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Detective Cade Lawson believes in justice. But when a serial killer targets pedophiles and child abusers, lines tend to get blurry. When the serial killer strikes in Cade's city, along follow the uptight and handsome Detective Cole Banks. Cole comes with a truckload of baggage and a hell of an attitude but nevertheless, Cade is instantly attracted to him.

For almost two years, Cole has been trying to catch the serial killer the media has dubbed "The Executioner". He hopes the new development in the case will provide the break he needs to catch the killer. Unfortunately, once in Baltimore, he must join forces with the alluring and absolute pain in the ass, Detective Cade Lawson. Sparks fly and not just the good kind as they struggle through their case.

As their attraction burns hotter with each day, false alibies and dark secrets threaten not just their case but also their fragile relationship. Can Cade's lively personality and his unwavering trust and faith in Cole push him back into the confines of humanity, or will Cole run to safety the first chance he gets?

Warning. Possible triggers: Sexual abuse, violence, death, human trafficking, rape.

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NeRdyWYRM says

Sneaky Fucking Ninja Book

Where in the fuck did this book come from? I *think* this might be Night's first foray in M/M, but I gotta be honest, the quality of the writing and the intricacy of the plot don't really support the debut-ish author hypothesis. I have so many reviews to write. So. Many. But I had to stop and write this one first. This book is appallingly under-represented thus far.

Every word counts people, so pay attention to *everything*. I caught most of the nuance my first run-through, but I'm sharp like that and I *like* complicated done right. Every gesture, every squint, every shrug, every everything from every character is important. There's foreshadowing everywhere and I was both surprised and unsurprised the whole way through. I'd be willing to bet a re-read would reveal even more. LOVE books like that. This is complicated done right.

This author fucking rocked it.

Procedural sticklers might be able to pick some things apart, but I was so swept up and sucked in I couldn't care less if there *were* glaring problems. That said, I didn't notice any inconsistencies or blatant errors. The subplots were foreshadowed, the key players were present and accounted for, and readers are warned ... even if it doesn't seem like it until later. It felt a little rushed at the end, but honestly, had it all been fleshed out at the same pace as the rest of the book, it would have been too long.

Plus, the way things come kinda full circle and the way, even if rushed, the previously unknown but unsurprising link between Cole and Cade appears was *necessary* to set up for book 2. There just wasn't enough meat on the bone to make it a book of its own. I also like that it's not a cliffhanger! Major plot points are wrapped up but there's now a common thread that makes the series possible and infinitely more full of possibilities. It's got LEGS.

The plot fucking rocked.

I have one niggle about Britishisms coming out of a southern boy's mouth in Baltimore. Since there was a whack-a-mole tendency for British words to sporadically and *inconsistently* pop up in Cade's dialogues and inner thoughts, it jarred me out of the flow of the story pretty much every time. But! I almost can't even care about that. Just expect it. It was pretty infrequent, but that was almost a problem because when it did happen, it kept surprising me.

It still fucking rocked.

Cole was hot. And dark. And dangerous. And damaged. And a former black ops Marine. Yep. How fuckin'

yummy can you get? And he has *brothers*. I hafta meet 'em.

Cade was sweet. And hot. And funny. And damaged. And he had a hell of a hidden edge. A razor sharp hidden edge. Fuck me runnin'.

On their own, the MCs were compelling but they were explosively hot together. There's some switches in the dynamic I hope to see in book 2. Slay shouldn't be the only person to benefit from that side of Cade. But if it *never* happens, I won't even be disappointed. Not. Even.

These characters fucking rocked my world.

Sneaky ninja author. I was not expecting this at all. I always hope a book will be as good as promised by the blurb. Sadly, it doesn't happen often with authors I don't recognize. So the mystery of how this one came out of nowhere remains. But! I don't care. Debut author, alternate *nom de plume*, parallel universe, lack of sleep, second-hand smoke, caffeine high, writer's beard, temporary insanity or a complete loss of discernment. I don't care. Even if I'm an outlier here when it all shakes out, I'll still stand by what I'm saying.

This story fucking rocked.

I am going to fucking fangirl my way into a dead swoon-y, Victorian era fainting fit of the stupid vapors when book 2 comes out. FML. Sneaky fucking ninja book.

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Tanja says

I loved this book. It is the perfect mystery romance with all the twists and turns you expect from this genre. Nothing is what it seems, and the author kept me throwing for a loop. With every question answered, other questions arose. Can you trust the ones you have always believed in? It deals with a serial killer who only kills pedophiles and sex offenders, and to be honest, I felt sympathy for the killer. Not in the least because of the way the author described what got them to do it.

It is very well written with an engaging writing style. I was captivated right from the start, and I couldn't put the book down. It was nail-biting and toe-curling exciting, and I had to read it till I knew that all loose ends were tied. And let me warn you, there are quite a few. You have to keep on top of it, to follow them all, but the author did a great job tying them together.

What struck me as well, was that the romance is perfectly balanced with the mystery part. That is not always the case, but in this book, I found it was equally tackled.

Cole is the ex-Marine turned cop, who is assigned to police department Cade works for. Both men are married to their job, and they live for getting justice for those who deserve that. They are not looking for love. In fact, they don't really like each other that much, but when they meet sparks fly. Their chemistry is

sizzling and burning up the pages. They have each other's back at every turn. Every time some discoveries were made in the case, the more the secrets of the guys were revealed. It made me tear up inside at the heartache these men have been through.

It is an emotional roller coaster with heartbreak and gut-wrenching moments and horrific situations. But luckily, the author has a sense of humor as well as the banter between the two was witty and fun. I loved Lara (their partner) and her daughter, Morgan, whose characters really enhanced the story.

~Volha~ says

I really liked the book. It reminded me of the Cut & Run series by Abigail Roux but a little bit lighter. It had everything - great plot, two hot MCs with a lot of chemistry, well-developed mystery and villains.

I hope this will be a long series because there is so much this two have going for them. The secondary characters rock too. I love the relationship between them, their own special traits that make them memorable.

There are triggers about some tough subjects like child abuse which was hard to read at times but it made the book all the more deep and meaningful.

Daphne says

I really wanted to like this - it's two police/military oriented men, it's a series, crime/mystery element - it checked all the boxes on the front end. Unfortunately, this just didn't work for me.

Another reviewer mentioned the similar names and how the men seemed almost interchangeable and I completely agree. Cole and Cade are just too close to keep straight when they are also the same bad ass cop type. Cade was written like he was trying to be Dex but it didn't work, he seemed simple instead. I also felt like I picked up book four in a series - there was a lot of back story that was alluded to but never explained, characters who popped in and out like a clown car and then the crimes started doing the same thing. I've read a lot of books and not had this issue, but it's possible that it's just me - but I had a hard time following the path of the crime and whodunnit and still - and the end of the book - I'm not sure whether a critical character was guilty or not (and this wasn't an intentional vagueness to my knowledge).

To each her or his own, but this was a miss for me.

Yeay Ornay says

I didn't finish this one. I liked the blurb and had high hopes for the story. I had a few issues with the book. I never knew who was who. Both characters have similar names and the author keeps switching between using their first and last name. I think the author introduced too many people without describing them well enough that I was able to remember them. The instant animosity seemed strange to me. Also apparently 35 year old people go about complaining they are old.

I don't know perhaps it gets better later on, but I don't have the patience to find out.

Lissel says

I was so sure I was going to love this... damn, I hate being wrong!

I had plenty of problems with this book, starting with the MCs. I didn't understand why they hated each other from the moment they met. It felt forced. Cade was ridiculous, he behaved like a 12 year old.

I didn't care about either of the guys and, as a result, I didn't give a damn about their relationship. There were a lot of ridiculous situations and even more absurd sentences, the investigation was dull as hell, and the behavior of the detectives extremely unprofessional.

I don't think I will continue with the series...

Beth says

This book was.... A LOT. There's so much going on and everything comes full circle by the end but I have to admit that the middle had me questioning where it was all heading. Certainly never a dull moment though!

I'm so glad there's another book coming because you guys...there are so many secrets here! Cade and Cole both have some darkness lurking in their pasts and I just have to know what happened and what's coming!

I'm docking a star because there's some Brit speak thrown in that threw me off and I had a bit of trouble in the beginning tracking the characters before I got to know their "voices." Pretty minor issues.

Dixiecowgirl says

Captivating romantic mystery with two strong and world weary men. Lots of hot chemistry between the two MC's keep me reading and looking for their partnership to grow and change. Cade and Cole are such well crafted characters. Both men have lots of secrets and we as the reader, only get a hint of some of those well hidden secrets. I am looking forward to learning more about both of these characters in the next book. Several characters were introduced in this book and i want to know more about all of them

Complex plot with lots of supporting characters that really enriched the story. The book is nicely paced and pulled me in from page one. i read this book in one sitting because it was so engaging and well written. I really liked the way the book was written, showing me both men's thought process and what they were feeling. This is the first time that i have read this author and i will be on the lookout for more of their work.

Jennifer?Pher? says

2★'s = it was ok. Kind of. Maybe. Ugh.

Before I even review this book I am taking off a full star for the car. We see a muscle car. We are told it is a 59 Chevy. We are then told it is a Camaro. **STOP RIGHT THERE.** I dated a guy when I was in high school who had a 69 Camaro so I admit I knew this, some of you may not but Chevy did not make a 59 Camaro. Chevy didn't even make any Camaros until 1966 with the first release year being 1967. This was such an unforgivable error to me. If anything it totally pissed me off.

Anyway...

Let's take a bit of Abi Roux's Cut & Run Series, another bit of S.E. Jakes Hell or High Water Series, a bit more Abi by adding some of the Sidewinder Series and top it all off with Charlie's THIRDS Series, mix it all up, and write a story. There is no mistaking the influences in this book. Honestly, that is mostly what got me here to begin with. I heard there was a Ty and Zane vibe and well, who doesn't want more of that? **PS ~ If you have read this book but none of the books I mentioned above, stop what you are doing and READ THEM!**

Man. I can totally see what the author was going for but for me it just totally fell flat. This at times almost read as a parody of the books that so obviously influenced her. Instead of tension there was childish tantrums that came out of nowhere and did not fit or make sense. Again, I can see who influenced her and what she was trying to achieve, it just did not work for me. It all read as juvenile and inappropriate and it mostly made me uncomfortable, confused and really just shaking my head.

There was just so much. The "Brothers" from the secret Recon group, the CIA, the Mob, Motorcycle gangs. The slang. The bouncing around. The silliness. It just all felt so forced and not fleshed out. I know that Cade was supposed to read like Dex from the THIRDS. I also know that Cole was supposed to have a similar story to Ty's Marine experience. I just think had the author focused more on one aspect instead of trying to pour every single thing into the story it may have worked better.

The last thing I will mention is their names. Cade and Cole. I had to actually write their names on a sticky note so I knew who was who. It was very difficult reading in the beginning switching back and forth and having such similar names I couldn't tell who was saying what!

So, I'll just leave it at that. The writing did not work for me. The darlin's and the bouncing, the anger and then the inappropriateness and lack of professionalism was all just way too much. The end and total change to one of the characters was well, way out of character.

But, I can see what was trying to happen.

Worst part about the whole damn thing is **I will still probably read the next book.** For as bad as it was there is a tiny bit of me that is interested in the story. I can just hope that the second book has a better delivery.

Joyfully Jay says

A Joyfully Jay review.

3.75 stars

Before I get into my review of A Detached Raider, I would like to tell you there are a few triggers that should be watched for...child sexual abuse and rape. If either of these are a problem, proceed with caution.

I love a good cop novel, so the blurb for A Detached Raider had me excited, and while I can't say I loved the book, it was a decent mystery with decent characters. At times, I found it to be somewhat convoluted, and I had to go back and re-read several passages because I kept getting Cole and Cade mixed up. Both names have four letters and start with "C," and until I got to about a third of the way through, I was pretty confused as to who was who.

Both detectives were well written and well developed. Their chemistry was almost immediate, but their road to a relationship was steady. It felt natural to me. The first love scene was hot and sexy, and each following scene kept bringing the heat. I enjoyed watching them fall in love and finding their way to each other.

Read Kenna's review in its entirety here.

Leann says

DNF @ 40%. I tried really really hard to get through this but gave up. Aside from the MCs having ridiculously similar names and it being hard to keep track of which one was talking, the story makes no sense. Random characters are introduced and add little to no value to the story (old classmates, father-in-laws, club owners, etc...). The questioning for murder suspects is asinine and more like a scooby doo episode. The MCs are hot and cold and sporadically break out into karaoke contests while driving to see suspects. This book has a serious identity crisis.

Bo says

4.25 STARS

This was a mystery/romance thrill ride. Tbh, the beginning of the book was hard going. It was really hard to differentiate between the main characters, and it continues throughout the book. I found myself having to reread passages so I could ascertain who was speaking. The plot was thrilling, heartbreakingly, and complicated to put it lightly. I thought the mystery was well done because I had no idea who the serial killer was! I can usually guess pretty early, but this book had me guessing. I also felt there was just too much going on. There were a lot of subplots, and I almost felt like I was missing another book sometimes. However, I thoroughly enjoyed this, and it better be a series, or I will be severely pissed off. There were just too many things left open-ended, and too many great characters to explore. It definitely ended with a HFN, and not a HEA. I'm going to assume that means we get more from this couple. Dare I say it... I was kinda reminded of Ty and Zane from the C & R series, but in reverse. Cole is the marine, but he is the stoic emotionless one. Then we have Cade who reminds me of Ty when he's at his most goofy. I hope no C & R fans put out a hit on me for saying this. I said hints because nobody can compare to those two. I would recommend this to people who love mystery with a side of romance.

K.R. Phoenix says

???? 4 stars

??? Heat Level: 3

That was a rollercoaster!

This was my first book of Ana's and it is an adventure! Ana's writing style is very detailed and descriptive.

This book is an intense crime thriller with heat. Although it was confusing at times with so many different characters and so much going on, with so many twists and turns it was still enjoyable and to me, and it feels like I've read 3 different books instead of just 1!

This book follows Cade and Cole as they set out to find a serial killer. Along the way, they give in to their lust and attraction for each other and eventually feelings grow. As they find the serial killer, they realise there is more to the case than they thought and it seems there is more to the victims than they counted on. When a new case comes up with links to their serial killer as well as a gang, Cole and Cade must work separately to solve it. When all the cases collide, harsh truths come to light and Cole and Cade are confronted with their feelings for each other and the truth of their pasts. While the book may be confusing it is still so thrilling and kept me guessing the whole way through.

My overall feel of the book was that it was enjoyable, intense and thrilling and I feel like I need to go back and read it again to pick up on what I missed and learn more about the characters, but still a good read!

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Lucrecia says

A Detached Raider (The Black Raiders Book 1)

I loved everything about this first book. About Cole and Cade?(?V?)?

Their relationship progresses at such a right, normal pace it just seems effortless. And reading about it definitely is. And fun, is fun to read cause they banter like nobody's business and they're absolutely amazing at it. I found myself smiling like a fool a lot and even L-ing very OL-ing a few times. They just make me happy ?o?.(✿??✿?)

The people surrounding them are well rounded and interesting as well. That Morgan girl is priceless. And then there's work. The cases (cases with an -s I tell you, not just the one and next is next book... this book is well thought-off and carefully and lovingly put into motion. Also long which is absolutely great) they work are the frosting on this yummy MM-cupcake. They are realistic which means hard AF to deal with, to read about but deeply interesting in their complexity...

All in all this is shaping up to be an amazing new series. I'm happy to report I'm hooked ?

And I'll definitely keep reading ?

Andrea says

I'm in the minority here but I just didn't like the book. It wandered, had characters I didn't feel anything for...just didn't like it.
