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The predators become prey in a breathless novel of revenge from a *USA Today* bestselling author.

Still haunted by his wife's murder—and stained by the blood of avenging it—FBI special agent Hatcher McGee can't believe he's being teamed up with rookie agent Korine Davenport. She is his most guilty secret—the one-night stand who almost cost him everything.

Korine has her own demons. As a child, she witnessed her father's murder, and she's spent her life waiting for the killer's return. She and Hatcher are both looking for closure, but the disturbing case that draws them together could be their last.

When the mutilated body of a corrupt Savannah judge surfaces, Hatcher and Korine find themselves on the trail of a vigilante who is showing no mercy. Not for the predators who've gone free. And not for anyone who gets in the way.

As the body count rises, and as Hatcher's and Korine's own pasts unfold, they must risk their lives tracking a killer they've come to understand all too well. After all, the ends justify the means.

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LibraryLass says

2.5 stars

Cindy ~ SnS Reviews says

Jam-packed suspense with multiple plot threads full of serial killers, rapist, child molesters and the victims. The cherry on top of that is there is a vigilante killer brutally killing the sickos..

The two FBI agents leading the search have emotionally scarring pasts both separately and together. They try to keep their pasts out of the investigation but that turns out to be impossible.

FBI Agent Hatcher McGee wife was murdered by serial killers the Skull. He was separated from her at the time, heading for divorce, but the guilt eats at him that he wasn't there in time to save her or his partner Wyatt Camden from getting serious injured.

FBI rookie Korine Davenport witnessed her father's death when she was just 5. Since then she has always wanted to catch the person that killed him. She went into law enforcement eventually applying for the FBI. One of her instructors was Hatcher and one night of passion between them left tons of emotional scars for different reasons for each of them. Since their boss doesn't know about their history he thinks nothing of teaming them together to try and find the vigilante killer which makes for a very uncomfortable partnership between them.

Along with the personal issues of Hatcher and Korine and their search for a killer, there is also the group of women who call themselves The Keepers. These are women in predominant professions who want justice for women who were victims of heinous crimes. Question is are they the ones killing or is there someone else exacting revenge. Also in the midst of the madness is the hunt for a serial rapist. His victims also play a part through the book.

There was a lot going on in this book from the first page to the last that concludes with a shocking revelation. I am curious as to where this series will go with future books. Can't wait to see what the next one is about.

Kim Reads (Read Your Writes Book Reviews) says

Reviewed by Gemini

Pretty Little Killers is the first book in Rita Herron's The Keepers Series. This was my first time reading this author and I was thoroughly impressed. The book kept me on the edge of my seat. The suspense was chilling. Just when I thought I had it all figured out, I found out that I was wrong. I expected it to fit the mold of every other mystery suspense book that I have read but it didn't.

Pretty Little Killers is about new FBI Agent Korine Davenport and FBI Special Agent Hatcher McGee.

Hatcher and Korine had a tryst 6 months ago, which happened to be the same night Hatcher's wife was being murdered. After hunting down the killer, Hatcher has spent the rest of his time inside a bottle. In his first case back, Hatcher ends up partnering with Korine. Needless to say, tensions are very high; especially considering that they still have feelings for each other. Korine also has the added baggage of having witnessed the murder of her father 25 years ago when she was 5-years-old.

At its core, Pretty Little Killers is about revenge. There is a serial killer who is killing people who basically didn't get what they deserved. This person is seeking revenge for people who were wronged by the justice system. This is the type of book that makes you question the extent to which you would go to get justice for yourself or someone else. It's about domestic violence, child abuse, and every other heinous crime that you could think of. There are also some rather gruesome deaths so be warned nothing is candy-coated. The brutality of it all intensifies once certain truths are revealed that shake one of the FBI agents to their core. I can't go into more detail but I will say that I was beyond shocked. The author has set the bar rather high so I'm very interested to see what she does in the next book. I'm sure that it will be killer.

Received a copy from the publisher and voluntarily reviewed.

Bonnie Kernene says

Pretty Little Killers is the first book in the new The Keepers series. I read and loved the Graveyard Falls series, which is why I wanted to read this and I am glad I did. Just like the other books, it is written well and intense. The characters are well developed and fit well in the story. There are sex offenders, serial killers, rapists and child molesters in the story. Never a dull moment in the book. You may not like every character, but they all play a role in the storyline. Great book!

Mandy White says

Not quite what I was expecting, but a good story. Had to speed it up a bit, the narrator was sooo slow!

Kristy K says

This is a police procedural type mystery told in multiple POV. I thought the added POVs of some of the minor characters were unnecessary and I could have done without the excerpts of the blog and its comments.

I was willing to overlook these things though and just enjoy this novel until the end. There was just enough action and mystery to keep my turning the pages. I couldn't figure out for sure who the Keeper was and was excited for reveal. And then the author chose to have something happen that was so outside the realm of reality yet so pivotal to the plot that it ruined everything for me. (view spoiler)

Unfortunately because of this the book as a whole bombed for me.

Melanie (mells_view) says

I'm not going to rehash the plot, because you can read the blurb. What I will do is tell you that Rita Herron provided an enjoyable suspense read with *Pretty Little Killers*. From the start you're given back story on Korine, which is a mystery in itself. and then we dive right into the story, which is the second mystery. Throughout we are given the POV of Korine, Hatcher, and some others as well. This makes it so you're not quite sure if you're getting the killers POV, or just more layers to the story. I think that Herron constructs this story very well, and the way she does it keeps you guessing until the very end. I want to know who killed Korine's dad, who the vigilante is, and WHY are they really killing these people. Toward the end I was on the edge of my seat, wondering what would happen. Honestly... the killer was not who I expected. If you're looking for a book where you can solve the mystery from the clues... this probably isn't it. If you're looking to be told a good suspenseful story, with a satisfying ending, then one click the book as soon as it is live. As for the love story aspect, it's more of a lust story. While I think it definitely helps to break up some of the sad and emotional bits in this book, if you're looked for full fledged romantic suspense this isn't it. More of a suspense with some naughty bits sprinkled in.

All in all a great read. Highly recommend to anyone who enjoys suspense or tv crime procedural type shows. It definitely reads that way in my opinion!

Also... I hope there's more to come with *The Keepers* series. Maybe from a certain agoraphobia sufferer, and healing detective?

ARC provided by NetGalley

Melanie says

Pretty Little Killers was a fast-paced suspenseful read with a compelling plot and enjoyable characters.

FBI special agent Hatcher McGee has spent the past few months trying to recover from his wife's murder and his killing the man responsible. His first case back on the job, he is paired with rookie agent Korine Davenport, a woman he had a one-night stand with while separated from his wife prior to her death. However, Hatcher and Korine don't have time to deal with their history as the killer they're after is showing no mercy going after the predators of Savannah. With one body showing up after another, Hatcher and Korine will risk everything to catch a killer seeking revenge which is a motive they both understand all too well.

At five years old Korine witnessed her father's murder when he was shot and killed while dancing with Korine in his arms. Korine became obsessed with finding out who killed her father and joined law enforcement in the hopes of one day finding his killer. Before joining the FBI, Korine worked as a police officer in the sex crimes unit. Korine relates with victims easily and understands their driving need for justice. Outside of her work, Korine is usually dealing with her family's issues that developed after her father's death. Her mother suffers from severe depression and is nearly catatonic whereas her brother has substance abuse problems.

After his wife's murder, Hatcher took time away from work and spent most of his days drowning his guilt with alcohol. Prior to the start of the book, Hatcher was considered a bit of a legend in the bureau and had a

reputation for being able to solve difficult cases. He feels immense guilt over the fact he wasn't able to get to his wife in time to save her and feels no guilt over killing the man who murdered her. He also feels guilty that he was with Korine when his wife was taken despite the fact they were separated and he'd asked for a divorce. Hatcher now sees his wife's ghost everywhere he looks and feels she is haunting him for not saving her.

Hatcher and Korine were both immediately attracted to one another but after their one-night stand the two had no contact as Korine was angry after finding out Hatcher wasn't single as he claimed and Hatcher was dealing with his wife's murder. After being partnered, both Hatcher and Korine struggle with the attraction they still have for each other. Outside of that, the two work well together on the case and both bring a lot to the table. Despite Korine being a rookie, Hatcher comes to admire her quick thinking and ability to come up with new ideas. Their romance takes a bit of a backseat throughout the case but eventually they give in to their attraction and it's quite enjoyable to read with some very sexy scenes. (view spoiler)

The case of a vigilante killer going after predators was an intriguing one and the author does a great job getting you to sympathize with the killer as the men killed are monsters and it's easy to see where the killer is coming from. One aspect of the case that I liked was how the author chose to tie the manner of death to each victims' crimes. I ended up being completely surprised by who the killer turned out to be and my guess was totally wrong. The revelations regarding Korine's father's death were quite interesting and definitely came as a surprise.

Pretty Little Killers ended up being a fantastic start to *The Keepers* series and I look forward to reading more from this author in the future.

I received an advance copy of this book from Netgalley and the publisher in exchange for an honest review.

Book Him Danno says

Rita Herron takes a dark topic sexual abuse of adults and children and create a riveting story that will have readers wanting more.

Each and every character in the story has a purpose that propels the story forward moving leaving in it wake a desire to help those who have been forgotten by the system.

The two main leads McGee and Davenport are both troubled by their past of violence that keeps them fighting for the truth even when it isn't close to what they hope for.

The author creates a thought that will linger with the reader long after they put down the story. What would you do if it was someone you loved? Would you find them and kill them or allow the courts determine their fate?

The story talks about rape, child molesters and serial killers who do not seem themselves as a killer but an angel of mercy.

The romance between the two lead characters is why the story isn't 5 stars. It felt forced, didn't flow with the story and at points would stop the story in its tracks. While I understood the reason for the romance I felt it

could have done without the sex scenes. A quick they woke up would have been better with this story line.

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Jess says

3.75 stars

Dri ✰ says

★ 4 stars!! ★

Narrado em terceira pessoa, com povs alternados entre Korine, Hatcher e alguns outros adicionais, o que a propósito eu adorei, pois aguçou ainda mais a minha curiosidade. Esse livro traz uma história viciante com personagens interessantes, falhos e complexos. Um enredo com uma boa dose de suspense, mistério e uma pitada de romance.

Eu fiquei presa do início ao fim, pensando e tentando desvendar quem estava por trás dos crimes cometidos. A trama em si foi bem construída e mesmo com tantos palpites e teorias, quando tudo começou a ser revelado, fui supreendida, pois nunca imaginaria que seria tal pessoa, aliás, nem passou pela minha cabeça e nessa parte a autora me pegou de jeitinho, rs.

Em alguns trechos achei a narrativa um pouco repetitiva, mas nada tão destacado a ponto de afetar o ritmo da leitura ou a história. E também tive a impressão de que o final foi levemente corrido.

Mas, independente desses pontos que citei, **Pretty Little Killers** foi uma boa e refrescante surpresa e valeu muito a leitura!

?Dani? ?Touch My Spine Book Reviews? says

What an intense read, filled with serial killers, sex offenders, corrupt officials and more! This story had me on the edge of my seat and turning pages through out the night! I can't wait to see what Ms. Heron has in store for us next!

Carrie says

Pretty Little Killers by Rita Herron is the first book in the new romantic suspense The Keepers series. Before getting too much into my review on this one I'd warn it may be a tough read for some as a good portion deals with child molestation.

The story starts with introducing Korine Davenport who is a rookie that went into law enforcement due to witnessing her own father's murder when she was a child. Korine finds herself paired with FBI special agent Hatcher McGee with whom she'd once had a one night stand.

Korine and Hatcher need to learn to work together quickly despite their brief encounter in the past as the pair are tasked with solving the murder of a corrupt judge. It appears that they just may have a vigilante killer on the loose that they need to track down before the body count rises.

I have to say that maybe it would be best to think of this as more of a police procedural with a bit of naughtiness thrown into the mix as when I think of romantic suspense I'd hope to have a bit of actual "romance" to the relationship. My only complaint in this one leading me to lower my rating to 3.5 stars was it seemed more a want to hop into bed than any believability to a relationship with Korine and Hatcher.

The suspense side of the story however is what really shined in the book and even with the tough subject matter it was really engaging, although I will admit to wondering if I actually wanted the killer caught. In the end the twists and turns made up for the lack of any real romance to me.

I received an advance copy from the publisher via NetGalley.

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Jonetta says

FBI Agents Korine Davenport and Hatcher McGee are paired on a case while his partner recuperates from injuries sustained during their last case. Unbeknownst to all is Korine and Hatcher had one lusty evening, unfortunately the same night when his estranged wife was murdered. Things are awkward but both are professional and focus on what begins to look like a serial killer at work.

I enjoyed this story because there was a lot going on and seemingly connected. Both Korine and Hatcher have some serious baggage but it never appeared to interfere with the investigation. I figured out one angle of the mystery but was completely blindsided by another. It was a great twist and I'm glad this has turned out to be a series.

I'm a huge fan of the narrator, Andi Arndt, who drew me to this book. She was excellent, distinguishing characters skillfully and delivering a fine performance. Though I own a few books by the author, this is the first I've read. I listened to this in one day while on a road trip and it made the miles just melt away. I will definitely be up for the second book as I'm curious how The Keepers will factor in that story, as well as two of the secondary characters I was hoping to see again.

(I received an advance copy from the publisher in exchange for an unbiased review)

Beatrix says

2.5 stars

