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The light fades as she runs for her life, the forest now becoming quieter around her. The only noise she hears is the sound of footsteps following her...

It's hiking season in Black Rock Falls and the small town in Montana is flooded with visitors. But when a hiker finds a human skull on a deserted trail in the woods that surround the town, Detective Jenna Alton is called in to investigate.

With no missing persons reported, Jenna has no leads. Then her team makes a shocking discovery – the body of another hiker, a young man, tied to a tree and riddled with bullets. Could the two murders be linked?

As more bodies are found, Jenna and her deputy David Kane know that they must venture deep into the forest to find and face the killer. But nothing can prepare them for what awaits them there...

If you love Robert Dugoni, Karin Slaughter and Rachel Abbott you'll love this nail-biting thriller from D.K. Hood.

What readers are saying about D.K. Hood:

'WOW!!! I read this book in one sitting ... **gripping ... I was swept away** ... I simply can't wait for the next book.' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars

'WOW WOW WOW!!!! ABSOLUTELY AMAZING!! ... From literally the first page you're hooked and gripped!! Kept on the edge of my seat throughout I just couldn't put it down ... my new all time favourite author!! ... I just wish I could've given it more than five stars!!!' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars

'Wow this book was amazing... totally thrilling and had me hanging on to every word... **leaves you wanting more...** Well worth **5 stars, in fact I wish I could give it more.**' *Bonnie's Book Talk*, 5 stars

'Oh my flipping goodness!! ... kept me guessing until the very last page ... I cannot fault this book at all – if I could read it all over again for the very first time, I would jump at the chance ... Hard hitting, addictive, and incredibly chilling ... A truly toe curling read – fantastic!' *The Writing Garnet*, 5 stars

'I absolutely love D.K Hood... an amazing author!! ... a book that **I absolutely devoured!** From cover to cover you're gripped. I can't wait for the next one!!' Goodreads, 5 stars

'A huge five star rating for a fantastic book... kept me gripped throughout and I loved it.' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars

'I was taken on a rollercoaster ride ... it leaves you gripping the edge of your seat in anticipation ... will keep you **hooked from the very beginning.**' *Stardust Book Reviews*, 5 stars

'Amazing story ... gripping ... you just can't wait for more... Definitely **6 out of 5 stars!**' *Sean's Book Reviews*, 5 stars

‘Five massive stars, a phenomenal read which will certainly having me coming back for more.’ *Sweet Little Book Blog*, 5 stars

‘I was completely addicted to the story. I flew through the pages and read the book in an evening – **I would have struggled to put it down!!’** *Donna’s Book Blog*, 5 stars

The Crying Season Details

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Louise Wilson says

Detective Kane & Alton #4

When two tourists find a skull while on a trail when hiking, for Kane and Alton it's just the start of something neither of them could have envisioned. We are back in Black Rock Falls, Montana, and a merciless predator is stalking the woods during the peak hunting season. The killer seems to be targeting young couples, who are mainly tourists, who want to spend some time alone in secluded areas.

Detectives Kane and Alton are back along with Wolfe and the rest of the team. They are seeking out a serial killer who targets couples. The body count is rising but will they catch the predator before they strike again. This is a fast paced, well written, edge of your seat read. There are plenty of twists in this gritty police procedural. I like Kane and Alton and their will they/won't they form a relationship. The main characters are all likeable and they work well together. I would never in a million years have guessed who the predator was. I love a book that keeps you guessing. This book can be read as a standalone but you will be missing out on a good series if you don't read them all from the beginning

I would like to thank NetGalley, Bookouture and the author DK Hood for my ARC in exchange for an honest review.

Linda Strong says

Only in Black Rock Falls will you find a Sheriff who is an ex-DEA Agent in witness protection with a new name and a new face, a Deputy who was a sniper and member of the Special Forces Investigation Command and another who is also the ME.

When a hiker finds a human skull in the forest of Black Rock Falls, Detective Jenna Alton and her team investigate ... with surprising results. They find the skull, and numerous scattered bones, as well as the skeleton of what appears to be a man tied to a tree with an arrow between his eyes and riddled with bullets.

And those aren't the only bodies they find

THE CRYING SEASON can be read as part of the series or easily as a standalone. I highly recommend starting at the very beginning. Not only is it a fascinating story on how the three main characters came together, but their story is woven through an action-packed page-turner. I especially enjoy how the characters relate to each other ... with caring, respect, humor and sometimes a little sarcasm ... but it's the way they go about solving crime in their little town that sets them apart.

Many thanks to the author / Bookouture / Netgalley for the digital copy of this crime fiction. Opinions expressed here are unbiased and entirely my own.

Donna Maguire says

<https://donnasbookblog.wordpress.com/...>

I have been thoroughly enjoying this series and couldn't wait to get my hands on, The Crying Season, the latest release in the series!

This book is possibly my favourite from the series so far, it is well written, has a gripping plot and some brilliant characters. The ending was superb and I couldn't wait to find out how it all ended and I can tell you I certainly wasn't disappointed!!

Five stars from me for this one, another cracking addition to the series!!

Joyce says

3 and 1 / 2 stars

On a trail ride outside of Black Rock Falls, Montana, Sheriff Jenna Alton and her partner Deputy David Kane and others, including a pathologist, discover the skeletal remains of a couple in the forest. They were clearly hunted down and murdered. Shane Wolfe, a pathologist is a major character in the book as well. He is very good and gives detailed and informative descriptions of the wounds on the various victims.

These murders add to the burden of keeping the peace in a town where turkey, elk and deer hunting seasons overlap. Many fights break out as the testosterone fueled men go at one another.

Meanwhile, the reader finds out the identity of the killer and how they lure their victims to their deaths. He is a very careful planner and videos the whole "hunt" and watches it over and over to re-live his sick thrills. Jenna and Kane and the other officers decide to set up a trap for the killer. Working from the evidence they found and Kane profile of the murderer, they come up with a plan to trap them. Their plan goes awry and after some very tense moments, they have the killer.

Jenna is an interesting character. Being a former DEA agent, I would have thought that she would be made of tougher stuff. She seems to rely on Kane far too much. Her character is inconsistent and she is doubtful of her own abilities. Maybe Kane should be the sheriff. I mention it because it was more than a little irritating for me. Kane is very good at what he does. He is a martial artist and very quick and smart. He is also a profiler. I liked the character of Shane Wolfe. He is very good at communicating information.

I want to thank both NetGalley and Bookouture for forwarding to me a copy of this interesting book for me to read, enjoy and review.

Zoé-lee O'farrell says

Each book is getting creepier and creepier, and I have it on good authority that the next book is going to be even MORE creepier!!!

This is the fourth book in the series, and whilst you may potentially be able to read it on your own, I don't want you to (demanding ah!). You would so be missing out on the team and the little details, but if you must you can read it on its own..but please don't!!

I really could not guess who the big bad was in this book, and to be honest I could have been happy to not know. This serial killer is one crazy messed up person, they can have a ticket to a different crazy town to me and they can stay there!!!!!! There are no clues to who the perp is at all, (Well I didn't think so!) and I was waiting on baited breathe with the rest of the team.

80% in the book and things go bat s**t crazy! I was flying through the book, heart in my throat, I felt like I was holding my breath, and there was a LOT of OMG OMG OMG OMG moments in my head! What was going on!! And then there was that twist and that ending, man I need the next book like yesterday!!! I can't cope!

As said this story is much more creepier than before. Ms Hood's writing is awesome, to put it in plain English, as you can picture the idyllic and peaceful forest, the sounds of the animals, the scenery and then the blood and guts are thrown in too. I devour every word on the page, I click my kindle button as quick as I could, as this story was haunting me. I could not figure out why this was happening and what the connection was!

Someone is hunting women, in hunting season, perfect cover story but there is a twist with this hunt, and it shocks you to the core. It is the sort of book I could picture on the big screen, it would be like a really epic 80's slasher pic, I would love to see it!

The chapters when we are in the predator's head were spine chilling. The thought process and lack of human emotion apart from the hunt, makes you realise how messed up they are! A person completely devoid of human attachment, with a secret cave of goodies. Aaaaaahhh, don't run for the hills, stay in the main streets this time!

As always, I adore Kane and Alton's relationship, the fact they are getting closer makes me so happy, still, the miscommunications and understanding with them are apparent. But happy days the team is back! Still loving the new additions and Rawley, he is just adorable. They work so well together, Kane beasting them to be better and Alton and her guidance and direction making them a well-oiled team.

This is my favourite go-to series of the year so far, I can't fault the book, even with all the blood, gore and terrifying actions of a predator and the crazy reasoning behind said actions! Just makes you wonder what goes on in some people's head!

I love everything about these books and really think the time needs to be invested here, so go buy the books, lock yourself away and fully immerse yourself to Sheriff Alton and Deputy Kane and a little-known place called Black Rock Falls. (Thanks for stopping by with my rambles....*whisper* go buy the books)

Psst...think this may just be my book of the month!

Mandy White says

Book 4 in the Detectives Kane and Alton series and it shows no signs of letting up. This is a great series with

a team of detectives who are not really who they seem in a small town in Montana. Kane and Alton are a great team, working together in this town that sees so much crime and murder.

It is Hiking season in Black Rock Falls. Visitors comes from all over to hike the woods and go hunting. When a human skull is discovered Jenna and her team are called to investigate. There are no missing persons on record making it all the much harder. But then another body is discovered and this becomes a serial killer. They will have to enter the woods themselves to solve this case, but will they both return.... this killer is violent and cunning and very very dangerous.

This is a great series and I have no hesitation of picking up these books. Always a great read. Thanks to Bookouture and Netgalley for my advanced copy of this book to read and enjoy. All opinions are my own and are in no way biased.

Denise says

Black Rock Falls, Montana -- "Beautiful one day, crazy as hell the next."

A merciless predator is stalking the trails and woods of Black Rock Falls during peak hunting and hiking season. The killer seems to focus on couples who are going off to secluded areas and trails to spend some quality time alone. But they don't come back and bodies have been found -- murdered in very gruesome fashion. Sheriff Jenna Alton and her partner, Deputy David Kane begin the painstaking process of investigation with hopes of finding this madman before there are more deaths. When they suspect that there have been cameras placed along certain trails, it comes to their attention that the killer may be linked to the Dark Web and pay per view. NO SPOILERS.

This is simply a very entertaining series with characters that have grown on me since book #1. Both Jenna and Dave have a previous life history of being covert operators and are now in Black Rock Falls staying hidden from those who knew them before. The pair has a great relationship that I wish would finally be taken in a more romantic direction, but I do appreciate that there isn't any "romance" in the books. They work well together and have set up a great support team to help with solving the crimes. The descriptions of the area are very compelling and set the tone for the dark investigations that seem to be cropping up in their little remote town.

I do love the series and can't wait for #5. Be sure to start with the first book and read in order! Thank you to NetGalley and Bookouture for the e-book ARC to read and review.

peggy says

Switch off your phone, turn off your tv and curl up in a comfy chair and prepare to visit Black Rock Falls. One day is beautiful the next day crazy. This is the fourth in the Detectives Kane and Alton series and they just keep getting better and better.

After reading this book I am never going hiking!!!!!!

This is an explosive, exhilarating rollercoaster ride of a book.

Pay for view THRILL kills by a psychopathic killer and boy he is nasty.

This book is everything I expect from this author and more. It is graphic and very police procedural.

I know that when one of this series lands in my inbox I am in for a hell of a ride. This is definitely my type of book, serial killers are my favourite genre and this one is pure evil. In the climax when the killer was revealed it was a shock and not who I was expecting.

This is the sign of good no brilliant writing. This author hooks you and gradually reels you in until you just have to keep on reading.

I feel as though I have been running through the forest since the first page.

A really fantastic read. How much longer do I have to wait for the next in this explosive series?

Don't think I would like to live in Black Rock Falls people keep dying!!!!

I would like to thank the author D K Hood, Bookouture and NetGalley for giving me the opportunity to read this book in return for giving an honest review.

Julie Lacey says

Ooh this is a great read. I was literally holding my breath during the last few pages, desperate to know how this book would end.

The tension builds throughout the book as more and more bodies are found in the forest and Kane and Alton realise they have a serial killer on their hands.

The team work together to try and find the killer but in the end a dangerous plan is the only option to catch this clever killer.

Many lives are at stake but Jenna sees no other option and puts her life on the line.

This is a great series and the camaraderie amongst the team is one of the things I love about it. The chemistry between Jenna and Dave is another and I just hope one day they're both brave enough to admit their feelings.

I really can't wait for the next book on this series.

Thanks to Bookouture and NetGalley for the opportunity to read this book.

Shalini says

One of the most fabulous thrillers written by D. K. Hood. Her last book was too dark for me, so I was a bit apprehensive with this one. But D. K. Hood proved me wrong on all fronts.

She used a fabulous concept of a pay per view channel and gave it heights that had my adrenaline soaring to a fervored pitch. The team of Jenna - Kane - Wolfe are back at the Black Rock Falls. And I loved every line of this book.

I read this in 3 hours flat and believe me, every part worked fluently to make me anxious to get to the bottom of it. I needed to know who the killer was, stat. And yeah, I didn't expect the person exposed at the end. The book kept me gripped till the end.

The team worked in great camaraderie, I liked their mutual respect and their movements were fluid. Each one knew the others' strengths. I keep expecting a romantic angle between Kane and Jenna... Well it just remains a hint of a whisper... Maybe the next book would explore it more!!

Pat says

No synopsis for this as there are plenty of them around in other reviews. I've enjoyed this series to date and this was possibly the most gripping book in the series so far. Normally that would make it a winner for me but I feel like I have read this story before with different characters. Apart from seeming a bit derivative it was also littered with lazy tropes that are getting bit old. You know the sort of thing - vicious male psychopath who hates women and hunts them for sport (revelling in their blood, groan), the tough as nails heroine who won't listen to reason and puts herself in grave danger from said psychopath in order to catch him, blah blah. It makes for suspenseful reading but come on, let's be a bit more creative here and have a more believable villain and more complex and innovative plot.

I'm not against stories in which women get murdered by men (let's face it the genre is full of them) but it does get a bit tiresome at times. And I know it happens in real life but the reality is usually a lot more prosaic than what was depicted in these pages. It seems to me that the writer was aiming for maximum shock value and forgot about clever plotting. It was eminently readable, hence three stars, but not at all memorable or clever.

Kat Dietrich says

The Crying Season by D.K. Hood is the 4th in the Sheriff Alton and Deputy Kane series.

First, let me thank NetGalley, the publisher Bookouture, and of course the author, for providing me with a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review. All opinions are my own.

Series Background (Warning – May contain spoilers from previous books):

Sheriff Jenna Alton is the Sheriff in Black Rock Falls, Montana. She is new to being Jenna Alton. She has a new name, and a new ID, because her past is still out there. She's former DEA. Deputy David Kane also has a new name and new ID. Similar reasons. He's a former Special Forces sharpshooter with exceptional profiling skills. Forensic Scientist Shane Wolf is not only a Medical Examiner with amazing computer skills, he used to be Kane's handler. So, with a few other deputies, Jenna has a good team to handle crime in the small Black Rock Falls town, which seems to have more murders than a small town should.

My Synopsis:

It is hunting season in Black Rock Falls, and the surrounding forest trails and mountainous regions are filled with wildlife, and hunters. But there is one hunter out there that isn't hunting wildlife. When hikers find a human skull, Jenna thinks it may have been from the local reservation, but that thought is quickly dismissed when another body is found, tied to a tree and shot multiple times.

More bodies turn up, and it looks like the hunter is killing the male, and hunting the female for sport. He may be video-taping his kills.

The only way to catch this guy may be to go undercover. Jenna looks a lot like his preferred prey.

My Opinions:

I am really enjoying this series as the author continues to add depth to her characters. Jenna finally showed real guts without Kane overshadowing her.

I also liked the way the story alternated between the killer and the police, as both tried to meet their goals. In this way, we got into the killers head a little, without any clues as to who he was.

These books have great plots, and are fast reads, always with a lot of action and plenty of suspects.

Once again, D.K. Hood kept me entertained!

For a more complete review of this book and others, please visit my blog:

<http://katlovesbooksblog.wordpress.com/>

Diane Hogg says

Review to follow on blog tour

Susan Angela Wallace says

The crying season by DK Hood.

Sheriff Jenna Alton and deputy David Kane are back. This time a killer is targeting couples and hunt them in the forest. He is quick and evil. Can Jenna and her team stop him?

Omg an absolutely fantastic read with great characters. Loved Kane and Jenna. I was on the edge of my seat for the part of the forest. Don't want to give anything away but there is shocks and twists galore. I had no idea who it was. I didn't realise this was book 4. But I still was able to read it. 5*. Highly recommended.

Els says

OMG, D.K. Hood, I hope you are busy writing? I really can't wait for the next one. What did you do to me?

The whole time I sat on the edge of my seat, more than once crying 'oh, nooooo!' You really know how to keep one's attention, I'll give you that.

The thoughts are going around in my head trying to figure out who was behind all the crimes and I really nearly fell off my chair when the name was revealed. And then the ending ... It totally brought tears to my eyes.

I did not like Jenna's behaviour in the previous book, but now I see some positive changes.

This book is really fast paced with an all consuming air of danger and suspense. I am thoroughly happy that hiking is not my cup of tea. 5 stars.

Thank you, D.K. Hood, Bookouture and Netgalley.

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