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Steve says

This thriller set the hook immediately and kept me guessing right up until the end. As Sam overcomes internal conflicts to solve the murder case she's up against, the mystery unfolds one tiny layer at a time.

Interestingly, this novel subtly turned out in large part to be about forgiveness. Sam must forget about the past and focus on the present in order to be effective in her work. It doesn't hurt that she can communicate with the dead that want to help her, but her own struggles teach a great lesson as she works to solve multiple murders.

This was my first S.D. Tooley novel, and I can't wait to read more!

Linda Bentzen says

The dead speak to Sam Casey, tell her secrets about the deads' life and death, and sometimes put her in danger. An old hotel is to be demolished when two homicide cops, who have been demoted to animal control, chase a cat into the hotel and up some stairs, where they find a dead body. The search is on for the killer. Some early facts about the hotel combine with current facts to help solve the murder. It starts a little slowly but picks up and becomes a good read that most mystery readers will enjoy.

Shelly Ash says

This was my first S. D. Tooley book and I loved it! Ms. Tooley kept me on the edge of my seat and my brain churning. I definitely want to read more from this author. I will be recommending this book to everyone I know! 5 Stars!

S.D. says

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Adrienne Testa says

Sam Casey is driven to prove the police chief is innocent of the charges against him, as he runs for mayor. As Jake and Frank try to solve past and present murders. Every secret is dug up as the number of deaths increased and Chief Murphy needs Sam's help. Twists and turns as the story is slowly told and the Chief's past is plastered all over the news medias. Will it change Chief Murphy's attitude toward Sam?? Will he be the mayor??? All depends on Frank, Jake and the Captain to expose the killer and the truth.

Debi says

Homicide detectives Jake and Frank are being punished and have been banished to animal control for a month after an unfortunate accident with a previous murder suspect met his demise. Chasing a feral cat into the old Sin Strip Ember Hotel they make a grisly discovery of a mummified body. Before calling the police department Jake brings in Sam to evaluate the crime scene. Sam is now working as a PI after leaving Chasen Heights PD.

Police Chief Murphy is running for mayor but as the investigation advances all the evidence points to the Chief as the main suspect. Is it a political set-up or did the Chief have hidden secrets from the Sin Strip era? Forced to defend himself he turns to Sam to try and save his political career as well as prove his innocence. But will she?

The 5th book in Tooley's Sam Casey series lives up to previous outings. Fast pacing, witty dialogue and an intriguing mix of paranormal with mystery. My one quibble was not enough time spent with Abby and Alex, and rightly so the story didn't support their character interaction. As always Tooley's writing is an appealing mix of eccentric characters and subplots.

Stacie Haden says

3.5 stars for this one. Good story, but Ms Tooley gave a little too much away, and I wasn't left with even one surprise.
