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A serial killer is targeting single women.

A challenging first case for Detective Darc and his new partner Trey.

Can they catch the killer before more bodies pile up?

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## **From Reader Review Devious: A 9th Circle Prequel Short Story for online ebook**

### **Chinarose says**

Carolyn McCray is The Master of the insane, maniacal and macabre. A hard to put down, sick, twisted, and mortifying series. Prepare to be shock, disgusted, addicted and thrilled!

The protagonists in this series make a dynamic duo - the odd couple; Darcmel 'Darc'; a savant detective with Asperger's (high functioning autistic); and Trey; his comic relief sidekick. In between macabre scenes and psychotic-murderous madmen, with dark, dysfunctional-mad desires are witty banters and comical outbursts, that makes this read even more exciting and enjoyable.

The 1st of the "Darc Murders" series. Though the entire force has high respect for Darc's and his ability to solve unusual crimes, no one wants to work with him, which is where Trey comes in, from vice division.

Darc and Trey are thrown together on this case to chase down a serial killer, who is killing innocent women, leaves very little clues, other than the killers signature. The duo races against time to prevent more women from dying.

If you're looking for a demented psychopathic serial killer mystery/horror/thriller, STOP, you've found the realm of the "morbid, horrific and twisted". Buckle up, hang on to your binky and Don't turn out the lights!

McCray pushes the envelope with her deliciously disturbing plots and evil villains. This was a great novella to tantalize the mystery/thriller bookworm in me. And of course, left me wanting more!

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### **Deb says**

I picked this one up on Amazon (free for Prime) when looking for something in a thriller genre that would be a quick read. I think I have a new author to list in my 'favorites'!

As a prequel to 9th Circle, I knew it would give me great sample of the writing to know if I wanted to order the book after reading the prequel. I ordered it before I finished reading Devious!

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### **Dee says**

This is the first book to the collection and I'm posting my full review under that. I do want to mention of you like Carolyn and Ben (which are favorites of mine) you will not want to miss this collection. WARNING this is very graphic and gory! The cast is really great and through the collection you will love what happens to Darc! Great read.....

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### **Rhonda says**

The mystery was good, but the characters stole the show. Darc is a homicide detective with Asperger and Trey is a sarcastic vice cop who is recruited to be Darc's partner or, more accurate, babysitter. What could go wrong.... I will have to continue this series.

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### **Cole says**

I read this after I read 9th Circle, so it was nice to see the beginning of Trey and Darc. It was compelling and interesting, a good peek into how they ended up working together. I liked it.

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### **Christie says**

I didn't quite know what to think about this book in the beginning. It didn't take long to be hooked.

Darc and Trey are the dynamic detective duo of Seattle. We learn from this book how they became this wonderful, dysfunctional crime fighting team.

It's a great prequel to the most disgusting, gruesome, craziest book I've ever read!

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### **Sandi says**

Interesting start to the series.

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### **Laura Pilcher says**

Really enjoyed this short story. The lead detective has Aspergers and sees lines and patterns in cases. A very refreshing addition to a very large genre. Looking forwards to reading the rest in the Darc Murders Series

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### **So, I Read This Book Today says**

I picked up "Devious" as a freebie from Amazon (gotta love those!) and I am very glad I did. It is such fun when you can pick up a new (to you) author and find someone you really like. As we all know, it can be very "hit or miss" with any books out there. Especially in these days when so many people are taking advantage of publishing themselves. Not that self publishing is a bad thing - it gives authors tremendous opportunities they would not have previously had. It is just hard for me when some of them are a hot mess of spelling errors, diction errors, poor grammar, and convoluted story lines. All these things could be so easily fixed with a bit of care.

In this case, I can say that I was highly impressed by the writer. The writing was tight, the story line was interesting, and I really want to get to know more about the lead characters. I find it interesting that the writers take on an issue such as Asperger's and makes the character not only understandable, but also someone you have a great deal of respect for. Awesome. There is a sort of "Sherlockian" feel about the way Darc is handled that I found immensely appealing.

Over all, I have every intention of adding this series to my 'must read' list and greatly look forward to the next one.

That, again, is the wonderful thing about being offered freebies on Amazon Kindle - you can sometimes find a beautiful jewel amongst the stones.

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### **Ginny says**

This is the 2nd book in the Darc story line. It takes place about 10 years after Devious. There is a killer striking cheating couples around valentines day. It is a short story, but it is good. I haven't read 9th circle yet, starting that next. I believe you can only get this story in the collection.

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### **Black Butterfly says**

PEQUEL TO THE DARC SERIES, CENTERS ON HOW AND WHY DARC & TREY MET. A NOVELLA BUT EQUALY AS GOOD AS THE OTHER TWO FULL LENGTH BOOKS I'VE READ. I JUST LOVE THIS SERIES, IN THE MIDDLE OF SUCH UTTER CHAOS SPRINGS A STORY LINE OF LOVE AND CARING. I LOVE ALL THE COVERS, THEY LOOK SO GOOD ON MY KINDLE FIRE BOOK SHELF, WELL ON TO THE NEXT BOOK. BOOYA!! ;D

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### **Elizabeth says**

I really enjoyed this short story. The main character is a Seattle police detective with Asperger's nicknamed Darc. His chief pairs him with a vice cop, Trey, to help keep Darc out of trouble. Craziness ensues. Although that implies a screwball type of comedy and that's not what this series is about at all. Darc is all about logic and emotion is just an annoyance. Trey is all about emotion and communication and logic isn't his strongpoint.

I've read several of the subsequent books and short stories and this one remains my favorite. Darc sees logic visually as strands of colored ribbon. The color denotes the certainty of that particular string of logic. Emotion is grey and Darc keeps the grey at bay. He also speaks with great precision when he speaks at all. Trey is the perfect foil. He's a non-stop talking machine who prides himself on his street knowledge (as a vice cop, it was very important).

I'm still working my way through these books.

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**Dianne says**

Dark, quirky, slightly humorous in parts. A good hook to whet your appetite for the series!

A serial killer is loose in Seattle. His grotesque killings seem to turn off everyone except the unique Detective Darc, who is now paired up with his new partner, Trey, his polar opposite.

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**Debra Garcia says**

The main character needs some time to get used to, but I did enjoy this book. I think this and the next prequel will be a good introduction to the characters before the main novel.

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**CATHERINE says**

How Trey and Darc end up as partners - good start to an interesting partnership and series.

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