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What if your husband tried to kill you...after he was dead?

Jack Clayton dies suddenly, leaving his wife, Natalie Clayton, with grief, funeral expenses, and a nasty mother-in-law. Now, someone wants Natalie dead—and all the evidence points to Jack.

Detective Addison Conner, as a single dad, struggles to keep one step ahead of his teenage daughter while handling the department's increasing caseload, but he's losing on both fronts. An unexpected attraction to Natalie points out how empty his life is. Before he can solve Natalie's case and look to the future, the attacks become intensely personal. Then Natalie disappears.

On the rugged California coast, Natalie assumes a new identity and builds a new life, gaining at least part of the family she always wished for in the form of a needy young girl whose faith helps her deal with her messed up family.

But if Addison can't catch the killer, everything Natalie's built may be destroyed.

For life isn't safe, especially in Perilous Cove.

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Anne Campbell says

This book could keep you awake and reading when you wish you could go to sleep.

This suspense novel begins with a rather heartless killer/arsonist-for-hire Tarz demonstrating his skill. Tarz weaves in and out of the pages with sickening frequency.

Then we're introduced to Natalie Clayton of St. Louis, Missouri. Her husband just died of an unexpected heart attack, and she's sitting at the graveside service with severe flu symptoms, listening to the chaplain drone on and on about a good man, loving husband, and devoted son. He surely can't be talking about her husband--although devoted son might fit. Firmly tied to his mother's apron strings, that tie was only severed by six feet of dirt on top of the casket.

Jack Clayton's mother, the illustrious Hilde Clayton, hates her. Hilde has her eye on the Governor's office. Hilde says Natalie is no good, and that she (Hilde) will assure Natalie gets not one cent from Jack's estate.

Natalie's best friend, Donna, who also closely resembles her, decides to spend the night with her. Natalie feels like warmed-over yuck and goes upstairs to bed. She wakes to unfamiliar noises, discovers an intruder. The intruder kills Donna and sets the house on fire.

Natalie manages to drag Donna (who Natalie doesn't know is already dead) out the window before the house is totally engulfed. Natalie winds up in the hospital recovering from a broken foot, burns, and the flu.

But wait--there's more. Enter Addison Connor, police detective, widower, father of fourteen-year-old Mandy. Arson and murder pulled him away from home--but he doesn't leave the teenager alone. He takes her along, and she sleeps in the car while he investigates.

You'd think Natalie would be safe in the hospital, but no. Someone tries to kill her roommate. They assign guards for her. When she is released, she has nowhere to go. No home, no friends (other than Donna, her husband made sure of that), no relatives. And apparently her husband had wiped out every savings and checking account they have on the morning before he died. And changed the recipient of his life insurance to his mother. Other than \$9,000 in a safety deposit box, she is broke.

Detective Addison takes her to his home. And still someone tries to kill her, but Mandy instead is winged.

That does it. She buys an old jeep from a neighbor and heads for a house her aunt left her on the West Coast in Perilous Cove. Once there, she changes her name to Samantha (her middle name) Riley (her mother's maiden name).

The killer follows her. So does Detective Addison and his daughter.

R Roberts says

Good story holding one's interest.

Well developed story holding your attention as it developed ending with an exciting fast moving dramatically bringing all events to a climatic conclusion.

Claudette Kilby says

I could not put this book down

Patricia says

This was a pretty good story with a lot of catastrophes throughout. That kept me reading. However, the story also seemed to go on a long time before resolution. There seemed to be trips down memory lane or travel log items that didn't promote the plot. I felt there were a few tiny illogical bits like racing into the basement of a burning house (but what choice did they have?), that Hilde would whack out like that and show up herself, that the bad guy would not pick a better moment to kill Natalie/Sam at the end and it would snowball to a potential mass murder incident, and other little things. Overall, it was a good story and I liked it but it had some bits that needed work. Plus, I would read further in the series, too.

Wendy Hughes says

Great story. It turns out i read this book twice- but i didn't realize it until i was halfway through! I didn't remember any of the beginning of the story! But the ending is really good and i had wanted to read more from this series. Ok i'm back on track now...

Kathryn Bain says

Decent book. Some of the suspense was very good, especially the first 1/3 of the book. Slowed way down after that until the end, then the suspense at the end seemed to go on a bit too long. I don't know if that was because of all the inner thoughts or not.

The Christian fiction wasn't too preachy, which was good. I've read some that you think are a sermon w/a slight bit of fiction tossed in. Yes, this is coming from a Christian fiction author.

Didn't take much to figure out who hired the bad guy and then who the bad guy was or where he was getting his info.

In need of editing on the story. Certain things made me stop reading with a "wait a minute" thought. For instance the person who hired the killer is ticked off because he's killing 4 people not hired to kill. Then this person wants to kill the main character so badly she decides killing those same 4 people is no big deal. All this occurs within the last 30 pages of the book.

Over all, a quick read. I'd read another book from Mr. Bullock just to see if his story line works better and if the suspense holds up at the end.

Beth says

Really excellent Christian suspense book. Some might call it romantic suspense, and there is definitely romance, but it's very clean, and does not take over the story. Other relationships take as much precedence as the romance. The writing was very good, and there were very minimal, barely noticeable issues with wrong words or grammar near the end. I would have given it five stars, but for the fact that the story lagged in the middle, and some story elements just did not make sense to me. (Spoiler alert) Why introduce the Alejandro character? Why would a cop not warn the victim that the perp is on the loose and probably knows her location? Why would a widow mourn a husband who stole all her money? (End spoiler alert) After these mildly irritating plot points, the story picked up again and carried me through to the nail-biting end. I will be continuing with the series.

Hzwarrrior says

Disappointed

The story was good. I just had trouble with how inept the police detectives were. Neither asked how the killer knew where Natalie was or any other and that might solve the case. The characters were more concerned with their past.

Tom Robinson says

This was an excellent and well-written book, and one that kept the reading steadily reading through - to find out whether our heroes would make it to the final chapter. Character development was also well-done, and I so appreciate our heroes bearing the weight of their moral, and Christian convictions, especially in the face of what seemed like insurmountable odds, at times. Good job, Rich, and for one's first published novel, it shows so much promise for what is to come, in later books!

Don Rich says

A good read that will keep you on edge. Romance, danger, and finally the ocean. It has some great elements, as well as interesting characters.

Val Shaw says**Nice story**

I enjoyed this story. The characters are great, the mystery and suspense keeps you guessing, and the setting is beautiful. Of course, being from California, I might be biased but it sure makes me miss home. I hope to read more from Rich when offered on unlimited.

Shanny says

I think I downloaded this when it was free. A good on the plane read, but airport fiction is exactly the genre. From the beginning the reader knows exactly who dunnit, how and why, and you spend the entire book mentally screaming at the far too nice central characters and their heavily layered Christian values wondering why they are so dense they don't see it. So, it all turns out exactly as you think it will, but you can't help reading to the end to make sure.

Valerie says**Outstanding read**

An action-packed story that kept me up way too late at night. Story line with plenty of twists & turns,, wonderfully descriptive settings. Well written & two thumbs up!

Leslie Deluccia says**Pretty good book**

I liked the suspense in the first 1/3 of the book and the Christian spin. However, I didn't think they developed that part enough. I really did enjoy the book as a whole and would recommend.

Cindy says

Twisting, interesting plot, likeable people. Nicely wound (& soft) subplot of "come to Jesus." Some violence, no sex or cussing, some romance. TTS-enabled, standalone, Christian morality, free on several sites for Kindle, I've reread several times & recommended it to online readers.
