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Althea Johnson wants to leave the past behind, but the memories of her mother's murder lurk in her dreams. She tries to ignore them until someone drives her off the road, then begins sending her sick letters. Althea returns to the small Texas town where the murder happened, planning to solve the case herself. Her main problem is avoiding the sheriff, her old crush, Duncan Perry. Duncan can't believe his best friend's little sister has grown into such a wonderful bundle of curves. At first he's stunned by his reaction to her, but never one to be slow, he starts putting the moves on her. It isn't until he's completely seduced by her that he realizes she's putting herself in danger to solve the old crime. As they fall in love with each other, the stalking and danger escalates. Women matching Althea's description are being found raped and murdered. The new lovers must now work overtime to figure out just what went wrong twenty years earlier, but the mysteries they will reveal could jeopardize everything they're fighting for.

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Pamela(AllHoney) says

A nice entertaining romantic suspense. Thea has moved back to her hometown after her divorce. There she hooks up with Duncan Perry. A small town cop who is her brother's friend. Anyway, she starts receiving letters similiar to the ones her mother received before her murder. Meanwhile, women were being murdered that resembled her.

The murderer wasn't hard to figure out. But the romance was nice and steamy. Rather predictable for the most part but I still enjoyed it.

Baba says

I've read quite a lot of Melissa Schroeder's books and this one here was not as good as her others. It was ok but hardly earth-shattering. And I have to admit that I'm a bit disappointed. Hence, I'm not in the mood to post a long review as I'd do otherwise. I don't know why but somehow the story fell flat and I felt that it was too tedious. When they "caught" the killer I was disappointed too because the whole scene was not nearly as nail-biting as I expected it to be!

Whatever, I'm off reading Stephanie Tyler's new book "In the Air Tonight"!

Book Utopia says

Though the action is continuous, the suspense angle leaves a little bit to be desired. I figured out who the baddie was in this almost immediately, and kept waiting to be proven wrong. Unfortunately, I wasn't. Neither Duncan nor Thea was able to have a really strong, cohesive arc for me, either, though Thea gains enough spine by the end of the book for me to root for her happy ending.

Wanda Hartzenberg says

A Netgalley book review

Ok, so based on the title, I assumed this is going to be a thriller, with perhaps a touch of romance.... I was wrong. Take note that I do not read blurbs. Nor did I see the cover when I requested this book. Lol. This is primarily a romance with a touch of action, a bite of suspense and gleam of intrigue. At its core, it is however, a romance.

So as far as romances go, this is not a bad read, quite the contrary. The suspense build up was intriguing, the attraction undeniable and the characters both likeable and easy to identify with. The world building, the rural mountain life etc is the perfect romantic back drop for this story and served to

add to basic plot line.

Not much in the way of character development, not much needed as both the main protagonists are written as likeable, if somewhat extraordinary people made for one another.

All in all, given that I do not much care for romance books, this is one

I am glad I picked up.

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Pennie Morgan says

Althea (Thea) Johnson has moved home after her divorce and the stalking she was experiencing in Atlanta has followed her. Her ex-husband dismissed her fears even though he is a police officer and the letters were explicit and she was in a near-fatal car crash. The stalking followed her and not only that but someone is killing look-a-likes and getting closer and more dangerous to her. Duncan Perry is the sheriff and also Thea's brother's best friend. The rule about not hitting on your best friend's sister is thrown out the window when Duncan sets himself up in her house to protect her. Try as he did to separate his feelings from protecting her, the first nightmare he witnessed kept him in her bed.

This was an thoroughly enjoyable and suspenseful romance. The characters (and there are some characters in this town!) are all well written and the heat was scorching when it needed to be. Even though I had my suspicions of who the killer was, I was kept guessing until the end. (Good job, Mel.)

I highly recommend this one and not sure how I missed it since it has been out for quite a while. Glad I finally read it!

****Received an ARC copy from the author****

Becky says

3.75 stars

My copy was given by the author and I have voluntarily written a review.

Suspense, romance, mystery wrapped in a small town setting. A super story that keeps you guessing if you've figured out who the killer is until it's finally revealed, throw in a romance with mild sexy times, great secondary characters and it equals a good read.

The ending seemed fast to me and had more time been given with our H & h after they finally admit their feelings with no crazy stalker/killer on the loose would have made this a 4 or 5 star read.

Recommended Read, on to book two in this series.

Anima says

Authors with a wide range of genre are my favorite. Schroeder does wonders with an extended military family, an erotic series and hot cops in Hawaii. Her standalone books, like this one, are suspenseful and fun

and sexy. Duncan and Thea are like fireworks and the supporting cast is outstanding.

Brandy says

Love, love, love this book. It is a wonderful mix of romance and suspense. I was captured at the beginning and just couldn't stop until I reached the end.

Fantastic book and everything I hope for in a romantic suspense type book.

Conny says

I got this book as a free download and I really liked it. It had everything you would want from a romantic suspense novel. Good characters, some hot loving and plenty of suspense. I had a hard time putting it down and it was perfect reading for a rainy afternoon spend on the sofa. I will have to check out other books by Melissa Schroeder.

Gina Marcantonio says

“She never remembered what had happened that night almost 20 years ago, but the dreams still haunted her”

Newly divorced Thea(Althea Johnson-Warren), is looking for a fresh start. After years of receiving threatening letters, she begins to doubt herself. When she is run off the road, which put her in the hospital for months, she makes the decision to head to her hometown and solve her mother's murder. She needs to finally get the answers she needs so she can put her demons to rest.

This book is a quick read. Although it was clear from the beginning “who-done-it”, I loved this book! I thought Melissa Schroeder did a great job in keeping the story believable, suspenseful and romantic. I loved that Thea was mouthy and sarcastic and her vulnerability made you fall in love with her!

Donna says

Thea Johnson has come home. Her marriage has gone the way of the Dodo and she needs to go back to the beginning. Small towns never forget anything and most of the town believes Thea's father killed her mother and then took off. Thea knows deep in her soul that isn't the case. Now it appears someone is out to get her too. Can her brothers best bud the hunky sheriff Duncan keep her safe? This story is filled with twists and turns that will keep you guessing till the very end.

Mary says

This book was okay. I was in the mood for a romantic suspense (though after starting it, I think it would be more qualified for erotic romantic suspense) and this book had been free on Amazon. I think overall the author is talented at storytelling, but there were a few typos, I felt the relationship moved a little bit too fast (on the positive, however, at least the characters knew each other already and I'll always be a sucker for best friend's little sister themes), the villain I had guessed early on and the climax was, well, kind of anticlimactic. The book wasn't a waste of time but I'm still left craving a good romantic suspense kick.

C Joy says

This is a romantic suspense novel, the first genre I've read from Melissa Schroeder and once again, she impressed me. Set in a small town, this is one of those novels where everybody knows everybody. Back from a divorce and ready to move on, Althea Johnson returns to her hometown, where her mother was killed. Her ex husband was a jackass and I liked how annoying the author made him sound.

It's common for guys to have a rule about dating a friend's sister, but it's not applicable anymore. Duncan Perry had his own share of fun with the girls back in the days and he didn't recognize Althea when he saw her, he even flirted with her. I liked how the romance was written and how it jibed with the killer-is-out-there conflict. Who better than Duncan to be by Althea when a killer lurks. This is also a case of whodunit and though I already have my own hunch, I was still thrilled.

The sex scenes were really hot and emotionally charged. All their pent-up angers and fears were let out in moments of passion. Thea really knew how to hook Duncan into the relationship. I liked her resilience and how she played Duncan to admitting he loved her. Jed is caring as a big brother, and I feel that he could still be with Gwen and maybe there's a separate story there too.

Melissa Schroeder is definitely one of my favorite authors, and I have yet to read her historical romance novels.

Red says

I just have to say that it has been awhile since I read a book that I could not put down, and this one classifies as one of those. I have never read anything by Melissa Schroeder but I was glad that stumbled across her. This book was loaded with characters that you could really invest yourself in. Thea was great. Strong when she needed to be with just the right amount vulnerability shining through. She handles the stress well and in a way that seems believable to the reader. Duncan is a great leading man. He is strong and conflicted about his feelings for his best friends sister and ultimately how he ends up involved in the case by the end of the story. All legitimate concerns for anybody. The way he handles it in my opinion is about true to form and I could understand his reluctance.

This is a great book, with excellent writing that flows easily with great characters and I will be seeking out more of her work. I would highly recommend.

Julia Handley says

Thea is living in fear and pain. Her parents were killed when she was a kid and the killer never found. Her brother distanced himself from meaningful feelings except for his sister. She married and divorced a piece of crap. And for years she has been stalked but no one would believe her. Going back to her home town where it all started could be the answer.

Duncan the towns sheriff dealing with his own past painful issue. He also happens to be best friends with Thea's brother Jed. When he bumps into Thea he wasn't expecting the attraction to her or the trouble that comes her way.

Omg these two got me so irritated at times. Why couldn't they just speak to each other and be honest with how they feel? Yes they both have issues but still....irritating. I do love how these two fight and want to protect each other. Reading this was a lot of fun too, especially with some of the other characters Chase, Jed, Rusty and Gwen. Even with so much pain these people have some much love for each other. When all hell breaks loose and a killer comes out of the woodwork everyone has to face a harsh truth.

I voluntarily reviewed an Advanced Reader Copy of this book.
