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Jenny Watkins is an ordinary elementary school teacher who buys a ramshackle old house with her husband Greg, intending to renovate the structure back to its original grandeur. Shortly after moving in, Jenny begins to hear voices, prompting her to look into a long-forgotten sixty-year-old missing persons case. During her investigation she meets a spunky elderly woman who causes Jenny to reexamine the way she looks at life.

This inspiring story offers believable characters, an intriguing plot, and plenty of humor throughout. The first book in a promising new series, Driven is sure to leave readers looking for more.

Driven Details

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Molly McMurray says

Such as cool story!

I loved the idea of not knowing you're psychic until another psychic says, more or less, that it takes one to know one. Then the real excitement and visions begin!

I will have to check out the next book in these adventures as this book ended entirely too soon. Keep 'em coming, Becky!

John says

A great read - page after page after page it just got better and better. Terrific originality! Unique plot! Fabulous character development! I rooted for the heroine as her character transformed and the conclusion was reached.

I suggest that you read this novel

If it is any help let me tell you I didn't want to put it down and couldn't wait to resume to the end.

Its a great stand alone but I expect it will prove to be an even better prequel.

Please let the series begin.

Tricia Hungerford says

Driven

This is the first mystery I've read in quite awhile. I'm quite sure that I can't express adequately, how delighted I was to have found such a wonderful, fulfilling story, right off the bat! I am definitely going to read the next one in the series!

Kami says

so, I was really surprised not to like this book more -- it had so many five star reviews. To me, 5 stars is like, wow, this book blew me away, couldn't put it down, Silence of the Lambs, World According to Garp, the Hunger Games levels of originality and depth.

This is not a bad book, but it is not the Hunger Games or even close. It's a decent light read about a teacher who discovers she's psychic and helps a dying woman solve the mystery of her lost love. Sweet, but not a great book. An ok plot, but lots of the plot "twists" were somewhat predictable.

But here's what took this book from 3 to 2 stars. The dying woman was apparently a pioneer feminist -- she devoted her life to a magazine that sounds a bit like Ms. Well, great, I'm down with that. I like a woman, young or old, who is proud of her sexuality, tells women to make free choices and cusses like a sailor, just as much as the next feminist. And, the dying feminist lady mentors the young psychic ingenue protagonist who can't find her a** with both hands. Ok, that doesn't sound too feminist but I can live with it. I didn't pick this up expecting the Golden Notebook for goodness sake.

The problem is that Jenny (the young ingenue) is, well, kind of a jerk. She has the maturity level of a 12 year old and the communication skills of someone much, much younger. She treats her husband terribly. I mean, don't get me wrong, he's no prize either, and trust me, a bag of hammers would decimate him at Jeopardy, but still. She married him. She made a bunch of promises to him (other than the obvious one that comes with marrying the guy). And then she changed her mind. In a big way about a LOT of things. Not a sin, mind you, she's allowed -- but then she blames him for being bent out of shape. Don't blame the poor guy for feeling sucker-punched! You DID sucker punch him!

She redeems herself somewhat at the end, and I suppose I should cut her some slack -- I mean she is supposed to be all of what, 23 or something? But I couldn't, and she really got in the way of my enjoyment of this book.

Sarah "Pippy" says

3 stars = I liked it.

Nice easy read. Straight into the story, which at the time of reading was okay for me as I wasn't wanting anything too heavy to read. The ending of the plot was good and being the sentimental type I may have welled up. Then of course to know what was next for Jenny Watkins, well you could just leave it with the first book, however I couldn't, so although I removed one from my to read pile, it was rapidly replaced. Oh well.

Rebecca Georgia says

Great read!!

The story was about a real every day woman with a special gift and real life problems. It was written very well with no lags in the story line. Yes the grammar wasn't the best but it wasn't the worst either. I was able to read this with no problems. I will read the next book and probably the next. Great job Mrs. Durfee!

Dana says

Okay, Becky Durfee, I'm hooked! I downloaded this book because I wanted to support a local author. I had heard it was a good read, but I did not expect it to be as good as it was! I was a little skeptical about the whole "psychic" angle, but fell into this book right away.

Jenny Watkins is a woman seeking her own identity and place in this world when she starts receiving psychic visions from a dead man. Jenny is struggling in her own marriage, but her strength and character grow as her abilities surface. She develops a special friendship with a dying elderly woman, as she reveals a love story every bit as good as those created by Nicholas Sparks books such as "The Notebook". The mystery kept me hooked from beginning to end! I guess I'll go download the second Jenny Watkins mystery now!

wilma Buckman says

Very fast reading and started to read the next book in series. I chose to read this because I knew Becky as a child and wanted to read one of her books and I am hooked.

Marigold Dicer says

"Insisting on being happy isn't being selfish. It's necessary."

- Elanor Whitby (wickedly awesome character)

It's been a long time since I couldn't put down a book, and longer still when I've read a book in a day. Even when I really like a book, I would pace it out over at least two or three days. Even when I couldn't put a book down, I would because I had other things that had to be done. But the stars aligned and the more I read Driven, the more I was sucked in until I had to finish it.

Of course, it isn't a bloody tome of a thing so that really helped. Short and to the point, every single moment in this book had a purpose. No filler, no padding, no bullsh*t that has ticked me off many times before. And I loved every moment of it.

A paranormal mystery wrapped up in a tale of self-discovery where our protagonist realises that throughout her life, she's just been 'going through the motions' and that she has to work out what she really wants to do. This book ticked all my boxes, as if it were written just for me. Crazy how someone on the other end of the world can write a tale that speaks to me like this.

The characters were brilliant, realistic, complicated and so very, very different from each other. I love how the book ended – it was so naturally done, nothing was forced, and everything was well reasoned. How often do you read a story where you think it's going to go in an obvious direction, and then it surprises you by bringing a solid dose of reality that in the real world, things just don't work that way? I cannot be more specific than that because I do not like to spoil things. If you read it, you'll know what I'm talking about: the characters' relationships are not forced, and they are not idealistic.

I was asked to review Driven by the author. Obviously my thoughts are my own and not everyone is going to love this book as much as I did, but I think if you have similar tastes in paranormal mysteries and journeys of self-realisation as me then you will love this book. I went and bought the sequel straight away, that's how much I loved it.

Janet says

very good, really enjoyed this book

Jenny says

Durfee weaves an amazing story filled with wisdom, suspense, and wit. First five star book of 2013! Durfee's balances character development with climax making for an intriguing and satisfying read! Wow!!!!

Angie says

Captivating story with lots of twists and turns. I fell in love with the characters, especially Elanor, and have just downloaded Betrayed, the next book in the series. Can't wait for the next adventure!

Nancy says

Fast-paced mystery. A great summer read and Becky has more coming! Can't wait.

Jeanette Hammond says

A long overdue love story

Jenny did everything to make everyone else happy, except herself. That all changed when she and her husband bought an old house to renovate and heard a man's voice say 'Steve odell'. And so it begins - a journey of no return for Jenny Watkins - a second grade teacher who discovers she has psychic abilities. I loved this book - and I'm sure you will as well.

Ardelle says

I started with this book, quickly stayed glued to it until I was finished and was thrilled to read there was a "next" book! Read the next two, and now want to find out about the Book Exposed! I can't find it online anywhere. Whey will it hit the stands, or kindle stands as I call them! I love the way this author writes, very easy to read and thoughful and full of honest emotion and mystery. She digs deep into the characters, not quite as deep as I would like at times, but deep enough.

Her grammer is correct, spell checking excellent, which is always a plus, and they are great books that have kept my interest through all of them! Thank you Becky for sharing your gift of writing.
