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Teens are turning up dead, and it will take a special team to catch a killer.

Derek Doyle has been a member of the Paranormal Investigations Team since the monsters revealed themselves to the world. Considering that he thinks a monster is needed to catch a monster, he's definitely in the right place. As a lone wolf not used to letting many people in, neither man nor beast was prepared for the effect consultant Dr. Ever Chace has on them.

Growing up human in a world of supernatural creatures, Dr. Ever Chace has always felt a need to be special, to stand out. When asked to consult on a case where teens are being brutalized, she relishes the chance to make a difference and help stop a monster. But working alongside a wolf who she's so drawn to could be the beginning of something Ever might never have envisioned.

Fate and Destiny have a funny way of creeping up on you when you least expect it. With a murderer on the loose, Ever and Derek will have to put their attraction to one another aside while the hunt continues.

Easier said than done... right?

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Joan says

I was rather enjoying this as a fun paranormal story with Cops and Bad guys and so on. Derek was nicely fleshed out for the most part, but Ever was a mystery to me. 'Ever'

Is that pronounced 'Evva' as in 'Not Nevva' or Eeeeeva? what sort of name is Ever anyway, and who would ever want to call a child Ever?

I can imagine the poor kid getting bullied at school. 'Are you ever going to behave, Ever?
(apparently it IS a real name but it was a clunky choice I felt, especially with the surname 'Chace'

Ever Chaste. ;) Virgin until death ;)

However, I put aside my dislike of Ever Chaste and read on, only to find great wedges of the story set in italics. I am not the only person, surely, who struggles to read italics, especially when there are pages and pages of the darned font. Its not an easy style to read - so I didn't.

I did like the story. I just would have liked less insta-love and less italics. And a more considerate name for poor ol' Miss Every Chance.

And then. And then. :(

It ended in a cliff hanger. Rats.

(No. There aren't any rats in the story. I mean 'Rats! It ends in a cliff hanger!!)

2 stars. Simply because I really liked Derek. Had the story not ended with a cliffhanger (and it wasn't necessary anyway) I would have looked for the second book in the series.

InD'tale Magazine says

"Skin and Bones" is a good book. Ms. Harris' prose is easy to read and she composes a believable world full of many types of supernatural creatures living along-side humans.

Read full review in the 2016 October issue of InD'tale Magazine.

Shannon Heck says

Pretty good

This book had a decent plot and I mostly enjoyed it. However, there was unfortunately some instalove that had me rolling my eyes. Fantasy is fun but the way characters act should still be realistic and this book was

missing that. I was more interested in Caitlyn, Donnie, Melanie, and Ricky. Ever and Derek were kind of blah and they were the main characters.

T. says

I downloaded Skin and Bones as a free book from Amazon. OMG, I loved this story and the interesting array of characters and intriguing world-building. The author uses some strange word choices that halted my reading on occasion, but the plot overrode the few errors and awkward phrases I came across. The book had a great ending, then offered a teaser for the next book (Argh!). The series seems reasonably priced so I'll definitely be picking up the next two books of this series.

Yara says

This book was totally awesome!!!! It had a steady clip to it, descriptive three dimensional characters, and thrilling action. Derek and Ever were great. Derek fights with his inner wolf, referring to his wolf as separate, and Ever fights to fit in a world of supes when she's a human, or is she? The cliff hanger ending made me scream in frustration since this book just came out so I'll need to wait for the next installment. Will definitely keep my eyes peeled for it!

Doris says

Doyle is a paranormal investigator that has to take a few days break during the full moon. He is on the hunt for a serial killer that is targeting paranormal children. Along the way he meets Dr. Ever Chace, and his world is thrown in a tailspin.

Dr. Chace is renowned for her own work in the educational and consulting world. She teams up with Doyle's unit and nothing seems to be able to stand in their way.

The draw between Doyle and Ever is apparent right from the beginning and I love to see that Doyle struggles with it. It's always the female counterpart that usually has the drawbacks. I relate to Doyle in regard to his fear of the unknown.

I love how tender the tough guy really is!

The ONLY reason I give this book 4 stars and not 5... the ending!

A phenomenal story until the very end, and then we are left with a rushed and out of place cliffhanger.

I love a good cliffhanger, but this one seems to be forced and not well placed.

I still loved the story, the climax with the unit and bad are are expertly written. You can tell that the author put some time into these twists and turns!

~Dowie

Laura says

This is the first book I've read by Susan Harris. It came highly recommended by several people and described as criminal minds with a paranormal twist. I love the two so I said why not. Holy schnikes! Why didn't I know about this book sooner? The story is well written and kept me hooked till the end. The

characters were also well written and I have my faves. I am thrilled to find out that this is a series! Guess what I'm one clicking and you should too! Grab this book. You won't be disappointed. I give this 5 stars.

Moondance says

The day was just another ordinary day, dull and overcast, the grey clouds threatening to unleash a torrent of rain down amongst those who meandered about.

Teenagers are being brutally murdered and the Paranormal Investigations Team is tasked to find the killer. The team consists of a werewolf, a warlock, a couple of vampires and a human. Derek, the werewolf, is assigned to work with a professor of paranormal studies, Ever. Ever has spent her life believing that she is human although her adoptive parents are a powerful witch and a Druid.

This is an interesting start of a new series. I enjoyed getting to know the characters. The setting is Ireland which was a refreshing change. There is an introduction of a lot of Norse mythology at the end of the book that was a little confusing.

The story was presented well and the murderer's reasoning for committing the crimes was rather sad when you realize his delusions. I in no way sympathize with him because he was truly a monster but in his convoluted mind he had found the answer to his personal problem.

Derek and Ever are destined to be a pair. They dance around their attraction in a fairly old fashion manner. I suppose the fact that Derek is hundred years old has something to do with that.

I'm not sure that I will continue with the series right now. It did end in a cliffhanger so I may revisit it at some time. Just an OK read for me.

Laura Hernandez (TheVoluptuousBkDiva/YABkDivas) says

This is a really good paranormal read full of action and many twists and turns. A great beginning for a new series.

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Laura Thomas says

I'm not one for the insta-love thing but I actually had a good experience with it in this book. I felt insta-love for Derek and Ever and didn't mind at all that they felt an instant connection to each other. Let me explain. It's not a focal point in the book and later in the story you'll find out more about why that happened.

Derek is called in for cases that have a paranormal element to them. When something starts killing teens, he's lead on the case.

Dr. Ever Chase, though human, becomes involved in the investigation as a consultant. Soon enough it becomes apparent the killer wants her involved for reasons he hasn't revealed.

As the two work together their attraction to each other grows. But they'll have to wait to explore it later as more teens fall victim and they draw closer to the killer.

While I really like Derek and Ever, there are many other characters that stand out. You know how it is in shows like Criminal Minds and CSI? They have a team that's been working closely together for some time and they become like a small family. Their personal lives bleed over into work and nothing is secret. The author included that in her story and all of players added flavor and intrigue.

I liked where this story went and it wasn't easy to figure out who the bad guy was. And I had no clue why he was killing the teens until the connection was shown to me. The why is a key connection to Ever and ramps up the suspense nicely.

Drama, snarky humor, a light sizzle of romance, and a nasty villain. All the ingredients I like in a paranormal romance mystery. If that sounds good to you, I hope you give this a read. You'll have fun.

Melanie says

Fantastic start to a new series from Susan Harris! Imagine a paranormal Criminal Minds type set up and that pretty much sums this up. Action packed with some amazing twists the story kept me turning pages until I got to the end... and now I want more! Definitely add this one to your TBR list! V'''V

Lee says

Very good book can't wait for the next one

Tamar Elmendorp-lijzenga says

Awesome read. Werewolves, vampires, even Gods and all other sort of supernaturals you can think of. All wrapped in a thrilling crime story, with a bit of romance and a lot of mystery to spice things up. And the best part ... there will be more. Can't wait to read the next part.

Carly Odonoghue says

Skin and Bones is the first book I've read by Susan Harris and I'm excited to know that it's only the first book in The Ever Chase Chronicles.

This book is about Derek Doyle who is a lone wolf is a member of the Paranormal Investigation Team in

Cork, Ireland. He needs to track down a serial killer and fast. So with the help of consultant Dr Ever Chace they embark on a journey that'll be filled with suspense, drama, inner conflict and a unexpected discovery. I enjoyed everything about this book but there's two things that really stands out for me. 1. I loved the way it's set in Cork City, my hometown so I knew every single place mentioned. This really heightened the reading experience for me and I don't think I'll be able to see buildings without thinking if there really is paranormal investigation s going on in them.

2. The Norse mythology. This for me is what was extremely clever in Skin and Bones. I love the way Ms Harris combines the myths with the story and makes it her own. I really hope the next book will have more of the Norse mythology because I, for one, loved it and I didn't want it to end.

The characters are well developed and easy to relate to and love. Derek s and Evers chemistry is apparently from the start. I loved how Ever is a strong female character while Derek struggles with his inner wolf. The story is unique with a well written plot that doesn't lull at any point. The writing is clear, concise and engaging but be warned, it does leave you hanging on a cliffhanger.

Susan Harris will captivate you with this supernatural tale that will definitely leave you wanting more. Definitely deserves 5 stars from me.

Jenny Bynum Black Words-White Pages says

Read my full review at <http://blackwords-whitepages1977.blog...>

Wow, what an amazing story with a phenomenal twist. I love how the author spun this story. She created a world unlike any I have ever read before. The characters were amazing and I felt as if I could connect with Ever. She is a powerful character that I wish to read more about. The story-line just blew me away and the more I read the more I was sucked into this remarkable world. I highly recommend this story all adults to read.

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