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Boston Detective D.D. Warren faces her most brutal adversaries yet—a class of jaded thriller writers—in *New York Times* Bestselling Author Lisa Gardner’s exclusive e-Book short story

In Lisa Gardner's second short story, after the *New York Times* bestseller *The 7th Month*, Detective D.D. Warren takes on her most intimidating assignment yet: a fifty-minute class meant to educate a horde of bloodthirsty thriller writers on the ways of actual police work. Yet sometimes life really does imitate fiction, as D.D. takes the writers through the reality of one of her most twisted cases—a case that involves a seedy motel room, drugs, prostitution . . . and a severed leg.

With Gardner’s trademark suspense, sharp observations, and thrilling storytelling, *Three Truths and a Lie* is a fascinating chapter in D.D.’s storied career. Includes an early look at Lisa Gardner’s next novel of suspense, *Find Her*, coming February 9, 2016.

3 Truths and a Lie Details

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♥Rachel♥ says

Detective D.D. Warren and her husband, Alex, are taking a “vacation” in Wisconsin as featured guest speakers at the Writers’ Police Academy. As a bonus they get to hobnob with popular thriller writers, and attend the other work-shops for free. D.D.’s a little nervous; really a day in the life of a homicide detective is not nearly as exciting as the fictional mysteries they write. D.D. decides to regale them with one of the most bizarre mysteries of her career involving “seedy motel, a hooker, and a dismembered leg”. With that lead in she has her class (and me) riveted to the pages as she goes through the crime and uncovers the murderer.

3 Truths and a Lie was a fast, fun, Forensic Files type of mystery. Real life authors Karin Slaughter, Kathy Reiches, and Joe Finder make an “appearance” with Joe showing off his knowledge of Locard’s principal. D.D. managed to keep her audience on the edge of their seats until the last reveal.

I revel in every scene where Alex and D.D. are featured. I was a huge fan of their romance even though their relationship has usually taken a back seat to the mystery of the stories. There was a short exchange, but it was nice to see them still solid together as a married couple. They went through some rough times in the last book, *Fear Nothing*, because of D.D.’s injury.

You don’t need to read the previous books in the series to enjoy this short story. The audio copy is **FREE** on Audible right now! I listened to it after reading the e-copy because I adore the narrator, Kirsten Potter, and because this short story was that good. Both e-copy and audio version includes the first 2 chapters of Lisa Gardner’s next mystery featuring D.D. Warren, **Find Her**. I’ll be reading that soon!

A copy was kindly provided by Dutton via Netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

This review is also posted at The Readers Den.

Diane says

Very short and interesting read and a totally different slant on detective stories.

DD Warren is giving a 55 minute class on correct police procedure to a bunch of criminal fiction writers, including Kathy Reichs, Karin Slaughter, Joe Finder, etc. She tells them at the very first there will be 3 truths and a lie and they have to figure out what is what from the real case that she had worked on. Not giving out any more than this - it’s a quick and good read.

This doesn't happen very often, but 5 stars and 2 thumbs up!

Arnis says

<https://poseidons99.wordpress.com/201...>

Wendy says

What an excellent short story!

Detective D.D. Warren has 50 minutes to educate a class of bloodthirsty thriller writers on the ways of actual police work. She chooses to describe, to the writers, one of her most gruesome cases.

Ms. Gardner includes actual famous thriller writers in her class which I found to be an awesome addition to the story.

I would have loved to be in that classroom!

Skip says

Not a big fan of novellas, but I liked this one better than most. Boston detective DD Warren is convinced by her husband to speak to mystery writers at a symposium. She recounts a case involving a dead man in a seedy hotel, missing a leg, which is discovered on a bed of dry ice in the bathroom. The dead guy had a long time obsession with this leg, which he felt was not his. Weird.

Leslie says

I liked this short mystery story more than I anticipated considering that I am unfamiliar with the series. So it was a pleasant surprise to find that it is set in Boston with some excursions into a suburb I know well!

Kirsten Potter did a good job narrating. I will have to try some more D.D. Warren books...

Carole (Carole's Random Life in Books) says

This was a really good short story. I was completely focused on the story and felt like I was one of the people in the room as she was giving the lecture. I just *had* to know what happened in that hotel room! There was a preview for another book at the end of the download so the story was actually pretty short but very worthwhile.

1/5/16: Free on audible!

Victoria says

For years, I have been a longtime fan of Lisa Gardner. I remember when I read one of her books for the first time – Gone, to be exact – I was instantly hooked! I went out and purchased 10 of her paperbacks within 24 hours of finishing it. Every book I have read of hers since has been a hit! Am I a bit obsessed with her writing? Eh, I prefer to think of myself as just an overly-enthusiastic fan and not stalkerish whatsoever. Her books are brilliant in my eyes!

Three Truths and a Lie is no exception. I read the entire thing in one sitting. It is a novella so it's relatively short, but it is incredibly entertaining from the very first page to the very last. I was just as engrossed in the story of the dismembered leg as much as the fictional writers attending D.D Warren's class session.

There have been numerous novels written about D.D Warren, but this novella can stand on its own as the entirety of the novella revolves around an hour long class session. D.D has never spoken in front of a class before and is a little nervous to say the least. She has no idea what she is even going to say and so on the spot she decides to play a game of Three Truths and a Lie.

She will tell the story of one of her real-life cases involving a dismembered leg and a seedy motel room, but it is the job of the writers attending her class to decide which parts of the story are truth and which are lies.

The case itself is very intriguing and I will leave that part up to you to read so I don't spoil anything. This novella will be released on January 5, 2016. I highly recommend it! Better yet, I highly recommend anything by Lisa Gardner if you love suspense/thrillers!

Special thanks to the publisher for allowing me to read this book through Netgalley!

?Susan? says

Detective D. D. Warren is asked to do a short class for authors of suspense thrillers. She speaks about a case she had solved lately and asks the participants to figure out what are two truths and a lie in the scenario. It's clever and I liked that Karen Slauter was involved.

Lo Bookfrantic says

5*Fascinating Stars**

Genre:*Mystery Crime*

Type:*Short Stories*

POV:*First Person – Female*

3 Truths and A Lie is truly a very short story but I couldn't help being captivated and wanting to know the mystery. What mystery you asked? Well D.D. Warren is one of my favorite female detectives she is a total badass. If you've read some of Lisa Gardner's books you will know why. You will fall in

love with D.D's character. This book was no different it was a really great short story that I couldn't stop reading.

Detective D.D. Warren takes an assignment she wasn't thrilled about but her husband the blood splatter expert Alex Wilson had convinced her to do it. When she is usually busy solving crimes on this short story she has a total different assignment; to teach at least one hundred thriller writers about her job, to provide them with the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. She had only fifthly minutes to teach her blood eager students and she wanted to make it worth their time. Boy was it worth it?! Yes it was I was so captured by her story that I felt like one of the student sitting in front of her picturing the crime scene she was describing trying to answer her questing and figuring out what a detective would do to solve this crime and who the killer was. I was fascinated with this story and her attitude of course i love her.

"Boston homicide works as three-people squads. I'm a sergeant detective, meaning I'm the so called leader of my squad, though my teammates, Phil and Neil, would love to argue."

She was like

And I was like

She figured the best way to keep her class awake was to tell them about the most shocking true case she had to solve. I don't want to give out the details because it's so short that I will be giving away the book and it's so good not to read it. D.D. educates her classroom how to solve a murder the right way by providing them step by steps details of what a real murder case is handled under her authority. She made her classroom guess all the clues and at the end I was so shocked that I didn't figure out what the lie was bahaha. I should have known but I was just like the writers sitting hungry to try to figure out what she was saying. It truly was a good book that kept me on the edge of my bed. Now I feel the need to get more of this writer. She teases you with the first two chapters of her new book coming out on February of next year and boy do I want to get my hands on that book right now?! Yes I do. To all my romance readers this book may not be for you as it is a suspense thriller with no romance.

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Brenda says

This was a quick, cute story about D.D. Warren presenting at a crime writers' school. Nice shout outs to Slaughter and Finder who were in attendance.

Cynthia Corral says

Audible provided this story for free and it was cute. Detective D.D. Warren gives a lecture to a group of crime writers, and she does it by telling the story of one particular dead body and how it was solved. It was super short (about an hour) and was entertaining. Also, I correctly guessed the bad guy, and I always like feeling smart, even if I'm only smarter than a fictional room full of crime writers. It was very well narrated by Kirsten Potter, and it was a fun hour spent listening while walking my dog.

Shelley says

Source NetGalley

Genre Thriller, Mystery

Rating 3.5

My Thoughts

Three Truths and a Lie is considered installment 7.5 in the D.D. Warren series. This is actually the second novella in the series after The 7th Month. D.D. Warren is a Boston Sergeant Detective who gets to share her experiences with a class of writers. Writers who attend the Writer's Police Academy, which I'd love to attend one day. It is up to DD to lead authors like Karin Slaughter, Joe Finder, and Kathy Reichs in a discussion, while tempting them with a game of Three Truths and a Lie.

Can DD keep a class of eager writers entertained for 50 minutes? Can DD come up with an entertaining and puzzling case without them guessing what the truths are and what the lie is? DD will tell the story of case involving a dead man, a dismembered leg, and a seedy motel room. It is DD jobs to get the writers involved in the discussion and see which parts of the story are truth and which are lies.

If you have followed my reviews for any length of time, you know that DD is, my opinion, one of the best female heroines in the Mystery, Thriller Genre. Even though this novella is short, it gets to the heart of who DD is, and how she ends up solving one of the more bizarre cases in recent memory. Overall, this story is

very good lay-over on my way to reading book # 8 called Find Her releasing February, 2016.

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Faye says

Read: March 2018

Rating: 4/5 stars

This short story was written from the perspective of DD as she attends a crime writers convention to give a lecture on real police detective work. It felt very surreal as I imagined Gardner's fictional detective walking around and interacting with actual crime fiction authors like Karin Slaughter and Kathy Reichs! The story itself was a classic 'locked room' mystery and kept me guessing until the end.

Jae says

A very short read. Not long enough to get me all excited and agitated like I did in her other books.
