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jv poore says

It took me way too long to get to this WV writer and when I finally do, the first book I grab is set in the very county that my family is from (the "v" in "jv" is for VanMetre). But I would have enjoyed this moving-faster-than-lightning-mystery regardless of the setting. And I'll be reading all the books by Ms. Armentrout.

jessica says

its no secret that i love jennifer armentrout. her YA novels are where i think her strength is at, but this just proves she can do anything. and she does it *well*. the pacing of this book was outstanding - i finished this in nearly one sitting. there was a really nice balance between learning about sashas past and everything that is happening in her present. i think this book would be perfect for those who are looking to ease into the mystery/thriller genre, as this had a riveting plot, complex characters, steamy romance elements, and concise writing. really enjoyable overall!

4 stars

Alyssa says

I probably shouldn't have read this at night... *shivers*

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What I Liked:

Jennifer L. Armentrout has proven that she can write just about any genre and totally rock it. She has written countless Young Adult, New Adult, and Adult novels across many genres - contemporary, paranormal, fantasy, romance, and a combination of all of those. Add romantic suspense to that list! *Till Death* is very different compared to her other books, but it's easily one of her best books.

Sasha Keaton is coming back to her hometown after ten years, to help her mother with her struggling inn. Ten years ago, Sasha was kidnapped by the Groom, but she escaped, becoming the first and only victim to do so. Ten years later, right around the time of her coming back to West Virginia, the kidnappings and murders begin again, and with so many details being exactly like how the Groom used to do things, it can't be a coincidence. Sasha isn't safe, and neither are countless innocent women. Sasha, her mother, her friends, and Cole Landis might not have enough time before this serial killer comes after Sasha for good.

This book really delivered on the "suspense" aspect. At first I thought I was going to be reading a carbon copy of Katee Robert's *The Devil's Daughter*, which just published a month ago. That book was awesome, by the way. There were definitely similarities, but the two books are so different. Both authors really nail the suspense, and the romance too, though I will say that Armentrout slays when it comes to romance, and this book was no exception.

From the start, you can tell how much Sasha's traumatic past is still affecting her. She has nightmares, flashbacks, and panic attacks, and just being back make sure shake. But she is not a coward and in many ways, she isn't afraid. I love how strong Sasha is and how much stronger she becomes. As the story unfolds, the case gets weirder and creepier and more connected to Sasha, but she handles everything well. Realistically, and also, well.

Suffice it to say, I liked Sasha. I liked her vulnerabilities and her walls. She had every right to be afraid and closed off. But it was nice to see her open up and really live...

... Which a big part of that is because of Cole Landis. Ten years ago, Cole and Sasha were in the beginning of what would have been an adorable and swoony relationship, as two college students. He is three years older than her, and now he is an FBI agent. Ten years didn't diminish her feelings for him - and it turns out, the same is true for him. Cole is a huge part of Sasha's emotional journey of this book. He is with her through everything that happens in this book, and cares for her and protects her like a man that will never give up and won't let go. Cole is such a sweetheart and a fiercely protective man, and he's exactly what Sasha needed - and wanted. I swooned over the man at least a dozen times because dang, he is definitely too good to be true.

The romance is and isn't a big part of the book. It certainly isn't the most important aspect, but it is very, very there. Cole and Sasha reconnect and fall for each other (again) pretty quickly, but not in an insta-love type of way. This romance is technically a second-chance romance, but without all the angst of one person hurting the other and breaking up. So it was a second-chance romance, but really, it was a first-love romance too. I adored the romance.

A note - this is 100% an adult romantic suspense novel. There are some very steamy scenes involving Cole and Sasha. I definitely approve and loved their significance, but just keep that in mind if you're a younger

reader or looking to recommend this book to a younger reader.

I also loved some of the other relationships of this story. Sasha's relationship with her mom and her relationship with her best friend Miranda are both very positive and strong relationships, which was nice to see.

One thing I want to mention is how Sasha's kidnapping/experience (for lack of a better word) is so heartbreakingly cruel, but it isn't a major plot point. Like, the awful, sick things that the Groom did to her aren't totally and fully stated - and it isn't necessary, because (1) we can read between the lines for what isn't stated directly and (2) this book isn't entirely about her moving through that trauma. She spent six years doing intense therapy to work through that trauma. I like that this book didn't focus on her emotional pain from what the Groom did - though what he did was extremely important (and terrible and twisted and sick) to the story.

The author twisted the story so that you're not quite sure who the Groom was and who the new killer is. BUT, I will say that upon meeting a certain character, I knew that would be the killer. I just knew. One critical detail about that character, mentioned in passing when the character is first introduced (somewhat early on in the book) tipped me off. I was confident that that was the killer, and I looked for shady behavior and "Easter eggs" as I read. It sucks that I knew early on, but I'm pretty sure that was just me and most people won't guess so early. So, be prepared to be swung all over the place, because even though I got the killer correct, there were other aspects that were extremely surprising.

Overall, this book really delivered, in terms of the suspense, and the romance. I loved how important both of those aspects were to the story. I love Cole and Sasha's relationship and how strong it was, completely unshakable and no drama. I loved seeing Sasha get stronger and move forward - but Cole too (because what happened to Sasha really affected him too). I really enjoyed this book!

What I Did Not Like:

I already talked about this above, but I'm kind of sad that I guessed the killer so early on. Again, it's likely just me being too clever and/or suspicious of everyone, and I think most readers so far were fairly surprised. And there are other aspects of the climax and ending that will surprise you. Anyway this is a "dislike" that isn't really a dislike because it's entirely my problem/fault!

Would I Recommend It:

I highly recommend this book if you like suspense! Or if you like romance, because this book keeps pretty steamy (like, adult romance steamy), and the romance is so sweet. I'm not totally into suspense (I'm a scaredy cat) and this book was kind of scary/creepy but not so much so that I was freaked out (and again, I'm the scaredst of scaredy cats). I highly recommend this book, but also The Devil's Daughter by Katee Robert (though that book's romance is a little less X-rated).

Rating:

4 stars. Maybe don't do what I did and read this one at night! Read it in broad daylight but also in an enclosed area where you know all of the exits and entrances... this book has me feeling so paranoid right now. This is the sixteenth book of Armentrout's that I've read, and I think it's her best yet. Not necessarily my favorite (though it's up there), but in my opinion, her most well-written book yet.

Shawna says

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Madeleine Knutsson says

I don't know if I am getting into a reading slump or not but I was kinda disappointed with this book. The book was good, don't get me wrong, but I was expecting more.

Jacqueline's Reads says

4.5 Suspenseful Stars

I'm a HUGE fan of Jennifer L. Armentrout. She usually writes NA and YA reads. I was really surprised to have received this one. I haven't read a suspenseful book in a while and I forgot how much I love this genre.

The book is 100% mysterious and will keep you intrigue and guessing until the very end.

Sasha is coming back home after ten years. She lives in a small hometown where everyone knows her business. Something tragic and horrible happened to her in the past and even though she is fully recovered from the event, she still trying to move forward.

Right away we know something happened to Sasha, it doesn't go into full detail into what happened but we know it was BAD. I really liked Sasha as a person. I found her really strong, loyal and extremely kind. She's not a wallflower, but I do like my damsels in distress and it's always nice to be saved.

Cole is the boy Sasha had a relationship with before everything happened. Maybe they would have still been together if it wasn't for what happened to Sasha. So its years later and Cole realizes Sasha is back in town.

OH MY GOODNESS, how I loved Cole. Cole was the PERFECT HERO character. Cole is a FBI agent and when Sasha left he was a young man, but now he's a full grown man. He's ready to get into Sasha's life again, even if he has to push and shove his way through. I LOVE it when the Hero chases the Heroine. It's so delicious to read and I had a smile on my face THE ENTIRE TIME.

I really enjoyed Till Death. I love the suspenseful plot. I loved finding out throughout the book what happened to Sasha. I loved guessing who was good and who was bad. I loved reading about Cole and Sasha's relationship and I found the chemistry really ... and I'll say it again good.

Till Death was the perfect suspenseful dramatic read.

ARC was provided by William Morrow and I volunteered to review.

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Review as an..

Anniebananie says

Dieses Buch war definitiv eine positive Überraschung!

Der Klappentext hat mich nämlich gar nicht so arg angesprochen, d.h. ich habe das Buch damals eigentlich nur gekauft weil es von Jennifer L. Armentrout geschrieben ist und dementsprechend lange lag es jetzt auch erstmal auf meinem SUB.

Jetzt hatte ich endlich mal Lust auf etwas mit einem Crime-/Thrill-Anteil. Der Plot war überraschend spannend und schien ziemlich gut durchdacht. Man wurde mehrmals auf eine falsche Fährte gelockt was den Täter betrifft, also alles so wie bei einem guten Thriller.

Auch das "sexy" wurde ganz gut mit in die Geschichte eingewoben, obwohl ich mir da etwas mehr gewünscht hätte, daher auch der Stern Abzug.

Aber ansonsten hat mich das Buch echt sehr gut unterhalten und ich freue mich nun, dass bald noch ein solches "Sexy Crime"-Buch von Armentrout erscheint ??

Rachel Reads Ravenously says

NOW LIVE!!!: <http://amzn.to/2kJljbT>

4 stars!

"People don't get second chances often, Sasha, but we got one, and I'm not going to let that pass us by."

Almost a decade ago, Sasha survived one of the worst horrors a person can face, and she was the only one to make it out alive. Now, years later, she has returned to her home town to help her mom run the family business. Sasha's return stirs up many memories, good ones and bad ones. While Sasha is welcomed by old friends and family, other members of the town are not so happy to have her back with the memories she brings with her.

When Sasha left, she cut off ties with everyone but her mother and her best friend. One of those she left behind was her then boyfriend Cole, who she loved and never quite got over. Cole is clearly happy to see Sasha again, and makes it clear he wants to reconnect. But Sasha's past trauma makes it hard for her to trust people, and on top of that someone is going out of their way to make sure she knows she is not welcome, using threatening and scary tactics.

"Sometimes you cared so deeply about someone that no matter what happened, you never really stopped."

I'm not normally a suspense reader, but I will read anything Jennifer Armentrout puts out. I read her teen suspense novel Don't Look Back and enjoyed it, so I knew she would do a good job writing in this genre. I've also seen romance junkies concerned this book will lack romance, it's something they shouldn't be worried about because this book contains a lot of it. Readers will love Sasha and Cole and will relish their journey back to each other.

Till Death contains an engrossing story that seizes your attention and holds it in its grasp until the very last page. I had fun guessing at what would happen next and guessing at who the bad guy was. Alpha male addicts will love Cole, and at the same time appreciate the fact that Sasha wants to fight back herself at the threats that come her way. Instead of being a weak victim, she's a strong woman who combats those meaning to harm her.

Thrilling and engaging, you need to make Till Death a priority on your to be read list!

"I'm going to keep myself safe. But I'll let you help."

ARC provided by author in exchange for an honest review

Maddie says

Let's be honest books like this are not my cuppa, but I actually enjoyed the experience and yes this is a Romantic suspense, and I am telling ya all this will not be my last, as it felt good to not read just sappy from start to finish.

Prologue

Starts off with a psychopath, holding a whimpering girl in a basement, bloodied with a rope circling her ankles and wrist!!

While sitting there the psychopath thoughts are that the girl knows she will never see sunlight again.

You do not at this point who the psychopath is talking about, but someone fucked him over and for that, the girl will be punished.

If you know me by now I love prologues and yeah I cannot stop reading with an intro like this

Type of Characters and my choices according to pictures :

Cole and Sasha

Chapter Development

The story then begins with Sasha returning home to assist her mom in the Inn her mother owns, Sasha is half the girl she was at nineteen. Only a shadow off her former self!!

Sasha left her hometown without saying goodbye to anyone except her mother 10 years back leaving lots of questions unanswered. But as time progressed she also started in touch with her childhood friend Miranda.

Sasha received therapy for the past 10 years because of what happened, but as her therapists explained the nightmares will remain as it is part of her subconscious memories.

As soon as she arrives home Sasha get the feeling of being followed and watched

In the story the author gives us glimpses through nightmares what happened to Sasha, on the fateful night 10 years back.

For her the hardest part of returning is that everyone knows what happened to her and as soon as they start to talk about that fateful event she shuts off, and everyone in the small town knows her story as Sasha is sort of a celebrity, the only girl who ever survived!!!!

The day after her return all her car windows are broken and the police write it off as vandalism, as nothing was stolen.

Then Cole an FBI agent, who was her boyfriend at nineteen appears on the scene again as his nephew is the police officer who investigated the vandalism incident.

He feels extremely guilty as the night of her abduction 10 years back he was the last person saying goodbye to her and although many girls disappeared and the psychopath who abducted her watched her for weeks, and would have abducted her eventually the guilt still remains.

Her mom and her friend Miranda force her to go out, only because they care and want her to start living again.

But as the story progress Sasha keeps on getting the feeling someone is watching her as her sixth sense keep giving her tingles in the back of her neck. But Sasha is a real time survivor of a psychopath "THE GROOM" who killed all his victims; she will be watched as everyone are interested in her story. The reason for being called "THE GROOM" he called all his victims his brides.

The problem with her returning home women started disappearing again near her town. And are left in the same place "THE GROOM" left the bodies 10 years back on route 11.

Another problem Sasha never saw "THE GROOM's" face, and should be dead!!!

Now another thing this author writes incredible sexy books and she did not disappoint me.

Now this is where I am ending the review, this is only a few chapters in the beginning of the book, if you want to know what happens next, READ THE BOOK.

Epilogue! →

And that epilogue let's just say, I truly am satisfied with the outcome!!!

My feelings while reading this: →

To the Author

OMG - I read your Lux series, and I am telling you that I expected only the best in this book, but what I got was much more than what I expected - I LOVED it →

Candace Robinson says

I normally don't read suspense because I get bored, but the serial killer here is pretty creeptastic! The MC was annoying at first which I could understand after all she has been through! Loved the romance here! Full review on my blog <https://literarydust.wordpress.com/20...>

Siobhan Davis says

A gripping suspenseful read with a fantastic romance to boot, Till Death is sure to be a crowd-pleaser.

I was very intrigued to read this book as it's a new departure for Jennifer Armentrout and I was interested to see how she would pull it off. Well, my reigning fave author has just proven she can turn her hand to any genre and deliver a knock-out story.

Sasha fled her hometown ten years ago in the aftermath of a hideous kidnapping at the hands of the serial killer known as The Groom. She left behind a mother and a boyfriend she loved and started a new life away from all the horrific memories. But she returns home to the Inn she has always dreamed of running and things pretty much pick up where they left off. Her college boyfriend is now hot FBI agent Cole Landis and his reappearance in her life the minute she shows up in town tells you all you need to know. Their romance was cut short due to her ordeal ten years ago and it's obvious both of them never forgot the other.

Any fans of JLA that are worried about lack of romance - let me reassure you, you will not be disappointed. Cole and Sasha are an amazing couple and their chemistry is electrifying. They reconnect slowly but surely and it was an integral part of the plot. Cole feels like he let Sasha down ten years ago so he's determined to protect her this time. And, boy, does she need it because strange things are happening around her and women are missing, and it's clear that she is being targeted again.

Cole is one of the best book boyfriends Jennifer has written. He was suave, charismatic, intelligent, protective, hot, loyal, and I could add so much more but you get the gist. I loved him, and he was quite a different male character for Jen to write which I appreciated. Sasha was a great heroine. She was strong and brave despite all she had been through. I also loved her mother.

JLA perfectly blends the romance with the suspense and everything builds to an explosive climactic scene that was superbly written. I had chills all over reading the last few chapters.

The only reason this is a four-star review is the fact that I guessed the who and the why early on (like ridiculously early on) and it dented my enjoyment. I was hoping I was wrong but as more clues were dropped I knew I was right. While one part of me was mentally high-fiving myself for figuring it out so early, another part of me hated that it was so predictable (to me anyway.) Now, if you don't read a lot of romantic suspense or mystery/thrillers I don't think you will work it out, but I spent years reading thrillers/crime novels and one of the reasons I stopped reading them was because it was too easy to work out the plot twists and that was the case with Till Death. That doesn't detract from the fact this is a very well-written book with a decent plot, perfect pacing, great world building, and complex characterization.

Overall, I can say this was a great read and mean it, and I wouldn't hesitate to recommend it to Jennifer's fans or fans of romantic suspense.

I'd like to thank the author and her assistant for providing an ARC of this book in exchange for my honest review. This review will appear on my blog in due course.

Beth Hudspeth says

Suspenseful and smart, Armentrout has you on the edge of your seat and will not let you move.

When Sasha returns to her home town she left behind ten years ago, she thinks her life will finally start to fall into place as she imagined before tragedy struck her life. When Sasha was just a teenager she was abducted by a serial killer known as "The Groom". She was the only one to escape his clutches and has spent years in intensive therapy as a result. Despite this, Sasha is a strong woman. At 29, she is still coping with her past, but has the tools to help herself now.

Sasha has returned to help her Mom run their family inn when strange things start to happen... Her car is broken into and girls are starting to go missing once again. The circumstances have Sasha wondering if this is coincidence or something more sinister.

I absolutely love when Jennifer L. Armentrout puts pen to paper.... or is it finger to keyboard now? Who knows. Jenn, how do you write, so I can get my life straight? Anyway, JLA just writes books that I want to read. She is truly such a versatile author. YA, NA, Adult - nothing can get in her way as far as content, readability, and the overall entertainment value of her novels. I would not be worried in the least to purchase any of her works. I mean she wrote about aliens in high school and it was a New York Times bestseller. Till Death is no exception to this statement. This book is one of my first 5 star reviews this year. It is suspenseful and has you on the edge of your seat trying to figure out what is going on in this town.

Sasha has quite the support system. Her mom and best friend are there for her any time she may need them and now Cole is back in the picture. She is reluctant at first to give into his advances, but her best friend and Mom are right there to put her back in her place. We really see Sasha grow as a character from the beginning of this book until the end. I love when books show you how the characters morph into stronger people as the story goes on.

This book has the perfect balance of suspense and romance. If you're worried about the romance aspect,

worry not! Cole is super swoonworthy. ;)

If you like suspense, romance, thrillers, JLA, or all 4 you should pick up this book. You won't be disappointed. Till Death grips you from the start and keeps you locked on until the last page. Wonderful job, Armentrout, as always.

Y'all know my JLA obsession is strong. Got this beauty yesterday!

Because JLA is one of those instaread authors for me! :)

Jo says

A really good second-chance romance!!

I'd died ten years ago.

Not from the injuries and all . . . all the damage. I died from everything else, and I'd just been existing since then. That knowledge was nothing new.

Cole Landis and Sasha Keaton met in college, where they were pretty crazy about each other and their relationship showed a lot of promise until Sasha became the target of the Groom, a twisted serial killer. Sasha is the only victim to have survived, broken but alive. And for ten years she hadn't been able to return to her hometown, the memories too much for her. But Sasha had always dreamed of helping her mother run their family inn and someday taking it over, and the time has come for her to return home. What she didn't expect was to come face to face with Cole, the young man she loved and left, and for him to look at her the same way he did back then, as if she's the only one that mattered. And when more women starts disappearing and Sasha becomes the target of random vandalism, it seems Sasha has become the target of another monster.

He terrified me.

Because he symbolized everything I should've had but didn't.

I liked Sasha from the get go. She survived something so terrible by building walls and being paranoid and I found her incredibly brave.

He was staring at me like he'd never expected to see me again—like he'd hoped that he would but hadn't placed a lot of faith in that hope.

Then there's Cole and he seemed to not have gotten over Sasha. I loved how he raced to her side the moment he found out she was back and how he wanted another chance with her and to keep her safe. I do wish we had gotten his POV too.

"People don't get second chances often, Sasha, but we got one, and I'm not going to let that pass us by."

The romance was great! I loved the chemistry between them, the intense feelings that was still there ever after a decade apart. (view spoiler)

There aren't a lot of authors who can write a decent romantic suspense, but this author go the balance between the suspense and the romance just right. The suspense was gripping even though I had my suspicions about who the killer was early on and I enjoyed this book immensely. A solid RS and a must read for all fans.

?Julalicious Book Paradise? says

What can I say about this book without giving too much away? Well, one that it was a quick and awesome reading. I got hooked from the start and I needed to get to the end to see how it would all wrap up.

Sasha Keeton is a survivor. She was the only one who escaped The Groom. Coming back to her old hometown wasn't an easy decision, but she does it for her mother. Finding herself back home should have brought some sense of peace that everything was over, but unfortunately for our main character, the past just won't let go of her. Her return doesn't go as smoothly as she hoped since many incidents happen from her car being vandalized to finding a dead animal in her mom's car. Throughout the book, you will want to know who, why and most importantly, will they find out before it's too late?

Sasha's character spoke volume to me because she went through a lot and she is still standing, even if it's on shaky legs. She has been more like going through the motion for the past ten years, but coming home was what she needed to start living again even if everything seems to tell her to leave town and never look back. She will make you go through a lot of emotions as the story develops and things start becoming more and more complicated.

Of course, you can't have a book from Jennifer L. Armentrout without a little bit of romance. So if you were feeling hesitant as if you should or shouldn't get into this book because you fear the lack of romance, take this idea out of your head. Cole Landis will give you what you crave for.

Believe me when I say you will all want a Cole Landis. From the moment he reappeared in her life, Cole has been nothing but patient with Sasha even when she was trying to do everything to push him away. He is there for her whenever she needs it and he shows her that she can trust him; can count on him. He has obvious guilt for what happened to her, but there is more than just guilt; he has never been able to forget her. He wants to do right by her and he is genuinely just a good guy.

As I am trying to keep this review spoiler free, I will add that you will love some of the other characters, you will hate others and some of them will leave you confused. All of these characters will bring something to the story and I won't lie, I wouldn't mind having some novellas about some of them, either from their past or future events because they made that kind of impact on me for wanting more from them.

So yes, I do recommend you plunge head first into this story. You will be asking for more as you finish chapter after chapter. Jennifer L. Armentrout gave us another awesome book with interesting characters and a story that will keep you on your toes.

I was giving an advanced copy of this book in exchange of an honest review.

Jennifer Kyle says

3.5 Stars
