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**A cold-blooded killer has blazed a trail of dead bodies across the country, with no one to stand in his way...until he starts killing on Shelby Alexander's home turf: the small Michigan town of Serenity.**

A killer with a trail of dead bodies has come to Serenity, seeking to slake his thirst for death. As the first unspeakable murder shocks the sleepy Michigan town, the local media demands answers. Sheriff Wilkes, the crooked young lawman, targets Shelby Alexander, whose only crime is being in the wrong place at the wrong time. Shelby moves quickly to clear his name, even as the killer closes in on his next victim...and this time it's personal.

The second book in the Shelby Alexander Thriller Series, *Serenity Stalked* takes readers inside the mind of a terrifying killer. The stakes have never been higher.

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## Serenity Stalked Details

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## From Reader Review Serenity Stalked for online ebook

### Amazonaute says

I'm liking these books as I proceed through them.

Shelby is an ex boxer in his 50s who moves back to his quiet home town in ?upper michigan? He has a bit of a dodgy past.

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I'm liking the ongoing nature of the story. For instance there is a character who you can't yet tell is a goodie or a baddie. And like life, the various relationships and whatnot are always in process.

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### Erik Therme says

Craig A. Hart delivers another fast-paced, captivating thriller with Serenity Stalked. This time around, Shelby's feisty girlfriend, Carly, is the target of a serial killer . . . but the killer may have bitten off more than they can chew. As with Hart's other books, I read this in one day, and it didn't disappoint!

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### Ronald Keeler says

Serenity Stalked by Craig A. Hart is the second novel in the "Shelby Alexander" series. I looked forward to this sequel because I enjoyed the first novel in the series, Serenity, a lot. I reviewed it at <https://ron877.com/2018/05/14/a-noisy....> Serenity had lots of action and several subplots. I gave it four Amazon stars. This second novel didn't keep up as far as pacing, action, and plot complexity. Although a good story, it does not motivate me to read another novel in the series. Serenity Stalked impressed me as a linear story going from beginning to conclusion without interesting conflicts or subplots. I gave this novel two Amazon stars but will read at least one more to see if the author recovers the quality writing I saw in the first novel.

Smith is a serial killer just for the fun of it; he likes killing for its own sake, not for a sexual urge and not for money although he was not averse to taking money as a distraction so that police would look for a robber. Smith's killings are taking place over shorter periods of time and he realizes it. After his most recent killing of the Blair family; man, woman, and child, Smith decided to move on. Then he saw his next target. He was fascinated by the fashion sense she displayed as she walked into a bar. He followed her into a bar and discovered Carly worked in the bar. Carly had a boyfriend, the significantly older Shelby Alexander.

Shelby's home was the town of Serenity. He had run away from home in his youth, lived a full life which included a failed marriage, a grown married and pregnant daughter who was beginning to like Shelby enough to establish a father/daughter relationship and finally, Shelby had returned to Serenity to live a life full of relaxation and alcohol. His life became very exciting in the first novel which ended in a fast-paced shootout. He had managed to irritate the local sheriff, a person Shelby believed to be a political appointee with ties to the local drug trade. Sheriff Wilkes considered it his mission to remove Shelby from the community, possibly by relocating him to a prison after proving Shelby guilty of a crime.

We have a serial killer who has selected a target, Shelby's girlfriend. We have a sheriff who wants to get rid of Shelby. We have an unsolved crime. Could it be that criminal Smith, whom we know to be the killer, might try to frame Shelby for the murder of the Blair family and even better, the planned murder of Carly? With the situation set, the story plays out in an expected manner.

The story is good from a technical point of view. It is the predictability that left me unsatisfied. I look for a plot that challenges me more than the one in this novel. I know the killer from page one. Before the 50% point of the book, I know every character's plan. It is as if I were putting a puzzle together with each of the pieces numbered so I couldn't make a mistake when choosing the next piece.

This novel sells for USD 2.99 but is free to read with Kindle Unlimited which is how I read it. If I had paid the full price, I would have tried to return it. I will try one more novel from the series, Serenity Avenged, to see if the writer recovers the style I saw in the first novel. If not, I will abandon the story at the magic 50% point.

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### **Jacqui says**

Serenity Stalked (Sweatshoppe Publications 2017) is the second in Craig Hart's Shelby Alexander series (here's my review of Book One). Shelby is a retired former boxer who now earns his money 'fixing' problems for people in the small rural town of Serenity Michigan. As he creates a new life for himself after a divorce and tries to develop a relationship with his adult daughter, he also finds he is pretty good at solving crimes. In this story, a serial killer has settled in Serenity and chooses as an early victim the married ex-boyfriend of Shelby's girlfriend. The town sheriff -- no friend of Shelby's -- is happy to pin the murder on Shelby, considering him the jealous new boyfriend. Shelby scoffs at that until the murder weapon shows up hidden on his property. Things go from bad to worse when the murderer picks his new victim, this one closer to Shelby's heart.

What makes this more than a traditional murder mystery is the main character, Shelby Alexander. He's older, calmly confident that he knows who he is, and doesn't rattle easily (or at all). This is a man I could enjoy being around.

Overall, a wonderful read, cleverly plotted, with just enough tension that I couldn't stop reading. Keep it up, Craig Hart!

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### **Alicia Huxtable says**

Craig A. Hart once again doesn't disappoint with this action packed novel. Shelby's character grows stronger in this book, as does Carly, Shelby's girlfriend. The way this book is written really sucks the reader in.

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### **Laura Furuta says**

Serenity Stalked (The Shelby Alexander Thriller Series Book 2)

By: Craig A. Hart

5 out of 5 stars

The story Serenity Stalked (The Shelby Alexander Thriller Series Book 2) by Craig A. Hart is a serial killer/crime book. A cold-blooded killer is leaving a trail of bodies across the country, then he comes to Serenity. The local media is demanding answers. Sheriff Wilkes, a crooked young lawman, targets Shelby Alexander whose only crime is being in the wrong place at the wrong time. Shelby moves quickly to clear his name, even as the killer is moving onto his next victim, and this one is personal.

The second book in the Shelby Alexander series is amazing. You have the same old Shelby, who takes the word sarcasm to the next level, his girlfriend who he dearly loves, and a whole cast of other characters that make this a book not to miss. The plot centers around a serial killer, the murder that he commits, and the race to catch him. When you have a crooked Sheriff in town it is not far-fetched that the wrong person may be accused. The fear and anxiety is high and you will find yourself on pins and needles. This is one series that I would recommend to anyone who loves a good mystery with plenty of action and suspense. I am looking forward to the next book in the series. I received a copy of this book and voluntarily reviewed it.

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## Caroline Vincent - Bits about Books says

When a couple are brutally murdered, crooked sheriff Wilkes is only too keen to point the accusing finger towards Shelby Alexander, ex-boxer and retired fixer..

| Introduction |

### Shelby Alexander Thriller #2

Remember Shelby Alexander? He came to Serenity in rural Michigan to live in peace and quiet. Well, if you have read Serenity #1, you know how that ended! With Shelby hated by each and every member of the criminal Ellis family and with him antagonising the new sheriff, Wilkes. Now we are back in Serenity and it would seem everything is quiet.. but knowing Shelby, that will not last. His younger girlfriend Carly also has a few issues he needs to address...

| Storyline |

A man called Smith is monitoring a couple with a baby. His name does not stand out but then it is not supposed to. Smith is lethal and the small town of Serenity will find out how dangerous he is.. Meanwhile, Carly wants Shelby to fix one more thing: her ex-boyfriend who keeps texting her with dirty messages and who cannot leave her alone. Is it a coincidence that Carly's ex is the husband of the little family Smith is watching? Smith is pleasantly surprised when he sees Shelby showing up at the home he is watching. But it gets better yet and he cannot believe his luck when he sees Shelby breaking the man's nose. This is an opportunity not to be missed. His decision is made. Tonight he will use his knife to kill the couple. When sheriff Wilkes realises Shelby has been delivered to him on a plate, he is over the moon. His chance to get the prying detective has finally arrived. For Shelby, the trouble is only just starting as the danger is coming close to home ...

| My Thoughts |

Shelby Alexander is back in this second instalment in the Serenity series – and he still knows how to handle himself! I love this character, his stubbornness, and how the author has created his protagonist with his cool exterior that betrays nothing of his inner turmoil and insecurities. Begrudgingly, he follows his daughter's health advice, his daughter who is pregnant, by the way, and would love for her parents to reconcile. But the

other woman is a magnet to Shelby, his lovely girlfriend Carly with whom he is very happy. Again, his world is turned upside down when a killer comes to Serenity – again he faces not only a ruthless murderer but also the crooked Sheriff, Wilkes. This is a fast-paced, enjoyable thriller I read in one session as it was too good to put down!

Read the review on my website: <https://www.bitsaboutbooks.net/sereni...>

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### **M. says**

Shelby Alexander is still wonderful, the others still good. And the story interesting, though Quinn was no actual surprise.

Having just "read" book 1 as an audiobook, I missed Theo Holland's narration. But I did hear him a few times in my mind, especially as I read Alexander's lines.

Am glad book three is on it's way, for yes, *still* want more.

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### **\*Avonna says**

Another fast paced thriller featuring Shelby Alexander from Craig A. Hart. Yes, please!

SERENITY STALKED (The Shelby Alexander Thriller Series Book 2) has everything you want in an action packed, short, intense and tightly plotted thriller. In this second book, a serial killer has made his way to small town Serenity to make an anonymous kill and move on, until he sees Carly.

Shelby's girlfriend, Carly asks him to deliver a message to an ex-boyfriend to quit texting her. The message is delivered, but then the ex-boyfriend, his wife and baby are all found murdered the next day. Shelby is seen leaving the home and an anonymous caller tells Sheriff Wilkes he can find the knife that killed them in Shelby's storage shed. Since no love is lost between these two, Wilkes is ready to lock Shelby up.

True crime writer, Quinn Edwards warns Shelby of his impending arrest and tells him to get lost and she will help with the case. Believe her or not, Shelby goes, but Carly won't leave with him and this is just what the killer is waiting for.

This is a quick read that you will want to finish in one sitting. As with Mr. Hart's first Shelby book, all of the characters are fully fleshed. Shelby is a great lead character with wisdom, strength he has realized is changing with his age and his own moral code. I am looking forward to many more adventures featuring Shelby.

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### **Texas says**

Night at Key West - While not in the same ballpark as the Shelby series and lots better than the Assignment series, this is a good start to a new series. Set in 1937 and using real background material, Mr. Hart weaves a substantially interesting and partly humorous story. All the characters are interesting, quirkily in some cases,

but all hold the reader's interest, along with their realistic dialog. The story lines are entertaining and well thought out; yes, there are a few kinks, but the story moves along at a good pace. Key West has always been interesting during this time period and Mr. Hart keeps that interest going with this story. 5\*

Serenity series:

Serenity #1 - A great read. A well written, action packed suspense story that draws you in and doesn't let go until you've finished the book. The characters range from likable to despicable, all believable and make you respond to them. 5\*

Serenity Stalked #2 - Fast paced but a cliffhanger. A well written suspense, darker than Serenity, heavy with vulgar language. The plot and characters keep you reading until the end. Rather short in length and a cliffhanger ending, although this subject of this story is complete. In the Serenity series, the author has some real doozies for villains for the main characters to fight. 5\*

Serenity Avenged #3 - Dark but complete. A well written, but dark, suspense that grabs you and doesn't let go. Surprisingly light with the vulgar language, Serenity Stalked had too much, but contained the darkness found in the short stories of The Girl Who Read Hemingway. If you like one of these books, you'll like the other. The darkness was not graphic. Although picks up where S. Stalked ended, this novel has closure. 5\*

Serenity Submerged #4 - Fast paced story. Another well written, action packed suspense story that keeps you reading until the story ends, which was all too soon. The characters are believable and real, and the twisting plot is riveting. I haven't been disappointed with any of the author's books that I've read so far. 5\*

Serenity Engulfed #5 – Another dynamic addition to the Serenity Family. Another well written, fast paced, suspense filled novel with our favorite characters Shelby and Mack and some not so favorite; but without them there's no intriguing book to read. There's a new sheriff in town and she and Shelby are learning to play nice together, with Mack's help. The ending makes me wonder what kind of trouble Shel and Mack will face in the future. I contacted the author to review his books and have enjoyed them all. 5\*

I contacted the author to review his books after reading the first two books of the Serenity Series.  
Serenity series: End.

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## **Cathy says**

I received a free copy of this book from the author. I had the opportunity to review or not.

Shelby Alexander hoped to find peace in Serenity, Minnesota. But he didn't. A deranged serial killer has invaded his town, which is bad. But even worse, he has invaded Shelby's world. Carly, his girlfriend, is in grave danger. She has become the next target of the killer. When Carly disappears, Shelby jumps into action.

In his inimitable way, Shelby puts the clues together with the help of Quinn, a true crime writer, and realizes Carly is in trouble. Together, they go after the killer. If you accept Shelby as he is, you know he is not always at the top of his game. In this book Quinn comes through for him and kills the killer.

That is precisely part of what I enjoy about these books. While Shelby is a hero, he is also human, and his emotions sometimes get the better of him. Thank goodness for Quinn.

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## **Coco.V says**

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## **Meenaz Lodhi says**

“Humans were stupid creatures, petty and vindictive”.

Shelby gets embroiled in another crime in his supposedly tranquil town Serenity. As always, full of fun and sarcastic and witty dialogue, action packed and thrills, a great crime character, with all his flaws is pitied. I love Shelby's friends! Another great thriller!

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## **Tulay says**

### **Quick read.**

Serenity is small town, just perfect for this born to kill serial killer. But didn't strong character like Shelby Alexander lived there. Be prepared to read about real gross murders.

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## **Diane Lynch says**

This book is the second book in The Shelby Alexander Thriller series.

I will be reading book 1 of this series and any others that exist. Shelby Alexander is a retired fighter. He moved to a small town in the middle of nowhere called Serenity. This is equivalent to calling a 7 foot man Shorty. Very little serenity exists. A Fixer is Shelby Alexander's second career. A serious problem falls in his lap so to speak. This incident begins a snowball of crime and death. Nothing is obvious in this book. I had no problem following this book but I can't wait to read the first book. ??????????

I would like to thank the author, Craig A. Hart, for introducing me to this addictive series.

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