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The Rose Red Reaper is taking the romance out of roses, one victim at a time...

Lt. Commander Mason Cole never intended to follow his brother into law enforcement, but the murder of a loved one gave him the motivation needed to take a position as the head of Chicago's Serial Crimes Unit. Along with his brother, Detective Devon Cole, former FBI Profiler and Technical Analyst Melinda Kade and Detective Piper Torello, Mason is tasked with finding some of the cities most prolific serial killers.

As a former Navy SEAL, Mason has seen some of the worst the world has to offer, but nothing could have prepared him for his initiation into the world of a serial killer.

Their first case came with a gruesome introduction from a man who has given himself his own press ready moniker. Known for his macabre signature and the white rose he leaves at the scene with a calling card signed in blood,

THE ROSE RED REAPER

Mason and his team will pursue the killer through the vast streets of Chicago, across the affluent suburbs of the North Shore following cryptic clues left at each crime scene and pointing them to a web of violence dating back to The Reaper's own childhood.

Complications begin to arise when The Reaper makes a connection to the woman that Mason loves. Dakota Rose Shelton. The stunning, raven-haired beauty that has carefully salvaged Mason's broken heart may also be the key to ending The Reaper's bloody reign. Left blind by a childhood illness, she must help them to assemble the pieces of the Reaper's past with no visual memories to aid her.

Can Dakota help the team put the pieces together before The Reaper targets one of there own? And will she be able to fight off a killer that she cannot see?

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Clare Coupe says

This was a freebie, and I have to admit I loved it. Just enough love story to go with a detailed and disturbing serial murder case. Not the next great novel, but worth the read for sure!

Pat says

I think is what you would call a classic pot-boiler.

Damaged law enforcement officer - check. Vulnerable love interest - check. Serial killer running amok - check. This all links back to everybody's past - check. Vulnerable love interest targeted by homicidal maniac - check. Main protagonist rushes in to rescue vulnerable love interest - check. Have I missed anything?

Having said that it was pretty high in the old suspense and drama, was well paced and was a quick and easy read. Ideal for a lazy day at the beach or some such.

The characters were likeable enough but the good guys were so very good and the baddie, well he seemed a little overdone. Cliche much. If you like romantic suspense you will probably love this. There was too much romance for my liking though. And really, leave the earth-moving to the excavators or bobcats.

All in all a quick, fun, light read but nothing to make you really think about things.

So, I Read This Book Today says

“We fear violence less than our own feelings. Personal, private, solitary pain is more terrifying than what anyone else can inflict.” – Jim Morrison

“Probably the toughest time in anyone's life is when you have to murder a loved one because they're the devil.” – Emo Philips

I love a really good mystery. A story that keeps me enthralled, wondering, guessing and staying awake into the wee small hours; “Just one more page, just one more page....”

The Rose Red Reaper meets all of these contingencies and more. The mystery itself is extremely well done. Too often I find myself figuring out the “Who dunnit” shortly into the book. In this case, there was one small hint, well into a double-digit chapter that gives a clue – but it doesn't give it away, and I actually didn't start to get suspicious until well into the book. Score. A mystery that makes me think!

And think I did, not only about the story itself, but also about the characters. Loucks' characters are some of the more interesting that I have come across in mystery novels recently. The lead characters are Lieutenant Commander Mason Cole, previously a Navy SEAL, and his brother Detective Devon Cole. Lt. Commander Cole joins his brother with the Chicago Serial Crimes Unit after the savage murder of Mason's girlfriend.

For a year, Mason obsesses over Jill's death, desperately attempting to find any clue to her murderer. Sleepless and lost, he walks the streets at night, fleeing the nightmares that torment him. His only solace is his seat at a table in a little diner close to his home, where the coffee is always fresh, and the wait staff are a small group of women who are always kind, and always leave him in peace.

Now, the killer has struck again, and what slowly becomes obvious is that this isn't just any serial killer. At first, there seems to be no connection between the deaths, no ties between the victims. However, as the number of grisly deaths climb, a picture slowly begins to form, an image of abuse, of torture and depravity of the worst sort, and of massive failures of a system that is purportedly designed to help the most helpless among us. A system that allows unspeakable horrors to be committed with impunity. As Mason, Devon and their small group of specialists begin to unravel the convoluted path into the mind of a killer, Mason grows closer to Dakota, the owner of the tiny diner where he feels so at home. A closeness that now places Dakota in the sights of a killer who has no mercy, and whose final goal is to destroy Mason's life.

One of the things I like the most about the book is that none of the characters are "cookie cutter cardboard cutouts". Their personalities are well developed and realistic, allowing you to actually come to know them as people. No one is written as an over-the-top super hero, nor are the women in the story either weaklings or superwomen – they are simply very real and likable characters. Dakota herself is blind, and yet she owns the diner and bakes the wonderful pastries, including cinnamon rolls that had my tummy rumbling whenever the characters moaned in ecstasy as they enjoyed them. Though she might be blind, she comes across as a person who truly enjoys her life and doesn't see herself as being any different from anyone else, or as lacking or crippled in any way. I deeply admired her. Even the killer, for all his depravity, is in a way a sympathetic character. What he does is horrific, but at the end of the story one can't help but feel a spark of sadness at what happened to drive him to the degree of hatred that he suffers – a hatred that has destroyed his soul beyond any hope of salvation.

All in all, I can highly recommend this book to any mystery lover. Well-written, well thought out, and absolutely captivating The Rose Red Reaper is a worthy addition to any aficionado's bookshelf.

Mags says

Really love this book, and have now read it at least 4 times, and each time I find another reason as to why. It is packed full of suspense and best of all it's full of Gore, romance and likeable characters. The only downside to this book is that the second in the series has yet to be released and after reading a short excerpt I want to get my hands on the it! :-)) In the meantime though I would definitely recommend to anyone who is a fan of romantic suspense as you won't be disappointed.

Majanka says

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The Rose Red Reaper is a chilling suspense novel that combines a horrific serial killer story, one man's personal tragedy and a blossoming romance into one story. Mason is a detective in the homicide unit, who decided to join the force after his girlfriend, Jill, got murdered by a serial killer calling himself The Rose Red Reaper. Now, a year later, the same killer resurfaces and starts his killing spree again. He leaves a white rose, dipped in blood near or on his victim's bodies, and as of late he's started to leave envelopes with clues as

well. Mason and his brother Devon and their police force will have to find out the killer's identity before he causes any more murders. But the killer is always one step ahead of them, and when he starts targeting Dakota, Mason's new girlfriend, things become personal.

I liked how the author managed to make everything so personal here. There are thousands of books about serial killers out there and about police officers trying to stop them, but what makes *The Rose Red Reaper* so unique is how involved the officers are. They're targets of the killer themselves, or in the case of Mason, his ex-girlfriend was murdered by the Reaper, and his current one is the target. It's like their lives are so interwoven with the killer's, and because of that you instantly get the feeling there's a lot more on stake than just another Jane or John Doe getting killed.

Mason was a good main lead, the tragic, tormented hero personalized. He had a sharp, analytical mind, and the co-operation between him, his brother Devon, and the rest of their team went smoothly. The one thing I didn't like was how fast his relationship with Dakota developed. Dakota seemed a bit like a Mary Sue – she's so nice and friendly and everyone instantly likes her. She's like a saint with no evil thought about her. And she's oh so in love with Mason although she barely knows him. I would've liked to see a bit more personality here – a bad side, or even just a bad habit, something that would make her be less of a saint. Also, I would've been mostly okay with it if it weren't for how everyone liked her. Not just Mason, but also Devon, and well, the entire team – like they're instant best friends. This was my major pet peeve about the story.

The serial killer storyline was great though. I kept trying to wrap my head around who the Rose Red Reaper could be, and although I had a faint suspicion, I only knew for certain toward the end. I loved how connected everything was, and it was obvious a lot of thought went into putting this storyline together.

The writing was good, and the pacing was fast enough to keep me entertained. I liked the search for the killer and the brief view into the killer's past and what made him become a murderer. The background story was well-developed and the characters were, for the most part, likeable. Like I mentioned above, my only pet peeve was with Dakota and how everyone seemed to instantly love her, and how Mason, even though they were only dating for a short while, was somehow deeply in love with her. That seemed mostly odd because Mason, having lost his girlfriend just about a year ago, easily opened up to someone else – something I'd personally think would take a lot longer in real life.

If you're looking for a suspenseful thriller with a truly disturbing serial killer and a heavy dose of romance, *The Rose Red Reaper* is a good choice. I certainly enjoyed it, and I'm looking forward to the release of the next book in the series, *The Blue Line Bone Collector*.

Jamie ?? submits to books ?? says

******* 5 Love's Not Blind" Stars *******

Life is not kind when tragedy strikes Mason Cole, and he finds his girlfriend murdered in their home. A murder that has tormented him with no clues or leads, until another body is found 9 months later.

When the body and crime scene seem to be headed in the same dead end alley as before, Mason is left clueless and in search of a light to help him bring justice to his heart and families who are suffering losses.

Never did he this he would find hope within Dakota, who lives her life in complete darkness.

With the beat of a heart, Dakota and Mason are connected in ways they never thought possible. Dakota helps Mason in more ways than the heart, but also helps connect the dots to the blood line that is leading him to evil.

"Those we love dont go away; they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near."

But being close to Dakota also means being closer to a killer that Mason ever thought possible.

Through the darkness, everyone close to Mason will see Red before they can see safety and happiness.

Book 1 of the **Chicago Serial Crimes** and this is sure to be a fantastic series filled with a thrilling mystery and amazing sides of characters build up where you love everyone involved in the story.

I can't wait for book 2. This book does not end in a cliffy so you won't be left hanging. Thank you for that Miss Loucks!!

Elizabeth (Stuffed Shelves) says

Mason, an ex-SEAL has seen the horrific murder of his girlfriend Jill. This gave him the motivation to seek out a way to help murders get captured and put away. Mason, his brother and other FBI agents work on a special team called the Serial Crimes Unit in Chicago. The author does a great job at really showing that they are true brothers with their small bickering back and forth and just the basic interactions between the two.

Things are just starting to look a bit more positive in his life as he meets the owner of a local diner, a woman named Dakota. They are instantly infatuated with one another, which says a lot for Mason who still has residual feelings about Jill's murder. Things look positive until the murders start piling up with the same MO, but will the Cole brothers be able to find the murderer before he kills any more people.

This is a great murder mystery with a love story going on behind the scenes. It's extremely well written, and kept me intrigued throughout the whole process of finding the killer. The love story between Mason and Dakota was adorable and lightened the mood of the book a bit since it does have a lot of graphic parts. Each crime scene is filled with details of how each body was murdered, and it involves a large amount of blood in each one, so this book isn't for those with a weak stomach. I highly recommend to all murder love story enthusiasts. It gets a 5/5 from me.

Tabitha Chamberlain says

while the dialog is silly and circumstances surrounding the set up, the characters are likable enough to make up for most of that. the plot was good, if a little underdeveloped.

Beverly says

My thoughts:

This is a fantastic story. The characters are great, wonderfully created and realistic - easy to invest in. I fell in love with Mason and Dakota. The plot is creative, intriguing, chilling and original. I was drawn in from the

first page and couldn't put it down.

Kellie says

This book was free so wasn't expecting much. I was wrong. Loved every chapter. Mason is determined to find out who killed his girlfriend a year ago. Dakota owns a small diner and the two have an instant chemistry.

Bad things start to happen that connect Dakota and mason more than they know. Definitely read to find out what happens. Now I want to read the second book of this series and can not find it anywhere. Someone anyone have you found the second book.

Renee M says

Love this book

First ever reading this author and look to read the 2nd book

Story told well and kept me interested

Only reason it didn't get 5 stars is that even though suspenseful, it didn't give enough edge if ur seat to be a thriller..

The epilogue made me cry though

chelepissbcglobal.net says

ABSOLUTELY FABULOUS.

This book was beautifully written with a great cast of characters and action galore. It was a great read from beginning to end.

Lia Burres says

Beware of graphic like details for those that are weak in the stomach. There are very vivid details in the crime scenes. If you are weak in the stomach, please feel free to skip over the crime scenes.

This isn't one of the books that you get part of the way through and can already tell who the killer is. You don't figure it out until you get right to the part that they reveal the killer. I really like that part about the book.

Mason was an ex-seal. After leaving the military he joined the force to put criminals behind bars. He became more into putting murderers behind bars after the death of his fiance'. She was brutally murdered in the apartment that they were living in when they were planning on marrying.

He finally had to move to another apartment as he was going downhill after her death and it was difficult for him to let her go. When he finally moved, he moved across town not far from the station.

He calls on his brother of the FBI and a special task force when he realizes that there is something strange and another murder had just happened. They build up a profile of the killer and realize that he or she is a serial killer. They put together a criminal profile to determine what kind of killer this person is and to determine what they are looking for. They figure out that the motive is one of past abuse and other things similar to that.

With this book, I absolutely have to give it a five star rating. The details are really graphic, the personalities are perfect and more than just fictional characters that you can literally place with everyday ordinary people that you meet. Kristi done an AWESOME job writing this!

Mindy says

I was excited about this book that I actually had my Kindle read it to me while I cleaned house because I didn't want to wait to find out what happened (and the kindle voice is pretty bad and mispronounces words all over the place). I was hooked and hanging on every word before the first chapter ended. Now I can't wait for the next one. In fact the blurb has me on tender hooks. Not sure I can wait very long.... So if the author is reading this...I'm up to review the next one, or beta read, or whatever as long as I get to read it soon. I'm very worried about Molly.

Okay, this is a definite buy for everyone... especially if you like mysteries. The heroine was a kick as she was totally not what you would expect and yet totally just what was needed. And no I'm not telling you why but I loved that she was differently-abled.

I give this book 4.5 out of 5 clouds and plan to re-read it soon..... while I waste away waiting for book 2 (hint, hint)

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caron louise heath says

Excellent

Couldn't put it down the book down. Can't wait for the next on. Does anyone know when it's coming out.
