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Forensics specialist Chastity Byrnes is trying to put the past behind her. It has been ten years since Chastity made accusations against her father that shattered her family...and ten years since she's seen her sister, Faith.

First, Chastity gets a call from Dr. Max Stanton, the brother-in-law she never knew she had. Then she finds out that her long-lost sister is officially missing. Even though Faith never wanted to see her sister again, Chastity decides to go to the Big Easy to find her.

Now Chastity has to battle her own demons in a city where forensics are an old boys' club and a woman can find trouble in her sleep. She has to wade through distrust and deceit to get to the truth--whether she wants to know it or not. She has to rediscover her sister--by investigating fertility clinics, the powers of St. Roch, and the mysteries of voodoo--to find out why the women who might have helped Faith are dying. As a hurricane threatens the city, Chastity puts more than her own life at risk as she fights to rescue her sister from a terrifying threat that stalks them both...

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Rachel Kelley says

This book is great, great, GREAT!

I used to own this, so I'm not so surprised that I loved it, as much as I can't believe what I forgot. Every detail in this story is so important that it's a mistake not to count every single one towards the ending.

I definitely love the psychology towards explaining why every character is the way they are and the medical/crime scene details because you can definitely tell the author knows what she's talking about. And that just makes it so much more realistic.

A great read for anybody who loves murder mysteries mixed in with a girl with a tortured past, dark secrets lurking in the water and a killer highly agile mind who seems to be one step ahead at every turn.

Lynn says

Sinners and Saints is about three sisters who were physically and emotionally abused as children. One has committed suicide, one is missing, and the other is trying to find her missing sister. Chastity Byrnes receives a call from her brother-in-law asking her to come to New Orleans to help him find his missing wife. Once Chastity arrives in New Orleans, she finds help from a fellow forensic nurse and her cousin who drives a cab. Their search leads to lots of twists, turns, and revelations involving Chastity's past, all of which come into play before the story ends. Though I've never read anything by Dreyer before, I really enjoyed this suspense mystery.

Nikki says

Eileen Dreyer moves from St. Louis to New Orleans for this book about a forensic nurse who gets a call asking her to come to NO to search for her missing sister. The sister, and her mother, have been missing from her life for several years. During her investigation, she falls in love with New Orleans, makes new friends, deals with her fear of water and makes some surprising discoveries. The ending suggests that a series may be in the offing and I would be very happy if that were so.

Vanessa Grant says

Classic Eileen Dreyer, the plot of Sinners and Saints' twists through multiple layers and secrets, and arrives breathlessly at a very satisfying ending amid a New Orleans Hurricane.

Read Saints and Sinners yourself - if you like mysterious tales with memorable characters and dark twists, you'll be glad you did!

I'm an Eileen Dreyer fan from years back. Now that I've finished this book, I'm about to start reading my new copy of her *If Looks Could Kill*. I read this shadowy, pulse-pounding Elaine Dreyer years ago, and can't wait to revisit Dryer's *Pyrite*, *Missouri*, and the Heroine of *If Looks Could Kill*.

Vanessa

Jenni Boyd says

The back cover blurb was what drew my attention to this book. As I'd not read any books by Eileen Dreyer before, I began to read with an open mind.

As new characters were introduced, I became intrigued as to where the story was going. But what had me turning the pages, was wanting to learn more about the main character, Chastity Byrnes.

Chastity is a trauma nurse with attitude, but underneath she's a frightened little girl with a dark secret from her past. Her only semblance of peace was keeping to her rituals and safety zones. Reassurance and comfort lay within a small velvet bag that she kept in her pocket at all times.

The further I progressed through the book the harder I found it to put down. The story ending with a satisfying conclusion. I have no hesitation in recommending this book, and look forward to reading more of Eileen Dreyer's books.

Gail says

This was a decent thriller, really. I got it because it's set in New Orleans, and I'm a sucker for the Crescent City. The backdrop didn't disappoint, and neither did the three central characters. I enjoyed how flawed but engaging they were. The heroine, especially, is unique and messed up and courageous as hell. And I liked that the hero was sexy as all get out but wounded. It's gritty, for sure, which I always like. I could have used a little more suspense, though. It felt like the murderer was kind of pat. But there are psychotics, and zealots, and voodoo priestesses, and society types, and lesbians, sexual deviants, and bad, bad parents, and missing people, and tarot readings, and drag queens, so that's fun.

Carolyn says

Imagine living through child abuse, living on the street, promiscuity, crippling depression and a terrifying phobia. And after all this becoming a top notch Forensic Nurse. Such is the life of Chasity, our protagonist/heroine and that is just the back story of this amazing story. Chasity receives a phone call from the husband of her long lost sister, she didn't even know she had a brother- in-law or that her sister lived in New Orleans and that's where the mystery begins.

The New Orleans ambiance rings true and the characters involved make this a truly amazing thriller with an

ending you didn't see coming.

Kathy Thurman says

Was this part of a series? Lots of characters and backgrounds that weren't explained well, and left me wondering. I would definitely read more if the author turned it into a series. Great story and very interesting characters!

Karen says

I got annoyed with the main characters (Except I liked James.) So many characters were alike and hard to keep track of. Book seemed to go on and on. Other than that it was a good read, just not a favorite.

Elizabeth says

Forensic nurse Chastity Byrnes is trying to put her past behind her. It has been ten years since her actions shattered her family and sent her into exile. Ten years since she's seen her sister Faith. But now, Faith needs her help. She's missing from her upscale home in New Orleans, and Chastity has to find her.

Along the way she battles her own demons in a city where forensics is an old boy's club and a woman can find trouble in her sleep. She has to investigate fertility clinics, the powers of St. Roch, and the mysteries of voodoo to find her sister.

As a hurricane threatens New Orleans, Chastity puts more than her life on the line to rescue her sister from the threat that stalks them both...

Dawade says

Great book, this was a page turner from the get-go. Crime, death, hidden secrets. Great climax till the very end.

SaraJean says

Compelling, but one of the facets of the ending happened in exactly the way I hoped it wouldn't. One of the secondary characters was not as fully-formed as she should have been for her role in the book and the protagonist's life. Finally, one of the aspects of the protagonist's life was never explained to an appreciable extent. All that being said, if you're looking for a good thriller ride against the backdrop of Nawlins, this isn't a bad choice.

Antoinette says

Fluff. People look alike so they become interchangeable. Only two real suspects and guess what - they look alike and act alike. The heroes have much luck and many lives.

Marilyn Groves says

the main character, Forensic nurse Chastity Byrnes, is fighting her own personal battles with the past. She is not a perfect heroine, but is all the more likeable because of it.

She finds herself in New Orleans trying to find her sister at the request of a brother-in-law she didn't even know existed. Her mother and sister deserted her ten years ago.

Bit of a stretch in believing the police would so easily share information with her, but that's ok. Lots of intrigue and relationships and craziness to keep your interest.

Sharon says

3.5 stars

Although it took a little while for me to warm up to the main character (and her friend who speaks about herself entirely in the third person- creepy), this story was well worth the effort. Set in New Orleans, Dreyer captures the atmospheric tone of that city, and she kept the plot humming along- especially towards the very satisfying end. With a nice mix of suspense, shocking revelations and a touch of romance, this was a nice introduction to Dreyer's work. I'll definitely look for more.
