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When Hunter Kittrell and his beautiful friend, Miki, arrive in Beaufort, NC, for their summer stay, they decide to liven up the small town by pulling a harmless prank. That "harmless prank," however, quickly finds them deeply entangled in a blood bath face-off with a knife-wielding serial killer.

As the usually peaceful town is drawn into chaos, Hunter and Miki find themselves pulled more deeply into the investigation, and it turns out their connections to the murders may not be as tenuous as they seemed at first. As the investigation continues, burning questions bubble to the surface: Why is Hunter being framed for the murder? And why are there mentions of his long-lost father popping up all over town?

Everything comes crashing down to a startling conclusion on Hunter's 21st birthday, when he's finally forced to confront the truths he's been running from all his life.

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Carrie Williams says

I just finishing "A Deeper Cut," and already miss the main characters and wonder what they're up to. I so appreciate how relationships and connection are woven into the suspenseful fabric of the story. I felt drawn into the suspenseful storyline and it's dynamic characters within the first few pages, and continued to be delightfully entangled as it continued to unfold and ultimately concluded with an action-packed ending. The author has an insightful voice with a keen story-telling ability. I'm already looking forward to diving into her next creation!

Darlene says

Hunter Kitrell the main character makes an annual visit to his granny Jen as usual never expecting to find a childish prank with his best friend will leave him in jail facing murder charges and questions about the father he has never known come front and center in the the wake of a serial murderer suddenly on the loose in this sleepy tourist community. I won't give away the who-dun-it aspect of the book you need to read this and find out for yourself. This book gets more exciting and enthralling with each turn of the page. I got into the book and had to force myself to put it down! This is a well-written book I won on the Goodreads.com giveaway by Sherri Wren Haymore. I have been looking to enlarge the types and styles of books I read and *The Deeper Cut* has served to make me want to read mysteries and crime novels in a way that other books were unable to hold my interest.

Gabriella says

Let me preface this review by stating that I picked up this book at an independent bookstore in Asheville, NC. It was placed next to a stack of Gillian Flynn novels in the Psychological Thriller section. Thus, I had *no idea* this was a Christian novel...

As stated, *A Deeper Cut* is a psychological thriller (with a hint of romance!) that unravels in the small, coastal town of Beaufort, NC. Hunter Kittrell returns here every summer to stay with his Granny Jen, rather than returning home to his detached mother who cannot resist associating Hunter with his deadbeat, criminal father, Rob. This summer, Hunter brings beautiful, reckless Miki to Beaufort. While the two met at college, Hunter hopes that they can maintain their romantic relationship despite the change in scenery. Against this backdrop, a murder mystery unravels. A serial killer has been executing men in their yachts, and this quiet, seaside town soon descends into chaos.

First, *A Deeper Cut* adopts an unsettling, puritanical tone. When I first began reading, I wondered if I was just being a tough critic, overly sensitive to the writer's rhetoric. However, as the story progressed, I became more and more irritated with an inauthentic dialogue among college students. As stated at the beginning of my review, I had not realized this was a Christian novel. I figured Haymore was simply inexperienced with the slang, the mannerisms of twenty-somethings. These characters rarely curse, even when placed in dire situations. The banter among them echoes that of an elementary-school student's. Additionally, references to drugs and alcohol are kept at a minimum (even though Hunter and Miki are supposedly so wild back at

school). For instance, Hunter's angelic best friend Amy seems *oh so* concerned when Hunter takes a drag of Miki's joint. And because of Hunter and Miki's "questionable, self-destructive" habits during the school year, Amy and Granny Jen both pity Miki, since she is obviously "trying to fill a void with narcotics and alcohol." It is evident what agenda Haymore is attempting to push here.

Unfortunately, I made it halfway through the book before I realized I had purchased a Christian novel. I felt adequately trolled. Don't get me wrong. Everyone is welcome to their personal opinions, but I am not religious, and I had not intended to buy a Christian text.

Secondly, I was disappointed in this "thriller's" unforgivably slow pace. The investigation's developments were few and far between, and I felt that Haymore did not adequately entwine the two story lines. Also, the crime was completely predictable, even to a novice sleuth like myself. There was no guesswork, which, to me, defeats the purpose of a psychological thriller. MILD SPOILER: The antagonists were blatantly obvious, cardboard cut-outs of the dark, deceptive, (but handsome?) psychopath. Frankly, I was just bored.

Finally, the concluding chapters were completely contrived, quite literally employing methods of *deus ex machina* to construct Haymore's ideal conclusion. (view spoiler)

While I'm new to the genre, I know you can find much more redeeming works than Haymore's *A Deeper Cut*. Haymore attempts to capture the youth and dynamism of her main characters while simultaneously weaving a complex, captivating mystery, but she fails on both accounts.

Maria says

A DEEPER CUT is an excellent story about a young man whose life is no longer the easy childhood he'd had. When Hunter brings his girlfriend Miki to visit his Granny Jen, his carefree summer is full of mystery and danger. Miki's life is damaged nearly beyond repair, and she seeks solace in anything she can find. Granny Jen takes Miki under her roof and cares for Miki like her own child, but Miki is confused and seeks the solace that only drugs can give her. Hunter struggles to understand Miki while caring for his grandmother, reuniting with old friends, and solving the mystery of a father who left him many years ago. Intertwined in all that is the mystery of the "harbor killer."

This is a very enjoyable novel. It is well written and hard to put down. The characters are very vivid. While Miki is elusive and hard to understand, the reader still understands that her troubles are very deep. Hunter is a Southern gentleman who tries to forget his troubled family for the summer. The author does an excellent job of maintaining the mystery until the last page.

Beth says

Confronting Truths!!!

Sheri Wren Haymore's second novel is just that! Haymore weaves a tale of suspense that takes every one of her characters down different roads of discovery, where in the end each one's paths will collide. But unlike other authors, Haymore has a unique understanding of human nature and a person's strong will and character

to overcome what others are destroyed by. "What doesn't kill us makes us stronger!" Haymore's characters live by that motto.

As in Haymore's first book, "A Higher Voice", the reader is introduced to characters, that despite their obvious weaknesses, have a strength beyond their years.

Haymore proves once again that fiction isn't just about a great stroyline or wonderful characters. It can also be about confronting our own truths!!

Melanie Adkins says

Spending the summer at his grandmother's, Hunter was looking forward to just having some fun. It was his last summer as a college student before his career began and he had a new girlfriend. Miki had accompanied Hunter to the small, picturesque tourist town where his grandmother lived. She too would be starting her career soon and looked forward to the distraction. Neither expected the horror that began to take place not long after they arrived. Both Hunter and Miki were dealing with other issues besides the upcoming move into adulthood. Now it seemed as though their world was ending. If only they can survive this summer.

AMAZING! Well crafted! Deeply defined characters! FABULOUS! Those are just a few things to say about this book. Ms Haymore has continued on her journey of magnificent writing. You'll enjoy the mystery and intrigue of this book! It starts out a little slowly but builds in a way that will catch you off guard. One of my favorite parts of the book is the simple goodbye at the end. It's powerful and breathtaking. GET this book! I am a fan for life of Sheri Wren Haymore!!

I found no issues.

I gave this one 5+ cheers out of 5 because this book will stay with you long after you finish.

Julie Arthur says

This book definitely took a while to get going. In the first few chapters, the dialogue was a little stiff and some of the scenes lacked a good bit of detail. The initial character development could've been much better, and the dialogue between the characters just never seems genuine. Many scenes lack important detail. For example, at one point Hunter is on the dock at night and the sheriff comes up, tells him to go home, and that's it. The scene wasn't foreshadowing anything, just a stand-alone scene with no purpose. There are several scenes like this throughout the book. Oh, and if "the breeze catches Miki's skirt and tosses it seductively around her legs" one more time I'm going to scream.

Kristine says

Original review found at <http://kristineandterri.blogspot.ca/2...>

* I received a copy of this book from the publisher in exchange for an honest review*

This book starts off with an introduction to Hunter and Miki. It was a little slow and I have to admit that I

didn't fully understand their relationship and the way they interacted with each other. For a lack of a better description I found them a little robotic and stiff. Perhaps it was due to both of them being a little messed up. Hunter dealing with being abandoned by his criminal father at three years old and Miki dealing with parents who were not there emotionally.

It is when "The Cat" is introduced and people start turning up dead that the story takes an exciting turn. The story picks up the pace and as the reader I became more emotionally involved. I enjoyed trying to put the pieces together and figure out who the murderer was. What was the connection to Hunter and Miki and why were they trying to frame Hunter? I will admit that although there are many twists and turns and pieces to the puzzle I was able to figure it out before it was revealed. This is something that I pride myself in being able to do and has no bearing on the book itself. It also did not make me enjoy the book any less.

There are also some note-worthy characters in this book. Grayson Tucker, Amy and Granny Jen were all very strong characters that I enjoyed getting to know throughout the pages of this book. I especially liked Granny Jen with her strong will and insight. Also I liked how Hunter's character grew throughout the book and how he came into his own so to speak.

This story is kind of a coming of age story with a tall glass of suspense, murder, intrigue and a cast of unique and interesting characters. When all is said and done, I thoroughly enjoyed it and look forward to checking out some of Haymore's other works.

Michelle Randall says

Reviewed for Reader's Favorite.

Every summer Hunter spends it with Granny Jen in Beaufort. This year he has brought Mikki with him, thinking it might be a good thing for them. This summer though, a murderer has decided to visit Beaufort also, and frame Hunter for at least one of the killings. A Deeper Cut mixes drug dealers and sweet, southern charm into a realistic tale of a summer on the shoreline. Hunter is tasked with figuring out who he really is, and whether to continue to let his father's disappearance and failures define him or not. Sheri Wren Haymore writes a wonderful mystery, thriller that you want to know who did it, but at the same time keeps the beauty and charm of life in a small southern town.

A Deeper Cut follows Hunter, and more than just the cuts of the killer are needing to be healed this summer. Hunter has always felt that everyone, except maybe Granny Jen expected him to fail and turn out like his father. This summer he will have to face his father, and the demons he carries and figure out who he really is. Sheri Wren Haymore mixes this soul-searching with the mystery of who is offering drug dealers and sets it all in a sweet, charming southern town. You will feel for Hunter, want to hold the boy and help him through his struggles. At the same time you will enjoy the intrigue of discovering who the real killer is and just why the killer might have it out for the Kittrell family.

Kelsey Rohs says

I could not possibly give this book the praise it deserves. I enjoyed every second of this book. It goes so much deeper than a murder mystery. There is love, loyalty, the will to survive, the want to succeed, and the

need to find one's place in life all thrown at the reader, with all ties being brought together harmoniously in the end. One of the most satisfying endings to a book I have ever read. Haymore brings a number of characters together, all telling the same story and adding bits of their own to give the reader a full understanding of the whole picture. Such a beautifully written book that I did not want it to end.

I will most definitely be looking in to more books by Haymore. She has quickly become one of my favorite authors solely because of this book. In no other book have I become so enthralled with the characters and have felt so deeply for them. Although I would love to see this book in theaters, no other retelling would come close to the remarkable, fluid, all encompassing story as it is told in "A Deeper Cut." This is a book I would recommend to any reader. Five stars does not do it justice! A NEED TO READ BOOK!!
