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Can ghosts really talk?

J.J. Graves is about to find out when her past comes back to haunt her. Too bad her life was just beginning to seem normal.

J.J. and Jack set off together on a mission to uncover the secrets of J.J.'s felonious parents. The only thing standing in their way is a corpse hidden in her parents' bunker, a cop with a bad attitude, an FBI agent with a grudge, and a woman from Jack's past who knows more than she should.

Dirty Rotten Scoundrel Details

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April says

Book three in the series takes on Jack's past and more of the mystery around JJ's parents. There are less plot holes in this story, Still rapid fire and charismatic as ever!

The relationship between JJ and Jack is pretty solid, I like that, too much drama kills a series. He does blow one thing out of proportion, she only waited a day. The banter and playfulness between the two is a staple and key thing I love in the series. They are a dynamic couple and I love the way they interact.

The bedroom door is open, but not scorching details like an erotic romance. There is plenty of naughtiness to keep a gal warm and fanning her face! These two have spent so long denying themselves that they have gone combustible!!! To say they go at it like rabbits is an understatement!! But it fits the whole feel of the book.

The narrative is all from JJ's POV, which is fine, but you are left wondering what is on Jack's mind. He is very verbal about his feelings, which helps.

The mystery this time is interesting and takes us into Jack's past. We get a much fuller picture of what his time as a cop in the city. Thank goodness this was more on a solvable level. I like being able to put those pieces together. The story has plenty of action to keep you on your toes.

I listened to the audiobook narrated by Laura Faye Smith, who is rapidly becoming a favorite. She has a great way of adding movement into the narration, plenty of energy in the action and smexy scenes. Great voices that are distinct and consistent, you never have to wonder who is speaking. She has a really pleasant tone that holds humor and sass.

Overall, I am enjoying the progression of this series. The underlying mystery of her parents activities grows more intriguing with each book. I love the relationship between the main characters and the supporting cast is engaging as well. These are fun quick reads that I have easily become addicted to!

Adrielle says

This crime series is full of fun, fast paced fun reads. It's a who dunnit involving a coroner/mortician and a cop who was SWAT. It's a combo that works. A neat, quick read.

Norah Una Sumner says

I am so obsessed with this series. Jack & JJ are my babies. ♥

If you love a good crime book with an amazing romance and sarcastic-ass characters - this series is your best option. I adore, just adore, JJ and how real she is. We get to really know her and relate to her and her fears

and problems. And there's Jack... Sorry but I just keep imagining Scott Eastwood as Jack and I keep getting hot and bothered.

These books are full of action and awesome mysteries. And, of course, some damn good slow-burning romance. Oh, yeah. One of my ultimate ships.

Yeah, if that's not enough for you I don't know what is. Check out this series! **The first book is even free on Kindle.**

Megan says

Now that JJ and Jack are having sex every twenty pages or so, I am getting a little bored with them. But I am not really the target audience for sex scenes - I always think an extended description of mind-shattering sex only brings the plot to a screeching halt, and that happens a lot in this book. Part of that is that all these sex scenes are ancillary to the plot - now that our main character has her man, it feels voyeuristic and a little pointless to go over all their hot sex again and again. But, if you are into that sort of reading, then it is another reason for you to enjoy this book, and don't listen to me on that score. Anyway, the mystery and action in this volume come from Jack's past, with a little bit more from JJ's past thrown in for good measure. This was smart, since Bloody Mary is supposed to be in such a sparsely populated county - how much heinous crime could we really expect to find homegrown? Bringing in some action from Washington, DC gave us some back story for why our characters are so brooding and damaged while also adding some needed zing to the action. I only wish Hart could spend as much time crafting a realistic conversation as she does a diverting sex scene!

Debbie says

Four stars!

So, here's the thing. The first half of this book I was kind of annoyed because:

1. There are continuity problems that seem to be plotline based. In the first two books, Jack was said to have come back to Bloody Mary to heal himself from a huge deal that had gone wrong for his SWAT team, leaving him the sole survivor. Yet here, in the third book, the only one that had died on his team during that same case that went wrong was his "best friend" and the others were alive to conveniently participate in this storyline.
2. The sexy love scenes really need to stop or at least be lessened. It's so weird when there are these long mushy scenes in between brief glimpses of a decent storyline, fighting for all its worth, to be seen. It was like this really bizarre R-rated Harlequin romance starring a budget Kay Scarpetta with a much less realistic love life.

BUT!! Around the halfway point in this book, or thereabouts, the storyline started winning the fight against the trashy romance!!

I really enjoyed the ensuing adventure and very solid story. I'm also really enjoying the mystery surrounding Jaye's family/past as it is seeming to unfold with every new book. I'm looking forward to more of this series, with more like the second half of this book: Lots of adventure/mystery WITHOUT nauseating, bordering on pornographic at times, romance that prevailed in the first half of this book.

Jo says

I'd never given the phrase Dead Man Walking much thought.

Dirty Rotten Scoundrel takes off right after the events of the last book. Jaye has just found out that her father isn't really dead and he's looking for the boxes she took from their family cabin, boxes that contain a LOT of secrets. So not only does Jaye have her father and all his criminal activities to cause problems for her, it also seems that Jack's S.W.A.T. past has come back to haunt him and he together with Jaye, the FBI and a woman from Jack's past will have to figure out what is going on because it seems that Jack is the next target.

As always I loved Jaye. She's such a great heroine with her dry wit, her sarcasm, how good she is with dead and injured bodies and how tough she is. She seems to have recovered from the events that happened before and I'm very glad to see she's back to her old self.

"I love you. And unless something has changed you love me too. This is just the natural progression of things. I've never said I love you to a woman before. Never wanted to spend my life with anyone or even think about marriage. Not until you."

I loved Jack in the previous two books and although he had his very sweet moments in this one, especially how much he loves Jaye, he did upset me too. His reaction to the news of her father not being dead was more that of a cop than that of a friend and fiancé and it pissed me off.

He looked at me with a half smile on his face. "I believe that true love exists. And I believe there are souls in this world that are meant to be together in this life and anything that comes after. After all this time, I've finally got you where I want you. There's nothing in heaven or hell that could keep us apart."

As for the romance I love how comfortable these two are together. Their years of long friendship has given them that deeper depth to their relationship and it's always so lovely to see how well they know each other. I loved seeing Jack determined to take the next step, wanting to marry Jaye as soon as possible and it was funny and sweet seeing him convince her of this ;-). The sexy times were quite frequent and sexy and I love how they can't keep their hands off each other. My only complaint was the drama caused by his ex. Don't get me wrong it wasn't bad or made me think that Jack felt anything for this woman, but it felt unnecessary and overblown, especially seeing that it's been six years since he last saw this woman and per his own words and later her own, they never would have lasted and although they dated a year, he never loved her. So why did she try to get between them in the first place and why was he upset when he saw her??? Anyway, luckily it wasn't dragged out and it didn't really form a big part of the plot.

As for the plot there was one VERY big issue that bothered me. A lot. In the first book it was mentioned that Jack's entire S.W.A.T. team was killed and he himself wounded six years ago, but in this book suddenly only one team member was killed back then and now the others were being killed by some unknown villain. That is one pretty huge error to make. Other than that the story-line was suspenseful and I did like meeting one of

Jack's surviving team mates. I also liked that Jack's FBI friend Carver played such a huge role in this book, he's very funny and I love the banter between him, Jaye and Jack.

Then there's Jaye's father and all his secrets. Things are really just getting more interesting and I'm really interested to know if he's really the bad guy or not..... Hopefully things will be revealed in the next book.

I love this series, especially Jaye and although this book was a bit disappointing at times, I still enjoyed it and I can't wait to read the next one. Highly recommended to all RS fans.

Kimberlie says

I'm torn over this part of the series. It was well written, and the characters are probably more quippy than ever before. But I've started catching myself thinking about a few things...

We kind of missed out on the relationship tension with this couple. They went from friends to much-more-than overnight. But it's the tension that really makes the reader root for the relationship and the HEA, and that is missing (mostly) in this series.

Jaye's Dad and the whole story with him feels a LOT like the TV show "Bones", where the FBI boyfriend feels morally obligated to arrest the doctor/anthropologist's father, whom she thought was dead (along with her mother) but just popped by to see his daughter while evading the police. So the "Dad" parts of this story flipped to Bones and Seeley Booth in my mind.

I had to skim parts of the murder investigation. I was either distracted or bored with it and just couldn't keep up with the details.

Overall, it is a good book and a great series. I will be recommending it.

JMV says

Love JJ & Jack. If you like a good msytrey mixed with some sarcasm (not to mention some good romance) this series is for you.

Beth says

300 hundred pages of intense enjoyment! Volume 3 in the JJ Graves mystery series did not disappoint! Liliana Hart is an incredible author who has the ability to build the action in her writing while keeping the characters realistic and approachable. She left me hanging again at the end of this one so all I can say is she better get busy on volume 4. I'm not good at waiting!

Literati Literature Lovers says

Ghost from the past

Both Jack and JJ deal with ghost from their past. I have accepted that the author has expanded on the back story of JJ parents. I still feel like I missed something in book one, and why JJ felt she needed to leave her life for Bloody Mary. Plus as a ER doctor changed to county coroner JJ is very well versed in crime scene investigation. I do need to suspend disbelief, but the character relationship is what propels these stories. JJ and Jack are really great together and banter is wonderful.

Sonia Cristina says

Depois do final do livro anterior, quando o pai de Jaye lhe aparece em casa, fiquei mesmo curiosa para saber mais e foi isso que me levou a pegar neste 3º livro. Já se soube algo mais mas soube-me a muito pouco; uma verdade é esta: o pai de J é muito interessante.

O caso policial era interessante e gostei de saber o que aconteceu a Jack na missão que deu para o torto há 6 anos e que quase o matou, mas curiosamente, acabou por não me prender tanto a atenção como pensei que aconteceria.

Mei says

See my reviews of the book 5 here: <https://www.goodreads.com/review/show...>

Kjen says

A wise person recently said "Sometimes you just want to read!"

Jodie says

Oh man I love JJ AND jack so much!!

The writing was good in this trilogy (one book to go I think?) the first book there were a few typos 'than' instead of then little things like that, whilst annoying you could forgive. Also a couple of names mixed up like referring to the victim as her sister etc. book two was better, still a few obvious typos and a couple of words missing and book three was the same, there were a couple of sentences where I was like wait what? And had to reread.

I love the secondary characters and hope there's. More emphasis put on JJ's parents in book four because I'd like to know what happened and why she hasn't tried to track down her birth parents family.

I can't wait to read about the wedding in book four and I hope we get to meet Carvers wife and that Wolfe makes a reappearance :)

Edit: just had to add a potential,plot hole... I'm certain I read in book one that Jack's whole swat team was slaughtered and he was the only one left alive yet in this book they don't get killed on job but slowly killed off one at a time ?

TJ says

Another winner in a series that has convinced me mysteries can be fun... and addictive! I especially love the relationship between J.J. and Jack. They are turning out to be one of my all-time favorite couples - and that is saying something considering how many books I read!

In this installment, the suspense and mystery ratchets up as it becomes personal. Someone is trying to kill Jack and no one knows who or how to stop it. It is a bit of a stretch that J.J. Is included in all the action but hey - we are so invested in the outcome of both the mystery and the romance that that small question can easily be overlooked. Bring on the next chapter!
