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Didn't she?

Not even the enigmatic and attractive Colton Brady, her ex-boyfriend and nephew of the killer, will be able to make her leave this alone. Get ready for the spine-tingling, nail-biting conclusion to an explosive series.

## **When a Secret Kills Details**

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## Melanie says

Review on Amazon: <http://www.amazon.com/review/R1TRS0UW...>

Review on my blog (to be posted 5/6): <http://christianbookshelfreviews.blog...>

After reading *When the Smoke Clears* and *When a Heart Stops*, I was really anticipating *When a Secret Kills* - the conclusion to Lynette Eason's *Deadly Reunion* series. Let me say, it definitely met my expectations (which were really high) and *When a Secret Kills* just may be my favorite of the series.

Jillian and Colton were great main characters. I liked them from the beginning and, as the story continued, my affection for them kept growing. :) I did get a little frustrated with Meg, though.

I loved the romance story in *When a Secret Kills*. It was sweet and realistic. I liked how the couple already knew each other and had been in love, but circumstances separated them, so it wasn't an "instant" romance.

*When a Secret Kills* also had a lot of surprises. There were some things in Jillian's story I just did not expect. Oh, and I loved the ending! It was cool how Lynette Eason wrapped things up.

Overall, I loved *When a Secret Kills*. This book held my attention from the beginning on and I had a hard time putting it down. I recommend it if you enjoy romantic suspense books. I think you should probably read the series in order, though, as it'll definitely help with context. Wonderful read! :)

\*I received a complimentary copy of this book for my review. I was not required to give a positive review, only my honest opinion - which I've done. All thoughts and opinions expressed are my own.\*

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## Joleen says

*When a Secret Kills* by **Lynette Eason**

*Genre:* Historical Fiction

*Format:* Kindle

*Timeframe:* Present Day

*Location:* Um, I don't know

Main Characters:

*Jillian Carter:* Main Character

*Colton Brady:* Ex-boyfriend, father of Jillian's 9 year old daughter

*Frank Hoffman:* Colton's senator uncle.

*Elizabeth Hoffman:* Frank's wife

Jillian Carter has been in hiding for the past 10 years, keeping her 9 year old daughter a secret for both their safety. Jillian witnessed a killing the night of her high school graduation. Because the killer was high profile and turned his gun on her when he realized she saw it all, she knew she was in danger and she'd be a target if she stayed in town. Borrowing money, she left and hasn't been seen since.

Now 10 years later, after the man who wants to marry her was blown up in the car she was driving, she knows she needs this to stop. She'd have to find evidence that will convict the killer, who just happens to be her ex-boyfriend's uncle. This means she must return to her hometown and risk her life for sure.

As soon as she sets foot in the airport, the action starts. Somehow they knew she was coming. And throughout the book she's a target. Meanwhile, keeping her daughter's identity and whereabouts has become a bit more challenging, as evidenced by a note from the killer telling her they will get her.

Colton is skeptical of Jillian's story. First, because his uncle has always been like a father to him, and second, he thinks she may not have seen what she claims to have. He reserves the right to give his uncle the benefit of the doubt.

But when, in just a few days, attempts on her life have occurred more times than you can hardly count, he begins to doubt his uncle's innocence.

Fast pace, intriguing, "who-on-earth-is-doing-this" storylines are all the way through this book. And, of course, what you **think** you know? It's probably wrong.

Very good book.

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## **Victor Gentile says**

Lynette Eason in her new book, "When A Secret Kills" Book Three in her Deadly Reunions series published by Revell takes us into the life of Jillian Carter.

From the Back Cover: She's come home to put a killer behind bars.  
But the killer plans to put her six feet under.

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A car bomb that blows up the wrong person and a botched assassination attempt at the airport. Someone really really does not like Jillian Carter! A ten-year old secret is about to be exposed and the killer will go to any lengths to make sure that it does not happen. To complicate matters the police do not believe the story that Jillian tells them. How is she going to be able to prove the truth when she can barely stay alive? "When A Secret Kills" is a thriller, no doubt about it. Jillian and Colton's lives are in great danger from page one and the danger grows with the body count. Just when you think you might know where the story is heading Ms. Eason tosses in another turn which you take at high-speed on two wheels. Ms. Eason makes her characters so real and you root for them to complete their mission and you root for their romance to blossom. Ms. Eason knows how to tell a story that keeps you flipping the pages and guessing as to who the bad guys

really are. This is a wild ride read and I recommend it highly. With this book this high-octane series comes to an end however I am already looking forward to the next series from Ms. Eason.

If you missed the interview for “Too Close To Home”, the first book in the other series, and would like to listen to it and/or interviews with other authors and professionals please go to [www.kingdomhighlights.org](http://www.kingdomhighlights.org) where they are available On Demand.

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### **Hannah says**

I really enjoyed the fast-paced action and the mystery in this one. The villain sure did turn out to be a wicked one, and his partner in crime even more diabolical...it took some good guessing to figure out what might be going on by the end of the chapter!

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### **Mike (Makayla ) says**

This book blew my mind !

Hey guys I'm reviewing all three books in the deadly reunion series in one review so I don't spoil each book ! You have to read this series in order nothing will make sense of you don't .

Ten years ago alexia,Serena , and Jillian graduated from high school . Everything changes when Jillian suddenly runs in the room crying and shaken . She needs to leave town ,she saw something that she wasn't supposed to . ?

Serena and alexia have formed new lives without Jillian ,they haven't seen her since that night .When Serena returns home for the high school reunion everything goes wrong . Soemone is relentless in thier attempts to kill Serena and alexia . ?

Alexia is a smoke jumper ?

Serena is a medical examiner , she examines dead bodies ?

Jillian is an investigative reporter ,something I wouldn't,mind doing ! ?

This is not only high suspense but very much a romance book ?♥?

Thanks for reading !! ?

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## **Kara says**

Wow, what a thrilling book! I really didn't know how to comment on this great read, but then I discussed it with my friend Marian on facebook and I figured it out :) The secret that caused the 3 women in this series to be terrorized and hunted down totally stunned me, but this book is the best of the series and answers EVERY question! I had trouble putting this book away, but I needed to sleep so I read this book in two sittings :) I LOOOOOVED how the series concluded in this book, but I did suspect who the guilty person was and this is the type of book where nothing is what it seems to be. After reading this, I didn't read anything for about 3 days just to absorb it all before letting go. The storytelling was just THAT good, finally there is justice for every character and the good guys get closure!

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## **Loraine says**

Investigative reporter Jillian Carter knows it's time to put the past to rest. She's tired of looking over her shoulder, letting a killer go free. She's no longer the scared kid who changed her name and disappeared. Now, no matter what the cost, Jillian must do what she is trained to do--ferret out the truth and expose it. Senator Frank Hoffman committed murder ten years ago--and Jillian watched it happen.

This final book in the Deadly Reunion series, brings the cast of characters back together once again and Jillian returning to South Carolina to face the spectres of the past and stop the attempts on her and her friends lives. It is just as fast paced and riveting as the first two books with so many twists and turns. Just when I thought I had it all figured out another twist would make me rethink my guess as to the villain. The surprise ending wraps this fantastic series up with a bang. Eason's knowledge/research of police departments, FBI tactics, as well as forensic pathology adds great details to her books. Her faith thread winds its way realistically throughout the novel. I would recommend this series to readers who like fast-paced Christian suspense.

FAVORITE QUOTES: "I think some people can start out having a passion for God, but if that passion isn't flamed, disciplined, or encouraged, it can--....flame out?"

"I mean, having a relationship with God still takes work on our part. If you ignore it long enough, it will wither and die. I'm talking about on the human end, not God's"

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## **TAMMY CUEVAS says**

Ten years ago, Jillian saw a murder committed at a graduation party in her hometown. Changing her name, she fled the state and remained in hiding until she realized she had been found. Now, she has returned home to bring the murderer to justice; that is, if she can stay alive long enough....

In her third and final installment in the Deadly Reunions series, Ms. Eason is tying up all the loose ends from the first two novels. Jillian and Colton are finally reunited and work together to solve the mystery, while also coming to terms with their relationship. One of the most suspenseful aspects of the book is waiting for Jillian to reveal her secret to Colton and his response to her shocking revelation.

Clean, suspenseful mystery with romantic subplot; soft Christian theme.

4.5 stars

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### **Casey says**

Talk about a twist from what I thought the ending was going to be! A suspenseful conclusion to a three book series that can has kept me on my toes.

I have been waiting for Jillian's story for three novels now. She has been the reason and the driving forward behind what our killer has aimed for. It takes courage for her to come back and face the man who she believes to be after her life and the girl doesn't get much of a break!

It seemed with this title, there needed to be an explosion or death threat every couple of chapters to keep the tension level high. After a bit this pace became a bit old, but the romance leveled in was a nice balancing act.

As I mentioned above, the end had a fantastic twist that I didn't see coming for three books. I think it was a surprise for our would-be murderer too. Talk about depravity...but it was interesting and different. Made for a "did that really just happen??" moment.

Contemporary suspense with a flair of romance and more than just a pinch of fast finger-flicking through the pages. A weekend read sure to keep you up late to find out "who did it".

This review is my honest opinion. Thanks to the publishers for my copy to review.

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### **Julie Graves says**

Jillian Carter has spent the last 10 years of her life hiding from a killer. Tired of hiding and living a secret Jillian decides to return home to confront the person trying to kill her. The killer is getting closer to Jillian and becoming desperate to finish the job.

Colton Brady is stunned to see the changes in Jillian, the girl he once was in love with. Once Jillian reveals her reason for disappearing 10 years before, Colton has a hard time believing her story. After several attempts on Jillian's life though, Colton has no choice but to confront someone very close to him.

Jillian and Colton have really never stopped loving each other. As Colton fights to keep Jillian alive the attraction they had for each other many years before is once again rekindled. Jillian has one last secret that she is keeping from Colton though. Will this be the secret that ends their relationship forever?

With so many twists and turns I kept thinking "oh this is the killer" or "oh no, THIS is the killer" and then

change my mind again! What a great story that can have you guessing right up until the very end of the book! **WHEN A SECRET KILLS** was a quick and suspenseful read that has me looking forward to reading more of Lynette Eason's stories.

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## **Wendy Sparkes says**

### *#3 Deadly Reunions*

Wow! An explosive end to a fabulous series!

Who is the note writer threatening Senator Hoffman?

Who is the mystery guy trying to keep the secret quiet?

Who shot the governor?

Who organised the cover-up?

What did Jillian actually see that night 10 years ago?

Lots of twists and turns that keep you guessing as to who the bad guys are and what the motives could be...and just when you thought you had it figured, something else is thrown into the mix to send you wondering again! Lynette Eason has done a great job weaving the threads together throughout the series and keeping the intrigue high right to the end.

This is definitely a series that needs to be read in order, and one I highly recommend for fans of Christian Romantic Suspense.

#1 #2 #3

Looking forward to #4 ~ an ebook short where we meet up with our characters 7 years later.

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## **Jeremiah says**

I loved this book completely amazing, kept me at the edge of my seat as my craving of wanting to know what happened next built up as I turned each page. I must say Jillian is one lucky lady, having being able to survive all those attempts on her life. I always predict the ending right but this time I was caught unaware, I completely did not expect that Elizabeth would be the mastermind.

Lynette Eason outdid herself in this book and I would recommend this to all mystery and investigative lovers out there. She researched widely sought advice from all corners and the result is this outstanding novel. I can honestly say, She's just become one of my favorite authors.

P.S Meg Jillian's daughter is very witty every time she spoke I couldn't help but smile, what a cute smart

young lady there.

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## **Charity U says**

Let's just say I spent the entire book on pins and needles. The End. Nope, not enough. It was a great book! What a stunningly grand finale this one is to the Deadly Reunions series! As you may recall, I've now read six books by Lynette, with the first in this series (When the Smoke Clears) being my favorite of them all...until I read this one. Which ties with book 1. Both unbelievably good.

As readers of the first books in the series will hopefully remember, each book has its own complete suspense story, and yet through both of the first two, there's also a bit of suspense building around a central event and person...and that doesn't get cleared up until this book. It's a story in itself, but trust me – you'll be glad to know the characters and the background from the first two books, so read them all! So worth it. :)

So yes...Lynette Eason has done it again. Written yet another suspense that will keep you reading late into the night. There are few suspense books that can aspire to be this good! If you ask me about my favorite suspense authors, I have several to mention – but Lynette was the first I found, and is always the first to come to mind. The cover of this particular book is SO neat – the blue and purple and white, the brown eyes, the dark hair...all of it. According to the back of the book, it's "spine-tingling" and "nail-biting." Yup. It's true. Loved the characters (especially Colton, aka, the hero) and the story was very suspenseful as I've mentioned. Love!

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\*\*Revell sent me a copy of this book in return for my honest review. I wasn't required to review it positively, nor was I recompensed for this review in any way other than the book. I really did love it. :) \*\*

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## **Marian Baay says**

This may be my favorite book in Lynette Eason's Deadly Reunions Series. I enjoyed all books very much, but the main characters in "When a Secret Kills" are my favorites.

And finally we read the conclusion of the big mystery. You may be in for a surprise, although I started to suspect how the ending would be while devouring this story.

If you haven't read any of the books in this series, then I recommend you start with the first book and take time to read the whole series in one sitting. It's definitely worth your time!

\*Thanks to the publisher for providing me with a review copy through NetGalley.\*

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## **Victoria says**

Jillian is so tough and stubborn. Meg was absolutely hilarious. At times I felt like yelling at Jillian and Colton, because they wouldn't admit the fact that they both have feelings for each other even after being apart for so long. Great book and wonderful series. I guessed basically all of the "twists", (I'm sorry, I just can't help it!) nonetheless, it was still suspenseful.

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