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Every stage actress wants fans, but what happens when one goes too far?

Emmy has the perfect life—a house on the beach, a successful career headlining the local theater, and love. But when a brutal murder brings unimaginable grief, Emmy's world comes crashing down. As she tries to pick up the pieces, she can't seem to avoid Josh, the new fireman in town.

Emmy does her best to fight the sizzle in her chest when Josh is near. But with the stalker still out there, terrorizing her and those she cares about, she can't fall for anyone—especially Josh, a suspect in the murder investigation.

If Emmy allows a man to get close, it's not just her heart she puts at risk, it's her life.

“I’m a sucker for the exciting parts, and this book has scenes that had my eyes racing my heart to the end of each page!”

Amanda Tru, author of the Yesterday series

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Vonnie says

Cami Checketts did it again! She has written another suspenseful romance that had me at the edge of my seat! I was completely absorbed into the story and characters. It had me guessing the majority of the time who the killer was. This has become a new favorite.

This book had my heart thumping! It had plenty of mystery and suspense to keep my eyes bulging out and the back of my hair standing up. It was a little creepy at first when the notes were mentioned at the beginning of the story, but then I became horrified when the stalker murdered the heroine's beloved. I immediately began to feel the terror and paranoia that Emmy went through. It has been a while since I've read a book that has had me nervous, anxious, and completely afraid. I even found myself gasping at the breathing scene after Emmy ran away from Josh in the rain. This book had me spooked!

Though this was a very suspenseful book, I also enjoyed the romance factor. Emmy and Josh had great chemistry. Emmy's attraction and revulsion towards Josh at first was understanding. I was happy to read how she quickly changed her mind when she realized the truth of the situation and the truth of her feelings. Josh was a doll. He gave Emmy her space and respected her, yet at the same time he was courageous enough to keep pursuing after her. He was also very admirable for all the heroic deeds that he did. When these two finally kissed, I couldn't help but cheer.

I would like to say more but I am afraid that I would spoil the book. Let me end it by saying that this was an excellent read. I was completely captivated by the story and characters. This book also scared me to the point that I'm triple locking my doors at night. I highly recommend this book.

Christina says

Good but wish it had more

This was a good book, but it felt kinda rushed along. It started out so good and had the foundation for a great story but I felt like too much was summarized and that the female protagonist made huge emotional switches without a lot of explanation or build up. Still loved the story though, especially how the author weaves adventure and suspense with a sweet romance. Will definitely still read more of her books!!

Kathy Jo says

March 2017 - 2nd time around and it is still super cute! *dreamy sigh*

April 2016 - 4.5 Stars

Emmy is extremely happy with her life. She is married to her best friend, has the perfect house on the beach and a successful career headlining at the local theater. Of course any successful actress has admirers and sometimes a stalker. When Emmy starts receiving threatening notes, her happy life starts to crumble.

Tragedy strikes when the stalker kills her husband. Emmy has a hard time moving forward. She no longer feels safe and has no clue who she can trust.

Josh is in need of a fresh start. When an opportunity arises to transfer to a small town fire station in Oregon, he jumps at the opportunity. This is exactly what he needs to put his life back together. When he first lays eyes on Emmy, he is hooked. But being burned in past relationships has him hesitant to move forward with getting to know her. When he finds out that she's married, he tries his best to stay away and forget her. The moment he hears of the murder of Emmy's husband, he is determined to help find out who is responsible so that Emmy can move on with her life and feel safe again.

Emmy and Josh's connection is extremely strong. No matter how hard they try to stay away from each other, they just can't. Small towns make it hard to avoid anyone. Emmy finally decides to let her guard down and try to move forward with her life. But the closer she gets to Josh, the more danger they both are in. Can they figure out who the stalker is before it's too late? Or will Emmy lose another chance at love and happiness?

So picture this. You're sitting in your room at night reading a murder mystery book. It's quiet and dark. You are completely lost in the book... reading an intense scene... the heroine screams... at the same time the neighbor kids next door start pounding on the wall that separates your apartment from theirs... and. You. Jump. Sky. High! Not gonna lie... I got freaked out! Gotta love when an author can grab you and suck you so far into their book that the outside world just disappears! Cami Checketts really knows how to bring her books to life for her readers! Seriously loving all her books!

And this casting... *dreamy sigh* Love them!! <3

Donna says

Ok

A deadly hunt for her stalker/killer leaves her world becoming smaller and more fearful. Feelings of guilt haunt her after her husband's death keeping her from the help and support she needs. There are many possible killers and I feel that the author could have gone in several directions. It is hard to believe that the killer waited a year before making his next move. Not one of my favorites and closer to 3.5 stars.

Shauna says

Cami is one of my MOST FAVORITE SUSPENSE authors!

She has a WONDERFUL way of describing a scene that will leave you on the edge of your seat and wanting more!

This book is filled with action and suspense and a touch of romance...I SO LOVED IT!

"Every stage actress wants fans,

but what happens when one goes too far?"

Emmy is doing exactly what she wants to be doing!

She has a husband, a house on the beach, and is acting at the local theater.

So why is she attracted to the good-looking man at the gym...

And then to have him show up at the theater just after the threatening notes do?

It is all so unsettling...

AND THEN...

Emmy's life turns into a nightmare with the brutal murder of her husband.

Does she have a stalker?

Is it the man from the gym?

A year goes by and nothing is found out and the threatening letters stop...

THAT IS UNTIL...

Josh keeps turning up in her life.

"If Emmy allows another man to get too close, it might not just her heart she puts at risk, it might be her life."

I HIGHLY RECOMMEND THIS BOOK!

SO WORTH READING!

Patricia says

Today, I read up to 37% and just had to check the computer to see if this had been released earlier in a different form. I discovered that I had already read this as a different release of the story. It was released as "Shadows in the Curtain" but not with the cover "Destination Billionaire Romance." Last time, I rated it two stars. I noticed in my last review that I said I scan-read it almost from the get-go and that I didn't like the characters. It is not striking me like that this time--or at least not that severely--but I also don't want to re-read it. I think Kelton is odd and their friendship is odd. Josh seems so nice but pathetic. Emmy seems odd and totally overplayed. So, maybe I don't like the characters very much. Normally, I would rate this one star for not finishing it, but in all fairness--I did finish it once before--so I'm just giving this two stars and not finishing it. I feel really irritated that there was no notice that this was a re-release.

Cathy says

Wow, this is one book that I didn't want to put down! I was hooked on this story from the very beginning. I loved Emmy as a character, she is a strong and courageous woman who seems to have everything together, but when her husband gets murdered, she loses it just a little bit. But when she bounces back, she's still an amazingly strong character. I loved the setting of this book, I have fond memories of being in the Haystack Rock/Ecola area, I can just picture Emmy taking one of her ocean swims in that beautiful area. I enjoyed the love story here, I LOVED that Emmy got a second chance at love. I do have to say that I had no idea who the bad guy was and was as surprised as Emmy. This is a fun, cute, mysterious love story that you won't want to miss!

Aimee (Getting Your Read On) says

Love. Love, love, love.

Here's the thing. Cami Checketts knows how to write a good book. She knows pacing and tension and love. She brings those things together in such a fabulous way that I literally devour her books. Can't put them down, so bummed when they are over kind of devouring. The characters are real and believable and you connect to them, feel with them.

Before reading this book I read a couple books that were less than stellar and it's super hard to write reviews that are negative. You start questioning if you are just being too picky, you know? But then I picked up this book and I was reminded that yes, I do know what a good book is. This is the kind of book that keeps you pressing forward, wanting to read more. I know what a good book is.

Cami is one of my favorite romantic suspense authors and I am always so excited when I see she has a new book coming out. This was probably one of my favorites so far. It was a good, clean book and a great diversion for my brain. Yay!

Julie Carpenter says

What a great clean suspense/romance novel. I've been wanting to read some of Cami Checketts books for a while and have finally done so. I really enjoyed the pacing and the mystery/suspense throughout. Honestly I kept changing my opinion of who the stalker was. I will say that I guessed him first but the novel was well written that I kept second guessing myself until the very end and the final reveal.

I have to admit that, although the novel isn't scary just suspenseful, as I was reading in bed last night I about jumped a mile high when my sleeping husband's foot twitched and touched my foot. Ha ha ha ha!!! I laughed pretty hard after that. I was near the end and at a pretty intense scene when it happened.

Next thing I really loved was the setting and the MCs job. I love Cannon Beach and the area there. I lived just up the coast from there for many years. My favorite beach is right there at Ecola state park, Indian Beach. So if you're ever heading that way make sure you watch the tide tables and hit that beach. Fun tide pools and the best sand. Lots of surfers love it too! There's even an awesome little creek to play in too all while having an amazing view of the ocean and yes, even Haystack Rock. I loved her job because I'm a musical fanatic and am actually involved in one right now at our local opera house, the really fun thing is that they just did a production of My Fair Lady.

So let's just say that I really connected to this novel in those ways.

The stalker is very intense and you never know where he is going to appear next. Who do you trust when everyone around you is a suspect?

There is a sweet romance with some heated kisses and hand holding. There is a murder and some blood and a few other fights plus the aspect of the stalker. So overall it was a clean read but I would recommend to more mature readers who can handle reading about those situations.

I downloaded a copy from Amazon.

Happy Reading!!!

Secretly Adorkable Readers says

***** **SAR Blog 5 Star Review** *****

Interested in a clean mystery romance? *Shadows in the Curtains* by Cami Checketts is for you!

Emmaline works at the dilapidated Coaster Theater in Cannon Beach, Oregon and is married to her best friend Grayson. For several months, she has been receiving several stalkerish notes but doesn't know who they are from. One guy in particular has his eyes on Emma and wants to know more about her. Emma catches him watching her from a distance not only where she performs but also where she works out at the gym. Emma has captured an unbelievable attraction as she is whirled into his blue, sparkling eyes like the

ocean in Tahiti.

Emma becomes paranoid between the notes and seeing this guy everywhere she goes. One tragic night takes a life and has left Emma in an unimaginable darkness state. Captain Joshua Campbell, a firefighter, feels even more protectiveness over Emma but she will not have anything to do with him. The stalker is still out there and the suspense will keep you guessing. This is full of love, suspense, and thrills so get ready! I loved this story and was a very short read.

Kathy * Bookworm Nation says

3.5

A fun, quick escape. A sweet romance with a touch of suspense. Full review to come.

Content

Romance: Clean

Language: None

Violence: Mild

Religious: None

Source: Kindle Unlimited

Katie W says

I love a good romantic suspense and *Shadows in the Curtain* was great--really creepy! I made the mistake of reading it at night while my husband was out of town and I was a little scared. I definitely didn't want to look out of the window and tripled checked the locks.

Emmy is such a sweet woman. She is very loyal to those she loves and is dedicated to her work. She is a very talented actress, but instead of focusing on fame and fortune, she seeks love and happiness. Emmy really has her priorities in line. I enjoyed the friendship she had with her neighbors, especially Kelton.

Josh is a mystery--is he the stalker/murderer or is he a friend? Sparks really fly between Emmy and the new firefighter, which makes it harder for Emmy to stay away.

I loved the suspense and mystery, because like I said before, it was really creepy. I thought it was well-done in a way to keep the reader engaged and invested in the story. The romance was sizzling, but clean, and for me (a clean romance lover), that kept me flipping the pages. The characters were well written and the

mystery kept me guessing. I loved the setting--I love the ocean and would love to have a house in a place like this one (small town Oregon)!

Content: no language; there are some murders and attempted murders, so there is some shooting, stabbing, and blood. I thought it was described in ways that weren't graphic, but the reader still gets the idea of what's going on; kissing that stayed clean. I would consider this clean for an older reader!

I received a copy in exchange for an honest review

Kristen says

This was a fast-paced read, full of romance and suspense. I enjoyed it a lot.

Moral Note: Stalker that leaves notes (nothing graphic), a murder - slightly graphic, attempted murder. No language that I can remember, romance was clean.

Caitlyn Santi says

I was really looking forward to this one, but unfortunately I ended up really struggling with it. I didn't like that right from the start the heroine was physically attracted to the hero even though she was married to another man at the time! Nothing happens, but I just wasn't able to get past it, and I couldn't help but wish that aspect of the story had been written differently. While there were moments in this story that I enjoyed, overall it was just okay. I think it just wasn't the book for me. I own another book by this author and I might try reading it at some point to see if I enjoy it more than I did this one.
