it should have been. I under appreciated this book from the moment I received it from Harlequin Enterprises. I assumed it would be a massive love story wound about a thriller core, but I was wrong. This is a first class crime novel, rich in detail and dripping with suspense from

the opening pages.

When high school cheerleader and all-American good girl Haley Cooke disappears from her school, the local police are baffled. Her family is devastated, her collage boyfriend anxious and distraught, and her friends at a loss. After almost a month, the locals ask for help from the FBI and they get it in the form of this series main character, profiler Evelyn Blaine.

But another case opens up at the college the boyfriend attends. A coed has been beaten severely and only managed to escape with her life. She claims she was part of a human trafficking ring and wants protection through the FBI. Enter former HRT agent Kyle McKenzie, Evelyn's new boyfriend in the FBI, who is recovering from a gun wound and is now in the Civil Rights section. He and his new partner are assigned to the battered coed case, but soon they find their case overlapping with Evelyn's.

The suspense grows steadily throughout the well written story, suspicions shadow every chapter and the cases become more convoluted as the story progresses. Yet there is never a moment when the telling feels forced, or the characters act out of place.

My only regret is now I face having to go and read the prior three Profiler novels. I did win this book through the GoodRads program.

Deanna says

4.5 Stars!

My reviews can also be seen at: <https://deesradreadsandreviews.wordpress.com>

Haley Cooke has been missing for one month. Her boyfriend, Jordan dropped her off at cheerleading practice and she hasn't been seen since. She walked into the school to get changed for practice but never came out....

How do you walk into a school and disappear without ANYONE seeing?

The book opens as Linda Warner is searching her daughter's bedroom. She wants to see if she can find something the police might have missed. Linda still clings to the hope that her daughter is out there somewhere. Every day she goes to the police station for an update, she talks to news people to keep Haley's name and face in the news, uses social media to help reach as many people as she possibly can.

After a long day, exhausted from searching she slides to the floor clutching her daughter's sweatshirt to her, smelling it to see if there is any scent of her daughter left on it. At that moment something by the bed catches her eye. A black notebook. The police must have missed it. She opens it and sees her daughter's handwriting with the words...

"If you're reading this, I'm already dead"

Haley is a nice girl and a straight A student. She has a close relationship with her mother but does sometimes

clash with her stepfather, Pete who has only been around for a few years. She has good friends, including her best friend, Marissa. Haley has also been dating an older college guy, Jordan. By all accounts Haley doesn't have any enemies, and certainly no one would ever want to hurt her.

Would they?

But rumours abound and it looks like everything may not be what it seems. Her mother insists that Haley would never run away but her biological father, Bill thinks she ran away to get away from her mom and stepfather.

People are keeping secrets, it even seems like someone close to the investigation has something to hide. Is one of these secrets the reason for Haley's disappearance?

FBI profiler, Evelyn Baine is called in to help and will be working with a detective on Haley's case. Evelyn has been dating Kyle McKenzie for the last six months. They both work for the FBI. Evelyn is a profiler with the Behavioral Analysis Unit. Kyle was working for the Hostage Rescue Team but was shot in the line of duty and is now working in the field office. While Evelyn is helping with the Haley Cooke case, Kyle is working a possible human trafficking case. A university student was attacked and left for dead but miraculously survived. But she doesn't want to speak with police. Instead, she specifically asks to speak with the FBI....

There is a lot going on in this book but it is an interesting read. I didn't realize that it was part of a series before I started reading it (this has happened to me before but is my fault for not looking closer). However, it actually worked out very well as a stand-alone.

It was very suspenseful and the story-line was great. There were a few times I thought that things felt a bit implausible, but overall it was a good story with really interesting characters. The characters were well-developed and although I felt a few lacked depth, I think in most cases those characters were probably fleshed out in the previous books in the series.

I definitely want to continue with this series as I really enjoyed the story and want to see what happens next for these characters.

Thank you to NetGalley, Harlequin (MIRA), and Elizabeth Reiter for the opportunity to read this book in exchange for my honest review.

Jessica Bronder says

Haley Cook is the perfect high school girl. Pretty, straight A's, cheerleader, etc. But the last time anyone saw her was one month prior when her boyfriend Jordan dropped her off for cheerleading practice. But then her mother finds a notebook that the police missed. The first line reads, "If you are reading this, I'm already dead." But who would want to hurt Haley?

Evelyn Baine, a FBI Profiler, is called in to investigate. It seems that there is more to Hailey's life than you first see. It seems that everyone has some secret that they are trying to keep hidden. Then Evelyn's partner, Kyle McKenzie, is working on the attack of a college student that will only talk to the FBI. It seems this is a human trafficking case that may be related to Hailey's disappearance.

This is an action packed thriller that will keep you guessing until the end. Although everything seems perfect for Hailey, her life is far from it. How does her biological father fit in with her step father, how jealous is her best friend, does her college aged boyfriend have anything to do with this, how does a human trafficking case link in, and how is this going to affect Evelyn as she starts remembering her childhood friend disappearing?

There are so many twists and turns that you will be reading into the early hours of the night just to see what happens next. This is a great thriller and although it is the fourth book in the series you can read it as a stand-alone book.

I loved this story and I will definitely be purchasing the other three in the series. I can't wait to see what I missed and for future books.

I received *Stalked* from the publisher for free. This has in no way influenced my opinion of this book.

Kathy says

4.5 stars.

Stalked is a mesmerizing addition to **Elizabeth Heiter's** *The Profiler* series starring FBI Agent Evelyn Baines. Although this newest release is the fourth novel in the series, it can be read as a standalone but I highly recommend the previous installments as well.

Seventeen year old Haley Cooke has been missing for a month when profiler Evelyn Baines is assigned to the case after the teenager's mother, Linda Varner, finds a troubling note in her daughter's room. With Detective Sophia Lopez's help, Evelyn re-interviews the key players in the case and although there is no new evidence, several of the people in Haley's life appear to be less than forthcoming about the missing girl. Evelyn cannot put her finger on anything specific but something about Haley's stepfather Pete Varner seems a little off. Haley's college boyfriend Jordan Biltmore is obviously upset about her disappearance but his smug attitude grates on both Evelyn and Sophia. Haley's father, Bill, is clearly angry and bitter over the divorce and Evelyn cannot help but wonder why he is convinced Haley has run away from home. Haley's best friend Marissa Anderson reveals her suspicions that Haley was cheating on Jordan with his best friend Nate Stokes but both Evelyn and Sophia have doubts about her claim.

Evelyn's boyfriend and fellow FBI Agent Kyle "Mac" McKenzie and his partner Jimmy Drescott are looking into a troubling attack on local college student Tonya Klein. Their investigation of her claim she was forced into human trafficking reveals a few inconsistencies with other human trafficking cases they have worked on. However, they have no reason to doubt her story and following her death, neither Jimmy nor Kyle are quite ready to give up looking into her case. Surprisingly, their investigation intersects with some of the principals in Haley's disappearance and raises questions about whether there is a connection between the two cases.

Evelyn and Sophia know that with every passing day Haley's chance for survival drops so they are under intense pressure to find the one clue that will break the case wide open. They feel certain that one of the people in Haley's life is responsible for her disappearance but they are frustrated by their inability to uncover any new evidence. Evelyn is also quite concerned that her objectivity might be comprised since she is struck

by similarities between Haley's life and her own childhood experiences.

Stalked by **Elizabeth Heiter** is a suspense-laden mystery that is full of unexpected twists and turns. The investigation takes on a heightened sense of urgency after Kyle's and Evelyn's cases converge. When it appears that someone will go to any lengths to stop them from discovering the truth about Haley's whereabouts, Evelyn and Sophia know they are on the right track. Will Evelyn, Sophia, Kyle and Jimmy put the pieces of the puzzle together and rescue Haley before it is too late?

Tamara says

Full review to come closer to pub day.

Quick thoughts:

I've read the first book in Heiter's profiler series and now the 4th book. I enjoyed this storyline much more than the debut and the character growth between books 1 & 4 makes me want to check out 2&3.

Quick read. Good mystery. Enjoyable.

Judy Collins says

Talented thriller author, *Elizabeth Heiter* returns with her highly anticipated *Profiler* series, following *Hunted* (The Profiler, #1), *Vanished* (The Profiler, #2), *Avenged* (The Profiler#2.5), *Seized* (The Profiler #3), to her latest:

STALKED (The Profiler #4) FBI profiler Evelyn Baine returns, as we delve into the innermost connections of deep secrets of the victim as well as the heroine's past. *An intriguing puzzle, as two cases connect. "The best of the series, thus far!*

A teenage girl goes missing. **Haley Cook.** A straight-A student. It had been a month since she went missing. Haley's boyfriend Jordan had dropped her off at school for cheerleading practice.

Her mom, Linda stays on top of the police investigation daily as well, and social media. Forcing herself out of the house to hopefully find out information about her daughter's whereabouts.

How could a seventeen-year-old girl just disappear? What had she got herself into that would get her killed. The media loved to refer to her as "all-American."

Fans get to catch up with FBI Profiler, Evelyn Baine, and Kyle McKenzie.

They had both worked for the FBI-she as a profiler in the behavioral Analysis Unit and Kyle up until a month ago, as an operator for the Hostage Rescue Team. He had been off work since taking a bullet on a mission. She'd known how risky the mission was and couldn't help but think she hadn't pushed hard enough to stop HRT from going in.

Now here they were, he pretending he was Ok, and she pretending she did not feel guilty. They had been

dating for six months and she missed seeing him at work. Evelyn had always been a private person in an office full of other profilers.

Of course, **Evelyn is reminded** of another blond-haired girl from her past. Cassie, her friend who disappearance had sent Evelyn into profiling years ago.

There was a lack of clues yet the story had captivated the country and was well-known. No one had seen Haley since she walked into the high school a month ago. Unless she had been killed there. If so where was the body?

Evelyn had a bad feeling. Then the mom found the note. A key piece of evidence gone unnoticed. If her note was correct, the person had already killed her.

Pete the stepfather, Father, Bill, Mother, Linda, Marissa the friend, Jordan, the college boyfriend.

Who would want to hurt Haley?

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In the midst of the case, old memories resurface from Evelyn's past.

To the world, family and friends were grieving and searched as hard as they could for Haley. However, up close, there was a strange dynamic in the household. There was a clear animosity between the Varners and Bill (biological father). Where did Haley fit? How many secrets did this family have.?

With more than a half-million people reported missing every year in the US alone. The first twenty-four hours were crucial, the first forty-eight the most likely time to make a live recovery. After a month, the chances were practically nonexistent. Especially when the victim was a beautiful teenage girl.

Meanwhile, **Kyle and his partner**, Jimmy are looking into an attack in local college student Tonya Klein. Human trafficking. Does this case connect with Haley's disappearance?

While Evelyn tracks all the secrets in the life of a missing teenager and her family, navigating hidden agendas and motives that might mean the girl's death, the reader also gets a glimpse into Evelyn's past and the secret she didn't keep as a child that changed her own life.

Keeping secrets can have unintended consequences. Evelyn spends two weeks chasing a girl surrounded by secrets that had nearly ended her own life. She goes back to when she was ten years old once again.

At an early age, she put into motion all the things to come in her own life. From FBI agent to Kyle. Her journey to a life of her own, not burdened by secrets and lies from the past.

Elizabeth is a pro at blending police procedures with psychological suspense and mystery with top-notch crime writing. From well-researched material, a fast moving plot, to exceptional character development. She keeps you glued to the pages from the first page to the last.

Since I have read the series from the beginning, it has been fun following bi-racial female profiler, Evelyn, and Kyle (hope we will see more of this team)! She is strong, gutsy, and edgy!

Read more about the inspiration for **STALKED** from real-life cases featured here: The Big Thrill.

Highly recommend reading all the books in the series. Fans of *Mary Burton's Morgans of Nashville series* will enjoy!

A special thank you to Mira and NetGalley for an ARC in exchange for an honest review.

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Chrystal Garrett says

I have read the Profiler series in order, Hunted, Vanished, Seized, and now Stalked. They CAN be read out of order, but the main characters are developed in Hunted, and they continue to grow throughout, so I definitely recommend starting with Hunted. I opened Stalked and was instantly sucked into a story which sounded exactly like news stories we are hearing about in our world today. I had a hard time putting it down, but I had to a few times, otherwise I would have easily finished it in about 2 or 3 days. I felt like I knew the characters, and was kept guessing as there were so many compelling suspects as we went through the book. I loved this book as much as I have the other 3, and I would totally recommend you get it - and the other profiler books as soon as possible... winter is upon us and it's time to curl up with a good book (or 4).

Danielle (The Blonde Likes Books) says

For more of my reviews, visit: <https://theblondelikesbooks.wordpress...>

"If you're reading this, I'm already dead"

When the above note is found in a missing girl's bedroom, even more questions are asked by her family and the police. Now that it seems like 17 year old Haley Cook knew something bad would happen to her, and possibly who was after her, the local police call in Evelyn Baine, a profiler for the FBI.

Stalked is the fourth installment in The Profiler series, and I have to be honest, I hadn't read the other three. They've been on my list for a while, and I just hadn't gotten to them yet. I'd heard from another reviewer that they also read it without having read the preceding books and had no issues following the story, so I decided to give it a shot.

The book follows two paths, one where Evelyn and her partner on the case Sophia as they work the disappearance of Haley. Everyone in her life from her father, to her stepfather, to her boyfriend seems to be suspicious and they all seem like they are hiding things. It makes it a really intense and engaging read! The second path follows Evelyn's boyfriend Kyle, who also works for the FBI as he works a human trafficking case. Throughout the book they teeter on whether or not the cases are related. You'll have to wait until the end to find out!

I have to say, I enjoyed this book immensely! Once I got sucked in, I really couldn't put it down! So many things kept happening, but not to the point where it was overwhelming or hard to follow. It was definitely a thriller, that's for sure! I liked the main characters a lot, and felt right there with them as they uncovered clues

and dead ends. I really enjoyed the scenes where the detectives were throwing theories about what happened off of each other, because I feel like that's probably what actually happens on cases in real life.

The human trafficking portion of the book felt well researched and not totally unrealistic, which I also really enjoyed. There were a lot of moments throughout the book that totally caught me off guard and even a few that gave me goosebumps! I felt like I couldn't read fast enough to find out what happened next.

Needless to say, Elizabeth Heiter has new fan in me, and I can't wait to go back and read the rest of the her series!

Stalked will be released on December 27th, 2016, so mark your calendars! A huge thank you to Netgalley, Harlequin, and Elizabeth Heiter for the ARC in exchange for an honest review.

Magdalena aka A Bookaholic Swede says

To be reviewed over at Fresh Fiction!

John W. says

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The Book Review Café says

When I picked up this book I didn't realise it was the 4th book in the Profiler series, now I'm not sure about you but I usually hate to start a book which is already part of a well established series, but I'm pleased to report it can be read as a standalone. I'm going to be honest with you here and admit that although I enjoyed Stalked it just didn't meet my expectations. The first chapter certainly intrigued me, but as I read on this

wasn't a book that grabbed me by the throat. Don't get me wrong I enjoyed *Stalked*, but maybe because I have read so many outstanding crime thrillers this year I'm expect a hell of a lot more from a book of this genre.

When seventeen year old Hayley goes missing without leaving a trace FBI Profiler Evelyn Blaine is bought in to assist as the police are mystified by her disappearance, it soon becomes clear to Evelyn that those closest to Hayley all have something to hide. Not knowing if Hayley is alive or dead, Evelyn must use all her skills as a Profiler to find Hayley and bring the perpetrator to justice. I could not connect with Evelyn at all, I'm not sure if this was because I picked up *Stalked* mid series, but I just felt she lacked "personality", I like my protagonist to have quirks, or traits that make me want to learn more about them, I need a character to be memorable so I'm eagerly waiting for the next book in a series, unfortunately this wasn't the case with Evelyn.

The plot is full of intrigue and suspense but for me it lacked the relentless pace I look for in a crime thriller, in the authors defence I think this again boils down the amount of outstanding books I've read in this genre. At times it felt like the investigation was moving too slowly and there was no frantic race to solve the case, which for me personally heightens my enjoyment of a book.

As I reached the last third of the book I found myself becoming irritated by the number of different theories the investigation team came up with, there were just too many and made the plot a lot more complex than it needed to be. I'm sure there will be plenty of readers who will feel very differently about this novel, and will enjoy it immensely, the author has produced a novel that has some of the elements I look for in a crime thriller but personally I would have liked a more intense and gritty read.

Zoe says

4.5 Stars!

Darkly intriguing, skillfully plotted, and incredibly menacing!

In this compelling fourth installment in the Profiler series, Heiter has written a fast-paced whodunit where suspects continually crawl out of the woodwork, competition and jealous rivalry between teens runs rampant, and life on a college campus has a dark side that's not all fun and games.

The writing is effective. The characterization is spot on with the persistent and astute FBI heroine Evelyn Baine, the strong, dependable ex-HRT agent Kyle McKenzie, and a few crafty, despicable villains that are easy to abhor. And the plot keeps you on the edge of your seat as it submerges you, page after page, into a world full of abduction, murder, greed, arrogance, jealousy, guilt, deception, secrets and lies.

This is my first Elizabeth Heiter novel and although it can be read as a standalone it has certainly entertained and captivated me enough to put the first three books in the series (*Hunter*, *Vanished*, and *Seized*) high on my "to read" list.

Thank you to NetGalley, especially Harlequin - Mira, for providing me with a copy of this story in exchange for an honest review.

This review and more can be found on my blog at <http://whatsbetterthanbooks.com>

Elizabeth of Silver's Reviews says

STALKED had many layers and many secrets, and most of them were deadly.

Kidnappings, disappearances, questionable police officers, accidents involving the police involved in the case, human trafficking, and barely a clue about anything or any connection that could be found.

STALKED was an intense but very good read.

STALKED focused on the investigation of a teenager who disappeared and led to many other issues and many suspects along with the questions of why and how.

The writing style of Ms. Heiter is smooth, detailed, and makes the story come alive and seem real.

If suspense, character banter, behind-the-scenes police work, on-site police work, interviewing suspects by FBI and local officers, and a good who-done-it are things that intrigue you, then STALKED is a book you will want to read.

ENJOY if you read STALKED. 4/4

This book was given to me free of charge and without compensation by the publisher in return for an honest review.
