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Teri Griffis says

I wish I could give this book 10 stars! Brenda Novak continues to amaze me with how wonderfully written her books are. Caleb and Madison are made for each other but is the way they met going to interfere with their future? Madison is Ellis Purcell's daughter, he was thought to be the Sandpoint Strangler before he committed suicide so how will she feel when she finds out who Caleb really is?

Jane Stewart says

Ok, but nothing special or different. Kind of dragged in the middle.

Caleb is a former cop, now a best selling author of true crime books. His ex wife asks him to come to Seattle to investigate the disappearance of her step sister. Some clues link this to serial killer Ellis who killed himself a few years ago. Caleb goes to Madison the daughter of Ellis and sees a For Rent sign at the cottage next to her home. Caleb rents it and becomes her friend - hoping to gather clues. Caleb and Madison are attracted to each other. Caleb knows she will be angry when she learns his true identity and reason for being there.

I like happy romantic endings, but this was not realistic enough. All of a sudden he proposes. They hadn't been together enough for that.

DATA:

Narrative mode: 3rd person. Story length: 384 pages. Swearing language: moderate. Sexual language: mild. Number of sex scenes: 1. Setting: current day Seattle Washington area. Copyright: 2004. Genre: romantic suspense.

Lisa says

Cold Feet is engrossing stand alone romantic suspense.

In the book's preface (a letter to her readers) Brenda Novak wonders about the friends and family of those who have committed heinous crimes. How do you not know? How do you live with it after knowing? Brenda ends these questions to her readers with the statement "Here's hoping you know your loved ones as well as you think you do..."

It's the perfect statement to begin this book. It keeps you thinking, and wondering not only who the serial killer is, but how well the characters know each other. This book kept me guessing till the end!

Krissy says

And yet another book that starts with a bang and ends with a fizzle.

Dear Author,

This ending was ridiculous in that it went against every premise YOU set forth in the dazzle of the first 80%

of your book. There are other readers like myself who do not need "tied with a bow" endings that force complications into pretty boxed endings. I wish you would've ended the book with the messy, complicated, yet true to the characters ending that organically would've followed the book path.

Respectfully,

Reader

jenjn79 says

Honestly, I'm not sure what to say about Cold Feet. It was a decent book. The suspense aspect was pretty good. The whole plot was well-planned with lots of twists and turns. Novak presents readers with lots of choices as to who the bad guy is. But along that same line, I didn't like how she revealed the killer. She does a great build-up to it, and then slips this scene in there that just blatantly tells you who it is. The revelation would have been much better suited if she'd waited until the climax of the book.

Aside from that, there just seemed to be something lacking in the book overall. I'm not sure what it was, but the book didn't pull me in as other books have. It was interesting, but not overly so. The romance was so-so. Could have been better. I just expected a bit more from the book. The other Novak book I read was very emotional and sucked you in; this book lacked that pull.

Agnes (BeaderBubbe) says

Another great book by Brenda Novak. I am never disappointed and just love all her books. This one had me stumped because I could not figure out who the serial killer was. Madison's father was accused but before they could charge him, he killed himself. His family lived with this hanging over their heads. But his daughter never believed he did it.

In comes Caleb, a former cop who turned writer of crime, to put doubt all around when there seems to be a copycat killer around. Or was her father innocent all along and the serial killer still lives. A lot of mystery, romance and questions surround this great story.

?α?? says

The blurb is what caught me into reading it. As the Daughter of the suspect serial killer, what she's going to do and what she went through. **Especially** when a victim is found dead with similar mo after her Father killed himself years ago.

While I flipped through the pages, the first few pages already have my blood boiling. We have this true crime writer Caleb talking over the phone with his ex wife. She's been crying and begging him to come to her to help looking for her missing Sister. Oh, that doesn't end there. They can discuss his book's content in the meantime.

The plot is great cos the real perp's identity totally threw me off. I wasn't expecting that.

But the connection between Caleb and Maddison??

Nothing. I can't feel the sizzling tension or the attraction between the two.

It gets better and grab your attention when it's coming to an end. But the epilogue and the last chapter? Will definitely have you

Caro says

A good read. I liked the characters and enjoyed the plot. This was pretty good and it most definitely has a twist ending. Totally didn't see it coming. This was a slower read for me but I still enjoyed it. Great characters, suspense, some puzzling, emotions, and a good ending. Good for an anytime read!

Mojca says

It moved rather slowly and the characters had a little too many secrets for comfort (but that's what made it rather realistic, I think). In general I don't particularly care for novels where the hero or heroine aim to deceive their counterpart, so that's probably why this didn't get the rating it probably deserved. Also, the whole romance aspect was rather shady and bland—I didn't feel the "love", if you catch my drift.

Still, it was a solid little suspense number with a particularly nice (and unexpected) twist in the end. Sure didn't see that one coming.

I'm looking forward to more books by Ms. Novak, hoping for more "romantic" suspense.

Pamela(AllHoney) says

Ex-cop and now true crime writer, Caleb Trovato, returns to Seattle after his ex-wife persuades him to come and find her missing sister. Once there, clues seem to point to the Sandpoint Strangler but he died years before when he took his own life. Or so the police believed. His daughter, Madison Lieberman, always believed in her father's innocence but when she finds a box in the crawlspace of her parents home she begins to question her beliefs.

Madison is a divorcee with a young daughter and needs to rent out the carriage house on her property to bring in some extra income. Caleb rents the house from her sure that she knows more than she has revealed. But he didn't expect to be attracted to her.

I have read Brenda Novak before and I like her romantic suspense books. *Cold Feet* was a good one too. I did not see that coming! I never suspected the killer was who it was. Anyway, good book!

Penny Evenson says

The Seattle police suspect Madison Lieberman's father was the serial killer they call the "Sandpoint Strangler." Madison refuses to believe it. Her father is now dead, and all she wants is the chance to create a

new life for herself and her six-year-old child.

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This is the second book I have read by Brenda Novak. I am now hooked! Can't wait to read more of her books!

Sara says

Amazing

I absolutely loved this book. Mysteries and thrillers are some of my favorites and this book handles it all very well. Often times I start a book like this and immediately know how it will end and who the killer is. In this book there are so many good possibilities for the killer that I could never just settle on just one. Once I did something came about that made me second guess myself so it was still somewhat of a surprise in the end. I love when a book can surprise me. And love it even more when even if you figure out some of it you'll never figure out all the answers until the author is ready to tell you. Brenda is a master at writing books that leave you on the edge of your seat until the last page

Sylvia says

I Loved this book!! Great story!! starting to like this author's books!! this is my 10th book by her!!

Beth Lechman says

Madison Lieberman's father was an accused serial killer. Her and her mother never believed he could have done such a thing. Caleb Trovato is an ex cop turned crime writer. This case is one that was never solved and when his ex sister in-law comes up missing he agrees to help his ex wife try to find the killer. All the clues point to The Sandpoint Strangler but he has been dead for several years so could it be a copy cat or were they looking at the wrong person all along. Heart wrenching and intense from beginning until the last page.

Stephanie says

When I read stories, I like to feel like part of the gang of the characters- if you will and this story was character driven and I couldn't wait to call it an evening to pick up the story and read what would happen next with my favorite characters, Madison Liberman and Caleb Trovato. I have to admit, I wasn't really feel

the attraction between them until the end but I did enjoy their interactions with each other.

As for the plot itself, I quite enjoyed it and was surprised who the killer turned out to be. I didn't see it coming. Its great when the author has you suspecting so many people and the back and forth of who it could be. I love that. I also like that fact that while this story was about a serial killer-it wasn't overly dark and gruesome so it made it easier to read but yet it was believable. If that makes sense...

I enjoy Brenda Novak's stories and I like that her stories are character driven and you feel emotionally invested. Novak's stories also make for great summer reads or anytime for that matter.

I rated this book three stars.

Stephanie M. Hopkins

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