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A Texas lawman must face his past and bring a serial killer to justice

DEA agent Cord Granger knows evidence doesn't lie. And he knows the serial killer in custody—his biological father—is the Moonlight Strangler. With news of a similar attack, Cord takes the victim, rancher Karina Southerland, into his protective custody.

Marred by the Strangler's hallmark slash across her cheek, Karina is sure Cord's father is innocent. The real killer is still out there—and he's coming to finish what he started. At least they can agree that their smoldering attraction is real. Now, if there's any hope for a future, Cord must solve this murderous puzzle. Before the Moonlight Strangler strikes again.

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Amy ~ Love At 1st Read says

I have read and loved several books by Ms. Fossen but had not read any of her romantic suspense. Wow! I've been missing some amazing stuff! There's nothing like the dynamics between two people who find themselves thrown together against a common enemy, especially when there's an attraction there.

DEA agent Cord Granger is certain the man he has in custody, his biological father, is the Moonlight Strangler, yet Karina Southerland is the latest victim in what appears to be a Moonlight Strangler attack. She's got the trademark slash on her cheek to prove it. And Karina is convinced Cord's father is innocent. Cord, though, is certain this is just another copycat killer. Still, Cord takes Karina into protective custody at his ranch hoping to keep her safe before the strangler attacks again. Only problem is their attraction is clouding their minds and cloudy thinking could get them both killed.

What a great story driven by the threat of danger and the promise of romance. Ms. Fossen reveals the twisting plot slowly with the stakes high. She tantalizes with hints of hope and a happy ending in doubt. In other words, she had me on the edge of my seat as this resourceful, fearless, lifelike couple fought for survival. The love story builds at the same time Cord and Karina confront escalating danger until finally it reaches a crescendo (and oh, what a crescendo!) that leaves the mystery solved and allowed me to finally breathe a sigh of relief.

My only regret in this book is that I discovered the series at the end. More than adequate background explanation is given and I at no time felt lost. I just felt aggravated that I had missed out on the story behind many of the secondary characters. So, even though I now know who the Moonlight Strangler is, I'll be going back to start this series from the beginning. I don't want to miss a minute! A Book Obsessed Chicks Review Team Selection

Barbara says

"Laying Down the Law" is the sixth and final instalment of Delores Fossen's Appaloosa Pass Ranch series. The only book of the series not focusing on the Crockett family, the book instead centres around Addie Crockett's biological brother, Cord Granger. Having just recently been kidnapped and attacked by the man presumed to be the Moonlight Strangler, DEA agent Cord Granger is recuperating at the Crockett's ranch when he meets Karina Southerland, the woman convinced that Willie Lee Samuels is not actually the Moonlight Strangler. When Karina is attacked, Cord will have to protect her while they determine if her attacker really was the Moonlight Strangler or one of their various suspects.

While there were many similarities to the previous romantic suspense books in this series, the most interesting difference to me was the relationship between Cord and Karina. Despite having opposite feelings on Willie Lee's guilt, the two didn't have any long-standing feud preventing them from being together. I actually ended up liking their relationship more than the ones in the previous books as the author didn't follow such a predictable pattern.

Unfortunately, another pattern that the author broke in this book was the lack of previous characters in this book. Jericho and Addie are involved enough with a few appearances from Jax, but Levi, Chase, and the respective fiancées/wives were not included. One of the things that I'd liked most about the fifth book is how

active all the previous characters were. For the final book, it would have been interesting to get some closure.

Overall, the reveal of the Moonlight Strangler was well done and finished off the most important overall storyline in the series. Having powered through the series in a week, I was a bit disappointed with this ending, but would still recommend the whole series to any fans of romance/suspense.

Belinda says

In this the last book of this series they have caught the Moonlight Strangler and he is in a coma in a prison hospital..but is he really the strangler? Karina does not think he is..but cord is his son and he knows he is...Can Karina change Cord's mind? Kidnappings, killings and Cord's and Addies' mom show up in this fast paced thriller..A great book..Great ending..one I didn't see happening..

Maureen Hubley says

Great final book in the series.

Harlequin Books says

Miniseries: Appaloosa Pass Ranch

AG Reads says

3 1/2 stars. The suspense element in this one was fast paced and involved several side characters and possible suspects. The main problem was that the romance suffered from so much time being spent on building the mystery and the various players. There seemed to be little explanation for Cord and Karina falling in love. There was attraction, they shared a few kisses (some at odd moments), had sex, and that was the romance. As soon as the killer is caught, they exchange I love you's and plan to date for a month before getting engaged. Too little time was spent exploring the emotions, so I didn't feel the connection between the H and h.

As for the suspense plot, it felt contrived at times and I figured out the killer pretty early on. Not by name, but it wasn't hard to see there was only one explanation. Too many conveniences and too little romance made for a pretty average read.

Jess Lawson says

I was really looking forward to this book but I must say it left me wanting. I didn't like the ending. It makes sense but it's just not who I expected it to be. The moonlight strangler has left us hanging for months and I guess I just wanted it to end as we had already caught him and the culprit after Karina to be a copycat. It was a good read just not the ending I wanted.

Karen Machamer says

Another awesome book by Delores Fossen. Really loved Cord and Karina's story.

Sheri Jesse says

Quick, easy read that kept me guessing. While I quickly figured out that Cord and Karina would end up together, there were a couple of twists I didn't see coming. The identity of the Moonlight Strangler was a total surprise.

Missy Jones says

Hard to follow all the male characters.

Mindy says

Wow! What a great ending to a phenomenal series. This was my first experience with Delores Fossen and I was so thrilled with the read. This series focused on a family that has been plagued and tormented by a serial killer for many years. Each family member being effected by the killer at one time or another. Some times more than once. The characters in each story are strong enough to stand on their own but together they create something that is unstoppable.

This book was no different than the previous stories in the fact that it held me captive from beginning to end.

Cord Granger has had a difficult and tormented life. He grew up never knowing who his parents were, where he came from or if he had any real family. Then he finds out he not only has family but he has a twin sister. However, he also finds out that his biological father is an infamous serial killer, the Moonlight Strangler. Cord is recovering from the injuries he sustained at the hands of his father, the Moonlight Strangler, or Willie Lee Samuels, in the last book. He, and everyone else, is convinced they have the killer in custody. That is, until another woman is attacked by someone claiming to be the killer. Cord must race to discover the truth all while protecting the feisty Karina Southerland.

Karina is a ranch owner who has known and worked alongside Willie Lee for the past 15 years. He has been like a father to her ever since her own father passed away and she is certain that they have the wrong man. She's determined to prove his innocence to everyone. However, it seems she is now the newest victim picked out by the Moonlight Strangler.

Will Cord be able to find the answers he so desperately needs and will Karina be able to prove the innocence of Willie Lee? Will they each be able to accomplish their goals before they fall into each other's arms?

You'll have to read to find out. Grab a copy of this book. I'm sure you won't be disappointed.

