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They had been six teenage girls in Wheeling, West Virginia. Full of mischief. Acting wild. Having good times. And getting into trouble. they called themselves the Six of Hearts. Then one night things went to far. One of them died. The rest swore to never tell what really happened.

Now, thirteen years later, someone has decided to kill the remaining Six of hearts. The first to die is Angie, a successful New York City actress. And flower-shop owner Laurel Damron, still living in Wheeling, may be next. She has gotten a chilling message in the mail. She knows a killer is watching her. But who? Only by searching the past can she uncover a haunting truth...only by looking deep with herself can she uncover a lost memory...and only by suspecting everyone she knows, does she have one slim chance of staying alive...

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Dolceluna says

E' il secondo giallo di Carlene Thompson che leggo, pare uno dei più amati dell'autrice...e devo ammettere che non mi ha lasciata affatto indifferente!Ancora una volta la semplicità (ma non banalità) dell'intreccio e la presenza di una protagonista femminile alle prese con le mosse imprevedibili di un pazzo omicida mi hanno ricordato un po' i gialli di Mary Higgins Clark. Sullo sfondo, un'intrigante vicenda che affonda le sue radici in un fienile desolato, teatro di una morte misteriosa avvenuta tredici anni prima.Un mistery da gustare tutto d'un fiato e un assassino non così scontato. Brava Carlene Thompson!

Dixie says

Good mystery...didn't know who the killer was until last few pages.

Caleb says

This was a pretty decent read, a few grammatical/consistency errors and that feeling that the ending was rushed especially that epilouge but other than that it was an OK read. Something light that gave you thrill, suspense, and mystery.

Nattie says

I did not like this at all, and I had such high hopes for it. It gave me a headache. I didn't care about any of the characters or anything that happened to them.

Diane says

Becky Ryan lived in Sinclair 8 years ago. She inherited her Grandmother's ESP ability but 8 years ago when her 14 y/o brother was abducted she had no visions and could not help find him. He was murdered and she felt repercussions from her family and the town because of her inability to help find him.

She left the town and had not been back till this trip to see her Aunt Esther who had been diagnosed with cancer. On her way into town she had an accident due to a vision where she saw from a 7 y/o boy's perspective of being kidnapped. She saw the kidnapper drug him and carry him out of his bedroom.

After being taken to the ER and being treated by Dr. Clay Bellamy the secret object of her love when she was younger, she was told that her best friend and cousin's 7 y/o son had been kidnapped.

In the days that follow there were more visions, murders and a rush to find Todd before anything happens to him.

Tasha says

I liked the idea of this book, which was why I picked it up. While I think there were enough characters introduced to keep you guessing at the same time the characters were not well developed and I struggled with that aspect of the book. The very end was really tough to swallow. The way the murders were done and solved was well done but I just didn't get that "here's the story all wrapped up in a pretty little bow" feeling. I was kind of left searching for something.

Afsana says

I enjoyed this book. Though it was a reread.

If looked at on its own it's a great story with a surprise ending.

Who would have thought that someone could be so delusional and so murderous.

If I was to consider it after reading all the others then I would say it follows a formula and you knew it would be someone close though I was (having forgotten what actually happened) thought it was someone else. It was near the end I remembered how faith actually died.

But this was one of her earlier books I think so readers may not have found it as obvious.

Lori says

read when it first came out loved it

Dawn says

Another thrilling mystery from Carlene Thompson. She keeps the story moving at a fast clip and keeps you guessing throughout the story. Just when I think I have the murderer figured out, something happens that sends your thinking in a different direction. I look forward to reading the rest of her books. This author never disappoints!

Kelly says

This one was one of those easy-to-read formulaic thrillers that was...well, actually pretty damn good! The

cover of the book looks like a young adult thriller and doesn't beckon you to take it very seriously, which makes it a surprise to read and find out it sure doesn't read like a YA novel.

It's about five friends with a dark secret. They formed this silly little club when they were in their late teens, called 'The Six of Hearts'. The problem, obviously, is that one of them is now dead. You barely start the book when another of them is gone. And then there were four...

The remaining four are in a race against time to find out the secrets of the girl who died and why her death has suddenly come back to haunt all of them, now. What I love about this is the way it's written. I've written really annoying thrillers that practically smack you in the face with clues (red herrings). They imply blatantly that EVERYONE is a suspect. This one does also...but in a way that respects the intelligence of the reader.

Thompson goes on insinuations with her novel and not "What if HE did it?" cliffhangers which makes it believable. Instead, she tells the story and allows the reader to get their own creepy feelings about a character rather than TELLING the reader, "Hey, this guy said THIS so you should be freaked out!" It's all so subtle...and it kept me guessing to the last quarter of the book...and that's pretty good because I usually figure these things out from the first few chapters.

For what it is, a thriller...It's one of the better ones out there. I love the author's style that doesn't assume the reader is an idiot who must have clues smacking them in the face.

****Update - July 2013****

Recommended this to quite a few Pretty Little Liars fans, now. Exactly the same premise...without the technology of text messaging.

John says

I suppose it doesn't sound like much of a compliment to describe a thriller as comfortable and relaxing, but that's exactly what I found this one to be . . . and I *do* mean it as a compliment! *In the Event of my Death* is a rather old-fashioned mystery/thriller of the type I don't seem to come across very much these days -- no sex, no gore, no real surprises except the revelation of the killer's identity -- and I very much liked it that way. If you enjoy novels by the older-school thriller writers, people like Helen MacInnes and Barbara Michaels, this should be right up your street.

Thirteen years ago six teenaged girls in a small town had a secret society they called the Six of Hearts. One night a piece of folly they were engaged in went horribly wrong, and one of them, Faith, died. Now someone's picking off the remaining five, of whom florist Lauren Damron is one. Who could have known about the Six of Hearts, and the truth of Faith's death? And who would be seeking revenge?

The solution to the mystery came out of left field -- so out of left field, in fact, that I thought it was the book's solitary failing: I found it hard to buy into. As for the rest of it, though? Sheer relaxing comfort!

Irene Imhof says

This was a thriller. Five girls grow up together and form a secret club called the Queen of Hearts.

One of the girls is killed (which they think is accidentally) while they are having one of their clubs "Chanting" and fun meetings in a old barn.

They vow to keep it a secret until one of the girls is murdered and a tarot card with the "Queen of Hearts" is left at the murder scene.

The murder is 13 years later from the date of the death of the girl that died. They are all now 30 years of age.

It is a good thriller and the killer will definitely surprise you even though I figured in out before the reveal!!!

If you like thrillers is is a good book to read and will keep your interest throughout.

Elizabeth says

Dull. Boring. Don't waste your time.

Kelsey says

A club started by six young girls called the Six of Hearts started out innocent but ended with the death of their friend Faith. Now 13 years later, the surviving five are being picked off one by one. The calling card is the number six and a drawn heart together with a tarot card for judgment.

Laurel Damron, one of the club members, is scared to death by what is happening but the original club leader, Monica Boyd, doesn't want any of them to tell what happened that night that they lost one of their friends. Monica has worked too hard to become partner in her law firm to lose it now. After the second of them is found dead, Laurel tells her boyfriend, Officer Kurt Rider, everything. Now that it is in the open, she hopes that they will be able to solve this before the next one to be found dead is her! But who could it possibly be? Faith's crazy father, her little sister or could it have been her unborn child's father? Or could it be one of them?

In the Event of My Death really had me guessing. The cast of characters are well written and keep you wondering because it seemed anyone could have had a motive. The atmosphere of the small town everyone knows your business really helps with the suspense because not one person knows the whole story. Laurel eventually pieces it all together with her own investigating but is it too late? My only hold up of not giving In the Event of My Death a 5 star rating would be with the relationship that happens in the end of the book. It was forced and fast, like the author quickly tidied everything up.

Recommended for all the mystery lovers out there.

Kathy says

A long time ago, six girls formed a secret club called The Six of Hearts. They continued this club until they were seventeen, when an awful accident occurred and one of them died. They never told the truth about what happened that night. Now, thirteen years later, someone is killing them off one by one, leaving a heart, the number six and a judgment tarot card with the body. Can they figure out who the killer is, before they all die?
