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## **THE SEARCHING MOTHER**

Miranda Steele. Smart-talking, hot pepper-eating loner whose abusive ex-husband stole her baby and gave it up for adoption. She comes to Atlanta to hunt for her daughter.

## **THE PI**

Wade Parker. Wealthy owner of the Parker Investigative Agency and most eligible forty-four-year-old bachelor in Atlanta. He still mourns the death of his socialite wife but must now solve a disturbing murder case.

## **THE MURDERER**

A serial killer strangling young girls in a bizarre ritual. Why?

She doesn't need a man.

He needs to find a killer.

Together, can they save a thirteen year old girl?

## **Someone Else's Daughter Details**

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**charlotte beam says**

**Someone Else's Daughter by Linsey Lanier**

This book was awesome. I really enjoyed reading about Miranda's story. It was a tough story but an inspiring one. I love how tough and independent Miranda became after suffering for so many years at the hands of her crazy mean husband. But she never stopped trying to help anyone that was being victimized, even at her own detriment. Wow !! What a gal. I loved the book, the characters, the heart that was in it. I most definitely recommend this book. For adults. Can't wait to get the next one.

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**Devi Nair says**

Original Review can be found on my Review Blog [Views She Writes](#)

Before I started the book, I went through some of the reviews in GoodReads. They were mixed ones with some negative current underlying. But having liked the blurb of the book, I thought of going ahead with it anyway. And that happened to be a wonderful choice for me.

There is nothing not to love in this book. Miranda Steele is a very believable character. The things that she has gone through in her past has only motivated her to get stronger and bolder in her attitude towards life. The “Steele” she has in her is only further enforced by her incessant liking for very hot peppers. She gets the break of her life by getting noticed by Wade Parker, who is a PI. The attraction between them is natural and goes well with the story.

The story is wholly focused on Miranda, with Wade getting some POVs in between. The central female character gives the story a better feel. The male character is also written in such a way as to give enough importance to him but not having him overshadow Miranda. This gives a very woman-centric theme to the book, which makes it enthralling.

The actual murder on which the mystery is based is also nicely scripted, although at times I felt the author wants the readers to figure out the killer way before the final reveal. I could guess the killer about 60% into the book and was proved right at the end, albeit in a very surprising way.

Linsay is a wonderful writer. She added enough witty comments in the book to make the reader literally laugh out loud in certain situations, thereby ensuring the story does not turn boring or monotonous. Her style of writing ensures that you cannot keep the book down till you reach the very end. I am looking forward to more wonderful cases with Miranda and Wade. They make a wonderful couple and are in perfect sync to solve mysteries.

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**Jacqueline says**

This is the first book I have read by this author, and it won't be the last! I loved it, and could not put it down.

I only read it as it was free, but will now gladly buy the other in the Miranda series...if only to read more about the hot PI Wade Parker. The book is well written, and great plotting..it kept me on the edge throughout. I highly recommend this book and this author to anyone looking for a great read!

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### **Marleen says**

Finishing “Someone else’s Daughter”, I realized that although this book started off promising, it turned out to be a rather below average read, especially the budding romance between Wade Parker and Miranda Steele felt trivial and brought the entire plot down.

It’s not that I disliked Miranda. She’s a woman who has come a long way since being bullied, abused by a brutal and boorish husband, a policeman, thirteen years earlier. Miranda has become a fighter and a defender of the weak, preferring to do transient physical work, like on a road crew or a construction job. When Miranda finally receives a worthy clue of where to find her lost daughter, who was put for adoption by her abusive husband when she was a few weeks old, Miranda travels to Atlanta and crosses paths with Wade Parker, founder of the Parker Agency, a private investigators corporation. Wade sees a kindred spirit in her and hires her as a trainee. Whether she will find her daughter or not, that I prefer to leave out. Anyway, the story went downhill from there.

And revealing the killer’s identity at the conclusion of the story, was even more preposterous.

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### **Pam says**

Someone Else’s Daughter is a Miranda’ Right Mystery book 1 by Lindsey Lanier. It is a really good book and you don’t want to put it down. It deals with abuse, adoption, building self-confidence, and mystery. Miranda Steele was a victim of spousal abuse. She went to the store one evening to get ice cream and was abducted and raped. If that wasn’t enough, her ex-husband deemed it her fault and when she showed up pregnant, he verbally and physically abused her. The turning point came when three weeks after her baby was born, he took her out of the house and gave her up for adoption. He forged her name on the papers. Could he get away with it? Yes, he was a cop and knew lots of people who would help him. Then he threw her out in the snow and told her to leave. Miranda could have given up then; but she didn’t. She had to find her baby. She pulled herself up by her boot strings and took whatever job she could as she hunted for her daughter. The agency she used had no clues to give her. On her visit to the company thirteen years later led to a clue. An anonymous thirteen year old in Atlanta wrote to the company for their help in finding her mother. She had been adopted and her adoptive parents had no time for her. She just wanted to find her birth parents. The problem was, she didn’t sign the letter with her name, just Someone Else’s daughter. Now she was in Atlanta.

Miranda had a job working on the streets. She and the boss lady didn’t agree on how to handle an older mentally challenged worker. This disagreement led to an all out fight with Miranda getting fired and the boss lady moved to a different position. Now Miranda had to look for another job.

Wade Parker ran a large private investigation company. He had run into Miranda at a bar and found her fascinating. He did a background check on her then watched from a distance as her job as a city worker crumbled. He saw potential in her to be a private investigator so he offered her a job. The job included going through their school before being paid to work a case. The next time he talked to her was when she was in jail as a suspect in the murder of a young girl. Luckily she found a witness that kept her away from the girl murder. Now will she take the job with Parker’s group in order to trace her daughter or will she go it alone?

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## **Terric853 says**

Miranda Steele has had a rough life. She was married to an abusive man years ago. She left him after he gave her baby - she was raped one night when out looking for ice cream for him - for adoption. Since then, Miranda has been a drifter, moving from town to town, taking physical-labor jobs like road construction or steel mill, all the while looking for clues as to where her now 13-year-old daughter may be.

Her search takes her to Atlanta where she, through several twists, ends up working at a private investigation firm for Wade Russell Parker 3d, Atlanta's "most eligible bachelor."

The plot revolves around Parker's attempt at finding a missing girl who is the daughter of his friends. When the girl turns up dead, the search is on the find the killer. Miranda jumps into the investigation and helps turn up new clues. However, her unorthodox ways and her disregard for rules causes some problems for the agency and Parker.

Of course, Parker and Miranda are wildly attracted to each other. She has vowed to never have another relationship, so she fights Parker every step of the way. Even when she gives in to his advances, she is on edge and pushes him away even while wanting him and the peaceful life he offers. I usually dislike heroines (and heroes) with issues like hers, but the author makes her sympathetic and still likable even at her prickliest.

This is the first in a series of books and I know I'll read the second, just to see how Miranda and Parker are doing.

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## **Tony Parsons says**

Oak Park, IL. Groth (abusive ex-husband, cop) had locked the door & would not let Miranda Steele (ex-wife) in.

Leon had been kidnapped Amy (3-month daughter) & put her up for adoption.

He knew Amy wasn't his child, he couldn't have kids. The child's nickname was it.

Fast forward 13 yrs. Pittsburgh, PA. Miranda Steele gave Dombroski "Dumbo" his #5 order.

Sherlock "The Super" told his Norris Wrecking Co. crew of: Miranda, Dombroski, Little Jake 20, Nye (black guy), & Cassidy, lunch break was over; back to work.

Sherlock told Miranda she had a call 1st.

It was Barbara Thomas (50+) with The Seekers (adoption reunion organization).

This meeting did not go well at all.

Elizabeth Kinkade had just broken up with Thomas Jameson (player).

Someone had broken into her house so Elizabeth hired Wade Russell Parker Jr. (44, PI, wealthy widower, Parker Investigative Agency) to find out who/why.

Wade, & Patricia were at a very wealthy prominent aristocrat party.

Just so happened Thomas was also.

Lieutenant Hosea Erskine (Atlanta PD) was on his way upstairs.

Dr. Jackson Taggart (St. Benedictine Hospital Chief of Staff) informed Wade, Madison Elizabeth Taggart

(13) had disappeared.

She had walked home from Tiffany Todd's house.

Buckhead, GA. Mockingbird Hills. 111 Sweet Hollow Lane. Guess where Miranda (35+) ended up.

Later, Madison had runaway or disappeared.

Wade "Silver Fox" Parker Jr. had been hired by Dr. Jackson Taggart (husband/Madison's father) to find her.

Fulton County Justice Center Tower. Judge Orville Knight presiding. The People v Miranda Steele.

Antonio Estavez (Parker's surrogate son, Chatham, Grayson, & McFee) is Miranda's attorney.

Atlanta, GA. Policeman's Ball. Everybody that was somebody was there for the fundraiser.

Just a few names that were in attendance are: Wade, Miranda, Lamar Ingram (husband), Giselle Ingram

(wife), Tiffany Todd (younger daughter), Iris Van Aarle (Tiffany's father), Wilhelmina Todd (Tiffany's

mother Chatham, Grayson, & McFee; attorney), Isaiah Todd, Dr. Jackson Taggart (St. Benedictine Hospital Chief of Staff), Cloris Taggart (wife/mother), & Lieutenant Erskine.

What was up to Shelby Van Aarle?

There were now 3 murders to solve: Madison Taggart, & Tiffany Todd. They were teen BFF's.

Will the killer(s) get caught & brought to justice?

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Tony Parsons MSW (Washburn)

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## **Pamela Fernandes says**

The premise for this book is great! It revolves around two themes, adoption and spousal domestic abuse. The book is very well plotted. The sarcasm of Miranda Steele, the female protagonist is wonderful. She's witty, sharp and funny. I love her remarks as they go on inside her head. Young teenage girls are being murdered as Miranda comes to Buckhead, a wealthy zip code which you will be drawn into very easily. The middle half of the book is the best part. Since its the absolute basics, Miranda and the reader start learning about How to be a detective from scratch. So this can be a bit boring, but its good to start from there.

What I find difficult to process was that Miranda could be raging one moment with Parker her counterpart and then acting completely girlish the next. It takes away from the tough image that the author builds up specially during their car conversations. While the mystery gets tied up easily Miranda very conveniently

decides to stay back with Parker when the whole book has been about how she didn't need a man. It would have been nice if there was some eye opening moment that Miranda had before she decided she would stay on for him. Overall it's a quick read, nothing ghastly.

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### **Sheila Myers says**

A very good suspense with a unique plot and interesting characters. With a little editing, I would rate this higher.

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### **Lu says**

I like the style of this author and was sucked into the book rather quickly. Not bad for a freebie (thanks bookbubs!)

Miranda Steele is a hard-ass, modern chick who knows how to fight back. When her life took a dramatic change thanks to her good-for-nothing husband, she picked herself up and used that anger to become something better.

The storyline was brilliant and had enough grit to keep you guessing pretty much till the end. I did guess the who-dun-it plot a few chapters before the end, but it was still a good read and left me wanting to read the next one. I envisioned watching a film throughout this whole book, and truly believe it would be great for the screen. The flow and balance of the main storyline, along with Miranda's dips into the past was pretty good. There was enough diversity to keep you interested, but enough focus on the main story so you didn't lose sight of what was happening there.

The only negative bit for me was the sex. I felt in certain places it just went on for too long and found myself skipping some of these pages. I get the 'read-between-the-lines' its her release etc, but the lengthiness of it didn't add anything extra to the storyline for me. But that's a pretty minor negative.

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### **Beth says**

I have been reading too many beginnings of series lately (due to what is free or cheap on B&N or Kindle). Again the start of character development and background to give the series something to grow on.

A woman, who has experienced some bad parts of life, is looking for a daughter who was taken from her many years ago. She comes into contact with a wealthy man in Georgia (a P.I.) and gets involved with a murder.

The twists and turns to solving the murder are quite interesting but the romance is typical stupid. Too much of the "oh no, I am poor and uneducated so there can be nothing between us" variety.

Good characters, the mystery plot is great and there is a large opening for further plots to develop around finding her daughter.

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## Cynthia says

I really liked this first book in the series of Miranda Rights Mysteries. Its a murder mystery, a love story and a chronicle of a woman's personal journey from victimization to power. Miranda journeys to Atlanta following a clue that may lead her to a daughter who was stolen from her 13 years ago when she was 3 weeks old. After escaping an abusive relationship with the husband who placed her child in a closed adoption, she spends those years developing her physical strength and her conviction to stay away from intimate relationships. She does a good job until she meets a man that forces her to question her choices. There is much more drama but what I most liked about the book was how Miranda's story was told. The developing relationship between her and a wealthy Atlanta PI is sensual, tender and uplifting. The storyline focuses on the investigation of serial murders of young girls so be forewarned. The ending was surprising. It also ends with the promise of more to the fragile relationship that develops between Miranda and Parker in future books. I usually don't care for this kind of ending but in this case it was handled well. I was not frustrated or disappointed at where this installment ended. So I will read the series.

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## Jagged says

This was okay until Parker enters the fray.  
Then things just go down hill into cheesy, whiny, redundant doom.

I liked Miranda while she was a hard ass working dirty jobs. But once she became a hypocritical tease, I lost interest in her.

The story started off pretty good and intriguing. But it didn't keep up the appeal. I don't know, I just don't really care about eating at restaurants or have sympathy for a woman who treats people the way she doesn't want to be treated.

There is a lot of downtime. I skimmed a good portion of this book because I was bored.

Everything came together far too easily. There were no real twists or turns.  
Miranda really had no business working as an investigator.

The relationship between Miranda and Parker was awful and disturbing.  
Parker's daughter's behaviour was also absurd and disturbing.

The killer didn't make any sense at all. The motive was ridiculous, at best. And I'm not at all inclined to read further.

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## Tulay says

**This book is only fifty percent mystery.**

Other fifth percent romance, it should have been listed under romance. Physical attraction and sex fills the



pages. I'm always looking for female authors and strong female characters, this was very disappointing. Miranda character isn't likeable at all. If you like romance books read it.

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**Dipika Banger says**

I would have rated this book more than 2 stars, if not for the ending which left me with a stranded feeling. Give it a miss.

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