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Kelly Raney ends her relationship with her abusive boyfriend the day she leaves him bleeding on the bedroom floor after an exceptionally violent fight. She grabs their toddler son Keegan, and the two flee town with a few dollars and the clothes on their backs.

Her car breaks down outside the small village of Black Water Creek. She reluctantly stays with the local auto mechanic Ed Sheridan and his wife until she can get back on her feet. She lands a job, moves into an isolated cottage by the river, and dreams of a fresh start and stable life for her son.

Just when it seems like Kelly is getting her life together, visions of torture, rape, and murder, taking place in her own quaint cottage, plague her nights and haunt her days. To make matters worse, she suspects her ex has tracked her down, looking for revenge and threatening to destroy her new life.

Black Water Creek Details

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Debra Barstad says

I loved this book. The plot kept me intrigued. The writing style and flow was spot on and I found the story line to be believable. I never thought about ghosts much but in this story it was not the typical ghost story but lets the reader dabble in the afterlife. I would recommend this book to anyone that wants to read a good story.

Nicole Wright says

Kelley attempts to escape her abusive boyfriend after the most recent knockdown fight. Kelley takes off with her son in tow to escape the abusive and alcoholic life she no longer wants to be a part of. On her way to a family member's home where she plans to seek refuge, Kelley's car breaks down. She has no money, no job, no one to help. The local mechanic offers Kelley and her son a place to stay. Reluctantly, Kelley accepts. Kelley attempts to start a new life in the small village of Black Water Creek when strange things start to happen. Kelley will unearth a past that needed to be unearthed.

Great read.

Enid says

Couldn't put it down.

This story had a little bit of everything in it and then some. It was unlike any other book I have read and as a plus it had a bookstore in it.

Colby says

Brumm has really stepped up his game on this one. I couldn't stop reading it, and finished in 2 days. Kelly was a great lead character and the story was completely believable and identifiable. This was truly a moving story and group of characters, and this is without a doubt my favorite work by this author (I've read them all). This is NOT the paranormal-romance chick-lit I was expecting going in, and was actually a delightful surprise in that it contained elements of both without being either. Thanks for your best read yet, Robert!

Jennifer says

Absolutely brilliant...

To me a good book is something I enjoy over time, in between the things that I do regularly (eat, sleep, work,

etc.). A great book carries me away in its pages, keeps me from being able to put it down (including having to force myself to put it down in order to get sleep when I realize it is 3am), it takes over my life and does not allow me to get distracted by my other hobbies; in a sense it holds me hostage until I have read the last word.

Black Water Creek is a "great" book, it was a thrilling read, keeping me on the edge of my seat and holding me hostage the entire time I was immersed within it's pages. I didn't want to put it down even to sleep and I found myself wishing that I had started it earlier in the day (instead of 11pm), so that I could have finished it without stopping. I cannot wait to read more from Mr. Brumm, based on this first experience with this author I am going to need an entire shelf in my personal library just for his work.

Renee says

I wish I could give this 10 stars. Black Water Creek has action, mystery, suspense, supernatural goings-on, and a dash of romance. All of these awesome things are combined with fantastic characterization and Brumm's easy writing style. I can't wait to read more by this author.

Regan says

"Only the truly gifted like myself have seen the glory that beings with death, the transformation into gods far greater than the priests and reverends and ministers pretend to know and love."

After the final straw, Kelly flees with her young son Keegan. Kelly plans to show up at a distant Aunt's house miles from her hometown. However, her small Toyota breaks down right outside a small town named Black Water Creek. Luckily for Kelly the citizens of this town are more than accommodating and Kelly soon finds herself living a quaint new life, Lifetime-movie-esque style.

After settling into a small cabin Kelly soon begins to have vivid nightmares and starts experiencing sensations of paranoia. As the dreams increase, Kelly begins to frantically put the pieces together to solve the mystery hidden within the walls of her new home. Is it a presence or is it her mind playing tricks on her? Add a scorned, abusive ex-boyfriend and Kelly has her hands full trying to right her life.

I picked this book from the blurb and was pleasantly surprised at what a good story it is! The author is completely new to me and I may look into his other works. The writing style flowed and was perfectly paced- there was enough action between the daily scenes of the characters to keep me hooked. Also, this story truly reads like a movie- you'll be guessing from the beginning and hungering to learn the secrets.

I did expect a bit "more" based on the blurb and the tag of "horror" genre. In my opinion, this is **light-moderate romantic suspense**. I truly don't see it as a horror book. I wanted more gore, desolation, and destruction in the pages. There was an **INTENSE back story** that I thought got a little overshadowed by Kelly's present story-line.

Overall a solid mystery & one I'd recommend to others! xx

"...these women should be celebrated as goddesses and heroines."

Rhonda says

Not bad but just to predictable

It wasn't a bad story just to predictable for me. I like to be surprised somewhere at least in a story but could tell exactly where this book was going at every point. Just had been done to many times before.

Amanda says

This was a genuinely enjoyable read, with a great story line. I loved the characters in this book as they were so well written. I am definitely going to pick up more books from the author, as if his other novels are of a similar quality then he is certainly an author to watch. A 5 star read!

Darlene Owens says

Well done!!

Truly enjoyed this from start to finish. Loved the sense of possibility and had to question if it was fiction or autobiographical before reminding myself that the author is male! ?

John Hancock says

I finished this in about three days of furtive reading between other things going on. You know what? I felt like I knew the main character, her situation not being that far from friends and relatives caught up in the horror of manipulative jerks.

Her brave escape, with her son, into a world she falls into through happenstance, both heals her wounds and rips them open. This is a charming book, but a powerful one. The introduction of the paranormal into the normal is intriguing and captivating.

I would say this is a book that you can enjoy, be frightened of, be reassured about, and learn what it is to be a fragile human on the edge of both planes.

Well, done, and look forward to reading more. This is different in tone from the Desolate series, but no less masterful in execution

Debbie says

Excellent reading! I really enjoyed this book. It defies easy labeling and does not fit neatly into a single genre. There is mystery, romance, a bit of horror, and a touch of the paranormal. No one element dominates the story, and the combining of those elements is well done. The plot is fast paced and full of suspense. I had to forgo my usual second book and read only this one. I like it when that happens.

The subject of abuse is a difficult one, too often portrayed in fiction with stereotypical characters. Here it is treated with sensitivity and tact, without downplaying the danger and the emotional damage involved. While Kelly is victimized, she is not a hapless victim. She is a well-developed and realistic character, one that I found easy to like. I thought all of the characters were interesting people. Ed and Sue are almost too good to be true, just missing that category because there really are good people in this world. They tend to not get a lot of press, but they do exist. The abusive Don was all too believable as well. Unfortunately, those people also exist.

A few subtle elements that I appreciated can't be discussed without spoilers. I'll just have to say that there is more than one layer to this story, and I thoroughly enjoyed all of it. I hope that Robert Brumm has plans for more books like this one. This one is a winner.

Note: Five stars on Amazon, four stars here. As always, this reflects only the difference in the two rating systems.

Donna says

Three and a half stars, maybe?

Overall, an interesting, quick read that was quite enjoyable. I did feel a little cheated in the middle there where it just jumped ahead a number of months - it felt like the author didn't want to deal with the developing relationship between the main character and her boss, and a couple of other things, so he just skipped the lot.

My only other problem with this book is the large number of typos. They really need to be fixed, as it ruins the reading experience!

I'd read more by this author :)

Michelle Davis says

This was a very intense story. I loved the characters of Ed and Sue. What wonderful people they were. I also loved the whole serial killer story line. I kept waiting for Don to show up and cause trouble. I very much enjoyed this book. I look forward to reading more by Robert Brumm.

Kimberly says

Great book.. Would recommend this author and I will be looking at this other books!
