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In the Colorado mountain town of Glenwood Springs, not far from Aspen, artist/photographer Gwyn Sanders discovers a cryptic letter her sister Kelly left behind. The victim of a deadly hit and run, Kelly reveals she was sexually involved with her sister's boyfriend and is scared for her life. Both Gwyn and her remaining sister Linda have since married their boyfriends, so either could be guilty of murder. The sisters received a large inheritance before meeting these men, and know little of either man's background. Worse, both Gwyn and Linda love their husbands deeply, but steps must be taken to find the truth. And the truth is complicated. Is it one of the two men, or another previous lover? Or none of them? Danger abounds and everyone is a suspect as Gwyn tries with the help of a gifted private detective to track a killer....

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Vicki Jaeger says

Where to begin. The ebook version was \$0.99, and you get what you pay for. The plot felt like a 1970s poorly crafted made-for-tv movie, with way too many predictable red herrings. The main character is an artist by trade, but she only describes things like a new shopping mall with any type of detail. And the language is awkward, saying things like, "sipping her iced tea through a straw." Like I need to know a straw was involved??

I had to finish it to see where she ended up. I could've saved the time and read something else. Whatever you do, DON'T PICK UP THIS BOOK. I'm begging you.

Kae Cheatham says

This book presented a well thought out mystery, with several outcomes possible--all believable. I didn't feel cheated by the ending, as is often the case with some mysteries.

Character development and writing style were very good. Some scenes did seem a bit too long without a direct bearing on the story, although they did further character development.

Cristina Rivera says

Gwyn and Linda, sisters, must figure out who murdered their sister, Kelly, especially after finding a letter written by Kelly implicating one of their husbands or an old boyfriend of Gwyn's to have been having an affair with her, and fearing for her life. The book is from Gwyn's point of view only, and she soon discovers that her husband may be cheating on her but keeps mum about it. As far as the sisters are concerned, the cheater must be the murderer also. A private investigator is hired to dig into the husband's pasts and current goings and comings. Evidence soon comes to light about the men. It is a twist you won't figure out until the last couple of chapters.

Really loved this book. It was filled with the right amount of suspense and Gwyn's view point was the perfect angle of this story. A bit of an artist myself, so I was able to relate with the fascination of art that is Gwyn's passion. It is set in Glenwood, Colorado, which made me want to try skiing and snowmobiling; it all sounded interesting minus the tumbles here and there. I told my boyfriend about this book, and even though he'd rather read something about mages and dragons (Dragonlance), he thought the plot was interesting. That's a good sign. Read this book!

Maggie White says

A good wee read. Might be one to take on holiday and read by the pool or on the beach. it is the story of a

girl trying to solve the mystery of her sister's murder. it starts with the sister, Kelly, last latter that gwyn finds secreted in part of kelly's furniture. This sets off a catalogue of reactions that Gwyn had not expected especially when Kelly admits that she has slept with her sister's boyfriend - but which sister and which boyfriend she doesn't confess to.
Good book and worth reading.

Donna Palmer says

Easy read

This book was easy to read and had a great story line that kept you thinking and wanting to read more

Imogen Rose says

When Gwyn Saunders discovers a letter that was hidden, taped inside a dresser, by her murdered sister implicating her husband as a possible suspect, Gwyn's relationship with him is, not surprisingly, compromised. Compromised because it's not exactly clear who her sister was referring to in her letter. It could have been Gwyn's husband, but it could also have been her brother-in law or her old boyfriend...

Nancy C. Johnson spins an exciting whodunit, where no one can be trusted, and everyone is implicated. I enjoyed every minute of reading it. Nancy immediately hooked me and kept me captivated right to the end. I look forward to Nancy's next book.

Marcia Lechleitner says

It is hard to put this book down. Excellent read and very mysterious.

Cara St.Hilaire says

I feel terribly criticizing someone's work this way. I downloaded this on my Kindle because it was only .99 at the time and I love a good suspense story. What, in theory, should hook readers in

- the main character is an artist living in the Rockies
- the story evolves from a cryptic/mysterious note left by the lead characters deceased sister
- the ever-growing mystery that perhaps your husband could be guilty of deception and murder? Juicy!

However, the delivery just wasn't there.

--Yes, Gwyn is an artist. But the one exhibit she had was in a mall instead of a quaint gallery and her life is anything but that of a passionate artist.

--the letter left behind by the sister was the most interesting part, but it could have been so much more suspenseful.

--I stopped caring if her husband (Trevor) or her sister's husband (Wolfgang...really? Wolfgang?) were

murderers because they were so typical and so annoying. I'm not sure what would draw any woman to either of these men. Materialistic, annoying, and cheesy would describe Trevor. Wolfgang was your typical bodybuilding, abusive, unintelligent man with no class.

My dislike for this story could very much be cultural. Art shows in malls, tacky steakhouses, fancy ski equipment, and McMansions are of no interest to me. There wasn't any charm either geographically or pertaining to the characters.

Monica says

I only liked one thing about this book and that was the setting. I bought it for 99 cents on my Nook and what made me purchase it was the fact it took place in my hometown of Glenwood Springs, Colorado. I enjoyed the shout out to local places I love like the Italian Underground, but that is all I enjoyed. The character development was non-existent and it was a lot of dialogue. Sometimes it reminded me of how third graders write a story after you teach them about quotation marks which is all dialogue and no clue who is talking or what is happening.

Melissa says

The actual storyline was gripping and suspenseful and I loved how the author developed the characters. With that said, I was quite disappointed in the ending as many main characters just dropped off in the novel with no real resolution to some thematic conflicts. There were just enough twists and turns to the main storyline all the way to the end. Overall a pretty good read.

Danielle says

For \$0.99 on kindle...this was a great read!

Jerusha says

Well, overall, it was OK. A cheap buy on the Kindle, and I was hoping it would be a great suspense story. Eh...I was hoping for better characters (the most interesting character was the dead sister). I was hoping for a better ending (you mean the crazy suspect was the killer all along). I won't rush out to read more by this author.

Lori Anderson says

Another near-freebie I ran across via the Kindle. And while it's definitely not high literature, it was a quick read that blew the cobwebs out of my head.

The premise -- three sisters. One was killed. The other two are married. One of the marrieds finds a letter written by the dead sister saying she had an affair with the boyfriend of one of the sisters and she's afraid he's going to kill her "like he did the other one".

The question now is, which husband did it?

Thrown into the mix is an ex-boyfriend that fell within the time frame who suddenly reappears on the scene, one of the husbands who may or may not be cheating, and one of the husbands who may or may not be beating his wife. Add a generous portion (to the point of being too much) Aspen skiing. Mix that with some tidy wrap-ups when strings are left dangling. You're left with a decent night's read, but it all ends up tidy and a little predictable, where the author had the chance to be edgy and exciting.

Lori Anderson

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Jean says

Her Last Letter was nice, but not much of a mystery. It focuses on Gwyn, who recently discovers a letter written by her sister who was murdered. She then decides to discover who murdered her beloved Kelly. Unfortunately, Gwyn did little investigating, choosing to do the smart thing instead, and hire a private investigator. The result wasn't very interesting. The book focused on skiing and the life of rich married women more than Kelly's murder. The ending was bland, and was not shocking or scary in any way. The idea was a good one, but the book wasn't much of a mystery.

Diane J. Caldarulo says

A sad but poignant story

Two sisters, originally 3...their relationship with others and each other...the scars they carry inside and out...the writer really draws a good picture of pitfalls of life

Karen says

i have really enjoyed reading this book, it has kept me interested the whole way through,even the ending was all sewn up nicely, not leaving you to wonder what the characters were carrying on to do,in my opinion this book has been really well written and i will read more of Nancy C Johnson's books..

Jayne says

I thought the premise of the story was good and it gripped your attention but I felt there was too much detail that was unnecessary (for example all the food details, who cares what the characters ate!) The characters themselves were not that believable. Why would you suspect your husband of murdering your sister?? I didn't think the book really flowed and found myself wanting to get to the 'meat' of it instead of wading through pages of parties and ski trips that didn't add to the storyline. Not a very satisfying read I'm afraid!

Melanie Kealey says

Really had a hard time getting through this one. The characters weren't likeable, the story was filled with too many superficial details and not enough emotion to make me care about Gwyn, her sister, or even if the killer was caught. Gwyn, the main character, was too weirdly moody and irrational to warm up to and the dialogue between her and everyone else was stilted and forced. I picked up this ebook because the price was right, but I only finished it to get through it.

Vicki Tyley says

I'm having a really good run with the books I've read lately, and this is no exception. I really liked the premise of Her Last Letter, not to mention the many twists – especially the one at the end.

Katy says

This book had the recipe for something really great but ended up being just meh. The author was overly descriptive on a lot of aspects of this book and sometimes the book felt weighed down by insignificant details. It also felt like it took a really long time to get the the point of the book.

It started out well with Gwyn finding the letter from Kelly but then the plot sort of trudged along without much happening but a lot of pages going by.

Then once the climax of the book happened (and I use the term climax loosely), it felt very scattered and hurried. The amount of detail used in the insignificant points of the book were much more than the detail used in what turned out to be the point of the whole book.

Also something I noticed that I'm not sure many others would've noticed: Gwyn was supposedly born and raised in Glenwood Springs, but the author had her use terminology that is not used in Colorado. As I grew up in Colorado, I would know. The author, and therefor her main character, CLEARLY are from Michigan.

She uses terms like "door wall" to refer to a sliding glass door and the term "party store" for liquor store. Both of those are terms used in Michigan but definitely not used in Colorado. A little bit of research would've yielded that information. It led to less authenticity of the character for me.

