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For as long as it has stood overlooking New England's jagged coastline, Lexington House has been the witness to madness, and murder. But in recent years the inexplicable malice that once tormented so many has lain as silent as its victims. Until now.

A member of the nation's foremost paranormal forensic team, Jenna Duffy has made a career out of investigating the inexplicable. Yet nothing could prepare her for the string of slayings once again plaguing Lexington House, or for the chief suspect, a boy barely old enough to drive, much less kill.

With the young man's life on the line, Jenna must team up with attorney Samuel Hall to pinpoint who, or what, is taking the lives of those who get too close to the past. But everything they learn brings them closer to the forces of evil stalking this tortured ground.

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Gawelleb says

J'ai adoré!!! Maintenant je veux en savoir plus sur Salem et les divers procès qu'il y a eu !

Bon ceci-dit j'ai eu des soucis avec la traduction qui passe du "tu" au "vous" et inversement dans un même dialogue!

Kerry sullivan says

Well wow this grabbed me by the short and curly's and kept me totally in it's grip to the very last page. Like all the books in this series it is knee deep in history and actual historic events, I am not a fan of historical fiction but this kept me interested and I loved how correlation was drawn with the events happening in the story. I guessed who did it but I was still surprised by the reveal and what a reveal it was. The love element was light and was kept just on the right side of warm but never overshadowed the thriller aspect. There is something about these books that make you love the characters they are quirky and good at their jobs. I will be reading more soon.

? Irena ? says

This is the first book in this series where Jackson Crow's team is not called in to help the local police. Even Jackson and Angela aren't present until later. Jenna Duffy comes to Salem to visit her uncle who needs her help. A young boy was found covered in blood and wondering naked in the middle of the street. Jenna's uncle believes he is not a murderer, so he manages to convince her and the man who found the boy to investigate. Sam, a famous lawyer, even agrees to defend the boy.

I liked the setting of this story. The time of the murders is around Halloween. The story has a lot of history (a parallel between the accused at the Witch trials and the unwillingness of the people to even consider that the boy might not be the killer only because he comes from a religious and strict family) and there is a lot of contemplation of justice and religious tolerance. The villain is not *that* obvious.

There is less romance than in previous books though it doesn't ruin the story.

Debbie says

Salem Massachusetts has seen it's share of horror and unfortunately it's not over, the infamously legendary Lexington House is once again a crime scene of grisly proportions and the only surviving member of the family is also the only suspect, but there's someone who believes in his innocence and decides to bring in the big guns.

Jenna Duffy has been called by her uncle Jamie to help prove the innocence of a boy accused of a bloody crime spree and her being part of the FBI's special unit known as The Krewe of Hunters she's used to things that go bump in the night and sometimes use those things to help solve the crime.

Sam Hall has returned home for a rest after winning a big case and he deserves some R & R, unfortunately there's no rest for the weary defense attorney because he's just kissed the Blarney stone known as Jamie O'Neill who's somehow talked him into not only defending a suspected killer of his family but he's doing it pro-bono as well as accepting the help of Jamie's niece Jenna.

The farther Sam and Jenna look into the case the more questions they raise and pretty soon it's clear that someone wants them quiet, maybe permanently so. Even with all the danger and spectral sightings Sam and Jenna are developing deep feelings for each other and soon it means more than ever to keep each other safe.

Master of the paranormal romance Heather Graham gives us another gripping mystery with more than a touch of the woo woo that makes her famous and for a good reason because who better could make us believe the unbelievable especially in Salem MA at Halloween time. Ms. Graham supplies us with a plot straight out of the Twilight Zone and makes it believable, she does this with incredible characters that fill page after page with details that the reader will use to follow the clues that she lays out like crumbs. She uses a narrative that is clear and precise and easy to read in which she gives us all the details we need to fill in the blanks of her puzzles. Her romance is sweet and sexy and her love scenes are hot as Hades.

If you're looking for that first spooky read to get you in the mood for All Hallows Eve, you want a contemporary romance that's filled with history, you want a novel that delves into the paranormal range or you just want a great curl up on the sofa read, pick this one up.

This is part of a series that are loosely connected by characters but in no way need to be read in order, they stand on their own very well.

Mitzi says

This is another Heather Graham novel that does not disappoint. I know this is a series, I have not read it in order & don't really have to. I've always been intrigued with the Salem Witch Trials and this book takes place in Salem, Mass & the paranormal forensic team is investigating a house that has had many murders in the past & trying to figure out what happens to the owners. Very intriguing, suspenseful with a little romance thrown in.

Saturnus says

När Jenna Duffy får ett meddelande om att komma och hälsa på sin morbor i Salem åker hon med en gång till "häxstaden" där det nyligen skett ett blodigt familjemord.

Hennes morbor Jamie vill att hon utreder just detta mordet. Jamie, som är psykolog, pratar med den enda överlevande i familjen, Malachi Smith, och har gjort det i åratal.

Malachi själv är häktad inne på psyket för att ha mördat hela sin familj med en yxa. Hela staden är övertygad att Malachi är mördaren, även om Malachi påstår att han är oskyldig.

Men det beviset som gör polisen övertygad räker för att få honom till rättegång.

Försvarsadvokaten Sam Hall körde tillbaka till sin hemstad Salem för att sälja sina döda föräldrars hus när en kille, naken och dränkt i blod, hoppade framför bilen.

Den här killen visade sig vara Malachi, och med övertalning av både Jamie och Jenna tvingar nu Sam sig själv över att bli Malachis försvarsadvokat. Trots att alla bevis är mot Malachi är Sam övertygad över att han är oskyldig. Genom att vara hans försvarsadvokat kommer han sätta hela sin karriär på spel.

Jenna och Sam börjar nu snoka runt i staden, som är fylld av hat mot familjen Smiths överhuvud: Abraham Smith, Malachis pappa. Alla hatar honom och tycker han fick vad han förtjänade. Men efter en djupgrävning kommer flera mord som passar in. Vad är sambandet?

fleurette says

I have already read some paranormal romantic suspenses by Heather Graham. Some were better, some were worse. This one was a better one.

I enjoyed the characters, there are likeable. Even though I would like to be more relationship building between Jenna and Sam, it was okay.

The suspense part wasn't really surprising or innovative but still it grab my attention. However, some answers were obvious to me from the beginning.

I would give it 3.5 star. It's a good read for those who are looking for something for a Halloween time. And what is better that a Salem paranormal suspense.

Shaina says

3.5

Doris says

This story deals with perceived slight and mass-induced accusations just for being different. Thankfully, there is usually at least one person out there standing up to bullies and determined to find out the truth, no matter what.

This adventures is based in Salem - where else could it be? - and while not really involving witches, there have been some horrendous murders over the past six months. The culprit appears obvious - a seemingly troubled young man, found in the middle of the road, naked, covered in the latest victims' blood. However, is life ever as simply and straight-forward as that?

While this is not really a tale of witches and witchcraft, Heather Graham does set the story at just before Halloween, a time when Salem really comes to life. A lot of tourists visit as well as a lot of those wanting to earn a buck or two, reading tarot cards or performing magic tricks, A very modern way of living - and yet, the lessons of that past still need to be remembered.

Of course, as always in Heather Graham's Krewe of Hunters series, the murders are not truly resolved right to the end ... although there are hints pointing throughout. The reader - just like the investigators - have to work through all the red herrings, lies and seemingly unanswerable questions, in this case also prevail through prejudice and mass-hysteria. A true Halloween story indeed.

Shelly says

Another good ghost story by Heather Graham! I thought the plot of this one was really good and as always I like the little bit of history thrown in. The main characters were just okay, nothing special. I enjoyed the secondary characters almost a little better I think.

Stephanie says

First time reading this author. I enjoyed the setting of the story, being the time of year it is. The storyline was a bit predictable. You knew who was going to fall for who. The "who done it" became clear about 3/4 of the way through if you put all the pieces together. It, still, was a relaxing read and good story of "who done it".

Matt H. says

Offensive. I have no other word for this book. As a human being committed to social justice including woman's rights, I find the direction Graham takes Jenna Duffy disturbing on a fundamental level. Jenna is supposed to be a trained FBI special agent and a RN; one would think this comes with a confidence and awareness of who she is, but no. Jenna is reduced to a badly stereotypical woman who is a slave to the leading man (Sam) in the book. These two characters dislike each other through the first half of the book to such an extent a romance seem impossible. But nearly at the half way point, Sam shouts at her to "Shut up!" He repeats it, she is stunned to hear such vehemence from him, and by the next page, of course, she is tumbling into bed with him. No self-respect whatsoever from this character who takes verbal abuse from the man.

And physical abuse? Sure, she takes that, too. Later in the book she is slapped by a suspect and does nothing. What? A suspect slaps an FBI special agent and gets away with it? Unheard of.

This is to say nothing about it being a Krewe of Hunters book. I think this book is supposed to take place immediately after book 3 set in New York, as several Krewe members are said to be finishing up in New York, so Jenna is solo for most of the story. Whitney, who we saw in the last book, is apparently married and on a honeymoon (gee, that happened fast). Some members of the Krewe arrive to help Jenna, but there is barely any character development of the rest of the Krewe, and what character development I did see of Jenna has convinced me to stop reading the series and Heather Graham. If this is what women readers want to see in their female characters, maybe I do not understand people as much as I thought I did.

Erin says

This book is set in Salem, MA, around Halloween, making it a perfect October read, in my opinion. Jenna Duffy is a member of the Krewe of Hunters, an FBI group made up of people with a little bit different skills- they can see ghosts. Jenna returns home to Salem at the request of her Uncle Jamie, a twee little Irishman, who can spin a good ghost story. He is also respected psychiatrist in the community, and when one of his patients, a teenager named Malachi, is accused of a murder Jamie doesn't believe he committed, he asks

Jenna to return home and use her gifts to help free Malachi. They enlist the help of hot-shot attorney Sam Hall; Jenna and Sam inevitably fall in love, but Sam does have to struggle with a few aspects of Jenna's life—such as her ability to see ghosts. Jenna obliges her uncle, which leads to learning much more about the history of Lexington House, where Malachi lived and his family was axed to death.

In my opinion, we didn't learn enough about the history of Lexington House. As with all the books in the series that I have read, I have enjoyed them immensely, but was left wanting to hear more of the back story. This book in particular left me even more curious than the rest. The house is "evil", filled with tales of murders that have taken place there throughout the decades, all the way back to the Salem Witch era, a period of time that has been an interest of mine for years. I wanted to know more about the history of the house, and why what happened there, happened.

This is a fun book, and while it didn't scare me, it did have some pretty gruesome scenes. I enjoyed this book, and think it was a perfect addition to my October reading lineup.

Brandy says

Heather Graham's newest installment in the Krewe of Hunters still has me hooked! I love the way the series combines elements of both supernatural and ordinary ordinary happenings. She weaves them together so seamlessly.

The Evil Inside delves into the horrific past of Salem, Massachusetts, the famous witch trials and other horrific crimes that took place there. Sam has traveled to his childhood town for a bit of rest and relaxation after successfully winning a hard-fought trial in Boston, but what he finds is a teenager standing naked in the road and covered in blood. Jenna Duffy has come home following a call from her Uncle Jamie. They both get caught up in the case of Malachi Smith, a young boy who is found covered in the blood of his family after they have been hacked to death. While everyone in town has already found him guilty in their own minds, Uncle Jamie begs Sam and Jenna to help him prove Malachi innocent. Is there a killer still running loose, or has the ghost of old Mr Lexington come back to murder?

I loved that Graham combined the historical story of the Salem Witch Trials with a modern-day murder, and I'm looking forward to future stories with the Krewe!

Wendy-Lynn says

The Evil Inside (Krewe of Hunters #4) by Heather Graham was an “on the edge of your seat” thriller. On his way back to his hometown of Salem Massachusetts, Attorney Sam Hill sees a young boy run into the street covered in blood and clearly in shock. He calls his longtime friend and sheriff John Alden to the scene. Come to find out, the boy is Malachi Smith who lives in Lexington House. Lexington House has been a legend in Salem where many have been murdered since the 1600's. Unfortunately, this was the case with Malachi's family. Jenna Duffy, a paranormal investigator, has come to Salem to see her father who happens to be Malachi's therapist. Jenna can see and talk to ghosts. She knows that Malachi is innocent and asks Sam

to represent him. The townspeople of Salem are happy that Malachi is behind bars. They think that he has “the evil eye” and is responsible for all the recent murders in Salem including the Smith family. Jenna convinces Sam to let her go into Lexington House to see if she can telepathically see the events from the past to determine what exactly happened. From there everyone becomes a suspect. I was in shock once the killer was revealed. The Salem history elements in this story from the accused witches of 1692, the Puritans, and the Wiccan religion were very interesting. Even though this was the fourth installment of the Krewe Hunters series, it read like a standalone. Now, I just need to go back and read the first three. Highly recommended. Received courtesy of Net Galley.
