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Then: Salem, MA 1692. Burning, hanging, stoning and drowning were the way they killed a witch. The trials were a joke, and the deaths were a shame. The Killing times changed so many lives... forever.

Now: Salem, SC. Elizabeth LaRue has come home. After a stint in the FBI, a failed assignment and a disastrous affair, she has returned to a town she willingly walked away from, her body and heart battered and bruised. Her father's sudden death has brought her home, opening up more questions that need answers. As she agrees to step in as Sheriff, she finds that the sleepy town isn't quite as tranquil as she thought. A string of bizarre killings that are mimicking the Salem Witch trials is plaguing the town, and scaring the people she has sworn to protect.

Elizabeth now has to call in the FBI, and be faced with a past and people she is trying to forget. Will Ethan Blackhawk be her salvation or her ultimate downfall?

Time is running out, bodies are stacking up, and there are only two options. Stop the killer, or die trying.

The Killing Times Details

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Chrannag says

Spectacular!!

Angela says

I was given a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review. This book is advertised as a Romance Thriller but it is definitely more romance than thriller. I tend to not like romance novels because the people meet and fall in love by chapter 4. They don't fall in love by chapter 4 in this book, but it wasn't long after. The one thing that I didn't really like in this book is that Ethan was "perfect" and could do no wrong. It is mentioned in here several times how perfect he was and how great he was. I understand they are in love, but they are basically together 24 hours a day working and living together. There has got to be something that he or she does during that time that is irritating. I realize there is a honeymoon period but still, these people are human. (Yes, I do know they are fictional)

I would have liked a bit more thriller in this book and a little less romance. There are some unanswered questions and some reactions that seem a bit off. I can't go into much detail because I don't do spoilers. If you want to discuss it after you read it, then I would be happy to talk to you about it. Some of the thriller stuff wasn't so thrilling and there are some things that seem like they wouldn't necessarily happen in law enforcement/FBI work. I think if you are a fan of romance and you like some drama in your books, then this is a good read. I give it 3.5 books.

Rachel says

Wow I'm so glad I found this book!

The book follows Elizabeth LaRue a tough ex FBI agent who goes home to Salem following her fathers death.

She takes over his role as sheriff, but when bodies start turning up she has to call in the FBI for help.

The FBI arrives in the form of sexy agent Ethan Blackhawk and it is love at first sight, the chemistry is amazing!!

I loved Elizabeth's character she's tough no nonsense but has a heart of gold. This book draws you in from the first page, the description was amazing. I loved this book so mucho have downloaded all the other books in the series and it just gets better and better. The Killing Times

Terra says

I love a book that surprises me, and "The Killing Times" did just that. I knew there was romance, but thought there would be less romance and more murder mystery. Nope, there was more romance and that is exactly how I like my books. Morgan Kelley shares a great murder mystery that keeps you guessing until the end. While you are left guessing on who killed who, you get to enjoy gorgeous Ethan, (who by the way sounds really delicious!) I love the idea of mixing a murder mystery with romance. I found myself up late at night unable to tear myself away from the book. In the end, I was left wanting more. I really enjoyed this story and

look forward to reading the rest of the series!

Courtney Stephens says

I was given this book for an honest review

I have not ever read a book like this before and I really liked it. AT the beginning it was kind of slow but as soon as it got going it got good.

Ethan and Elizabeth relationship is exactly like mine and my boyfriends by they feel like they have known each other when in reality they have not. They do anything and everything to keep the other one save in any event especially dangerous one. They work well together to solve the crime at hand and the person committing the crimes is one that is not expected.

I would recommend this book to people to read.

Amanda Sington-Williams says

This is a fascinating book with two strands. There is a sheriff, Elizabeth from a small country town called Salem who is trying to solve the murders committed by a particularly nasty serial killer who thinks of his victims as witches. Unable to deal with this massive crime on her own, she calls in the FBI and so the reader meets Blackhawk and the second strand of the novel begins: a steamy romance begins as Blackhawk and Elizabeth get together. There are a lot of sex and violent scenes in the book which romps along at a rapid pace. The author warns her readers so you have a choice whether or not it is for you!

For the plot 5*

For the characterisation 5*

For dialogue 5*

Narration 5*

Tina says

THIS BOOK WAS GIVEN TO ME IN EXCHANGE FOR AN HONEST REVIEW

Tina, #NerdGirlMama's Review

I enjoy a good Romance and add in murder, suspense, and thrill ride with it and I am ready to read. The title of this book "The Killing Time" is what caught my attention first and then the synopsis just drew me and I had to read this one even though I had not read any of Morgan Kelley's previous books. This book slowly draws you in and the author's writing in alternating POV's also helps to grab hold of you and you just do not want to stop reading.

The main characters Elizabeth LaRue, known as Lyzee to her friends is a no nonsense Sheriff of her hometown Salem, SC a position her father held until his passing. Lyzee is a tough ex-FBI agent, feisty, quick tempered, sometime foul mouth who speaks before thinking sometimes, insecure, and yet a kind and gentle hearted woman. Ethan Blackhawk known to his friends as Cowboy is Native American tall dark and handsome FBI Agent who bends and sometimes breaks the rules, but he is a bit controlling, loyal to a fault,

insecure, and a kind and gentle soul who protects with everything he has. The sleepy little town of Salem, SC is being plagued with murders of women and they are starting to stack up, so Lyzee has no choice but to call in the help of the FBI and it is love at first sight for Lyzee and Ethan. Their lives will never be the same and they will need to depend on each other to solve these crimes and a wild ride along the way. I will have to say that there was one thing that the insecurities of these 2 characters has to be written into the story as it unfolds so that you know that they have this issue, but for me there was just a little too much of the mental questioning of the insecurities for both Lyzee and Ethan. I have to say for me it did bug me a little, but it did not take away from the story.

Morgan Kelley's writing flows and you can relate to these characters and you can picture what is happening as your reading. It is a wild rollercoaster ride of emotions you will laugh, cry, happy, sad, anger, shock, and sometimes want to slap them across the back of the head. This book is filled with love, HOT Sex, heartache, extreme loyalty, betrayal, and many twist and turns and you will think you figured out who the killer is a couple of times, but you will be wrong or maybe half wrong and the epic ending of an all out battle and fight to the finish and killer revealed that you did not see coming.

If you love a good romance filled with suspense, murder, mystery, and a thrill ride then I recommend this book for you and you will not be sorry you did. I give this book 4 stars all the way and I cannot wait to read the next book in this series.

Review has been done in conjunction with Nerd Girl Official

K.C. Cavanaugh says

I received a free copy of this title in exchange for an honest review

I need to start out by saying that before I read the first book in Morgan Kelley's latest series, I was a huge fan. Previously she published her Blood series, which also could be considered a paranormal crime thriller – so if you like crime thrillers and paranormal, definitely a series for you! She writes flawless scenes and characters that pop out of the page (or at least you wish they could pop out of the page!) and a plot that will always leave you going “Wow” at the end!

The Killing Times certainly didn't disappoint! I'm sorry to say that I wasted so much time getting into this book because of other things I was working on, it just kept getting pushed aside because there was just no time. This week, I forced myself to have the time because I knew it was going to be spectacular based on Morgan's other books.

The story starts out with the sheriff of Salem (not that Salem), Elizabeth La Rue, who is a no nonsense woman who will move heaven and earth to get justice for the women who are being murdered in her small hometown. She became sheriff after the previous sheriff, who happened to be Lyzee's father, died of an apparent heart attack. Quickly leaving the FBI with her tail tucked between her legs after a scandal within the department, she came home to bury her father and ended up holding the reins of the city.

Meet Ethan Blackhawk, a stoic FBI agent who has been dreaming of a woman for the last year. He knows she needs her help, but he just can't find him. Despite only knowing how to be FBI, he's a bit of a wildcard, earning the nickname, Cowboy for his recklessness. After applying a little too much pressure to the rules on his last assignment, his boss tosses him and his partner the task of heading to Salem to help the sheriff with her serial killer problem.

But when Ethan meets Sheriff Elizabeth La Rue nothing will ever be the same again. Through thick and thin they need to depend on each other and build a strong foundation of trust, because otherwise, their lives may be in jeopardy.

Together they race to find a killer before he strikes again. There are so many times that I thought I knew where Morgan was going, but it wasn't until two or three chapters before it was over that I had figured it out. At least partially! Then she threw me a curve ball! She'll leave you guessing, with your heart pounding in your chest the entire time you sit there reading, as you wonder what is going to happen next and who is behind all the terror striking this small southern town.

At the end of the day, Morgan Kelley weaves such an intricate tale of love, heartbreak, laughter, betrayal, and fierce loyalty that it's hard to believe that this story is a work of fiction. There were parts that I seriously wept for the pain that Lyzee and Ethan felt and there were moments where I was so happy I was grinning like the damn Cheshire cat!

If you are a fan of murder mysteries with sexy sheriffs and FBI agents thrown in the mix, then this is the series for you! Personally, I can't wait to get started and read the rest of the series!

Keep up the great work Morgan!

****Adult Content Warning! ~ This book does contain some explicit content. If you are not a fan of graphic sex scenes, then you may not enjoy the book – although while I say that there are graphic scenes, they are done in such a way that it only exemplifies the love between the characters. There are only a few, but to some, that may be a few too many.****

Lynn Worton says

A friend recommended this book to me. I would like to thank her, because it is fantastic! Thank you K.C. - I loved it!

Elizabeth LaRue is a fantastic character. She is a dedicated law enforcement officer, who has taken up her father's position as Sheriff in her home town after his death. She is extremely methodical, and uses her training as a former FBI agent to good effect. Unfortunately, she also tends to be stubborn, but when several people go missing and the bodies start piling up, she has no choice to call in for assistance.

Ethan Blackhawk is an FBI agent who tends to bend the rules, if not break them completely. I loved his character! He's a rebel with a cause! He's super sexy, but he doesn't seem to realise his appeal to the opposite sex. After skating too close to the edge once more, he is sent, with his partner, to assist the Sheriff in trying to find the killer or killers in the town of Salem.

This is a fantastic romantic thriller! I struggled to put it down! Unfortunately, I had to do so often, and was extremely annoyed because of it! I was hooked from the first page! The suspense and mystery of who the killer was, and why they did what they did was woven into an amazing story filled with twists and turns. These twists sometimes led to red herrings that had me wondering about several of the characters. Were they involved?

This story is mostly told from Elizabeth and Ethan's points of view, but there are also a few other characters that have their say. This gives the book a movie-like feel. In fact, I could see this being made into a TV movie with no problem. The characters, locations and the situations all came alive for me. The romance between Elizabeth and Ethan was HOT and STEAMY! Their chemistry literally smouldered on the page!

The scenes were somewhat explicit, but not erotic.

The killer was a complete surprise! I did suspect a certain person, and they were involved, but I should have read enough murder mysteries by now to expect the unexpected! However, I sure didn't see this one coming!

Morgan Kelley has written an exciting romantic thriller that flowed beautifully! It was fast paced, but not rushed. I am now looking forward to reading the next book in the series, Sacred Burial Grounds.

Due to the violence and sexual content, I do not recommend this book for younger readers. However, I highly recommend this book if you love murder mysteries/thrillers/suspense or romantic thrillers. - Lynn Worton

Paula says

I really wanted to love this because I know where it's headed *wink* *wink* But it's always the same for me with this genre. I get bored and I push myself to finish reading it. 4 stars because it was perfect from start to finish.

Toni Michelle-Editor says

WOW I absolutely LOVED this book! I was so deep into it I didn't realize I was at the end when I reached it. I hate that it ended but am so glad I got to read it.

This book was a gift from the author in exchange for an honest review.

I am so glad she gave me this one in particular because I just absolutely LOVED this book! I am not a romance reader but was glad that I read this.

Don't miss out on it! You will be so glad you read this book!!! I can't imagine being given a chance to read it and passing it up now because it was so amazing!!!

You have to read this. I will be recommending it to family members as they love romance!

Max Power says

I like a cracking tale and I am not afraid of a bit of swearing but I tend not to go for romance books. I expected more romance than action, drama and in particular suspense so I was actually pleased that while there is romance involved it didn't kill the mood for me. If you don't like sex violence and bad language this is perhaps not for you but if you want a sparky, well paced piece of intrigue that keeps you guessing then this is definitely the one for you.

Plenty to keep the reader engaged, this has all the right ingredients. I like the setting, Salem seems so familiar to me as it has been used in so many books and movies, but importantly The Killing Times is very original. I liked Elizabeth La Rue and that went a long way to help me engage with the book. Lead characters have to have something special about them so when a writer gets that right, it is half the battle. Definitely one to pick up with my earlier warnings in mind, but there is the added bonus that if this is your cup of tea, you can find plenty more Morgan Kelley books to keep you going. Great Mystery and suspense, I am officially a fan. Pick this one up.

Black Butterfly says

WELL! THIS WAS REALLY DIFFERENT, THE STORYLINE IS NOT WHAT I EXPECTED. I LOVED THE LEAD CHARACTERS ETHAN & ELIZABETH, AND THEIR FRIENDS LIVY & GABE, BOTH WERE GREAT COUPLES. THE SUSPENSE PART OF THE STORY WAS WEAVED INTO THE ROMANCE BETWEEN ETHAN & ELIZABETH, I REALLY LOVED THE WAY THEY FELL IN LOVE. I JUST LOVED "ETHAN JACKSON BLACKHAWK", (even his name is sexy) HE HAD IT ALL, SOFTNESS, STRENGTH, LOOKS AND HE WASN'T AFRAID TO SHOW HIS WEAK SIDE. ALL ROLLED UP IN A SMOKIN' HOT SEXXY PACKAGE, NOW HE WAS THE ULTIMATE ALPHA MALE. THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE COUPLES IN THIS BOOK WERE SO VERY BEAUTIFUL AND SO SEXXY. WHEW! IT WAS AMAZING HOW THE FBI-SERIAL KILLER-LOVE STORY WORKED. SO WELL WRITTEN, I LOVED READING THIS, WHAT A BEAUTIFUL AND HORRIBLE STORY COMBINATION. SOUNDS CRAZY BUT IT ALL WORKED PERFECTLY TOGETHER, I COULDN'T STOP READING, I LOVED IT! SIGH!!! ;D

Siobhan Davis says

The Killing Times is a great read for those who love murder mysteries with tons of twists and turns, and plenty of hot, steamy romance.

Initially I didn't realize there was going to be so much focus on the romance, but I'm not complaining as I only read books that have at least a romantic sub-plot, so this was kind-of happy days for me :) It's definitely for mature audiences though, and the sex scenes get more descriptive as the novel progresses. To be fair to the author, she advises of this in advance which is a nice touch if I'd read the description properly!

Both main characters - Elizabeth LaRue (Lyzee) and Ethan Blackhawk (Cowboy) were like-able and I easily became invested in their lives. Lyzee is quite hot-headed yet strong and brave to the core. But she has her vulnerable side too, something that is shared with us pretty early on in the story. I think that's how she was able to identify Ethan's vulnerability so readily. Ethan is mysterious and swoon-worthy and I'd challenge anyone not to fall in love with him, at least a little bit.

I love FBI related thrillers (and I'm a massive fan of TV show Criminal Minds) so this book was right up my street. The murder story-line is well plotted and executed and I changed my mind several times in relation to the identify of the killer.

Well written with good pacing I'd recommend this to readers who enjoy gripping thrillers with a strong dose of romance. I look forward to continuing the series.

Sweets Books says

This book is a mystery that is full of suspense. When a killer is killing people and nobody knows the connection between any of them it keeps you guessing. This killer started many years ago but was never caught so why not? Why is the main question and who. These questions are answered by the clues that are revealed as the killings continue. Trying to piece the clues together to figure out who is the killer is what

holds the book together. Just a very surprising ending to all.

Till next time ~ Sweets Books

(written by Lisa ~ Sweets Books After Hours)
