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Judged

As he watches, her body drifts below the water's surface, forever altered. Before he disposes of each victim, he takes a trophy. It's a sign of his power, and a warning--to the one destined to suffer most of all. . .

Condemned

In Grizzly Falls, Montana, Detectives Selena Alvarez and Regan Pescoli are struggling with a new commander and a department in the midst of upheaval. It's the worst possible time for a homicide. A body has been found, missing a finger. Alvarez hopes this means a murderer with a personal grudge, not a madman. But then a second body turns up. . .

Executed

As the clues begin pointing toward a suspect, Pescoli's unease grows. Even with Alvarez barely holding it together and her own personal life in chaos, she senses there's more to this case than others believe. A killer has made his way to Grizzly Falls, ready to fulfill a vengeance years in the making. And Pescoli must find the target of his wrath--or die trying. . .

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From Reader Review Deserves to Die for online ebook

Maryaninya says

3.4 actually. There are lots of things that didnt quite explained well. The reason for the serial killer to hunt down and kill women.

Donna Noe says

ToDieSeries

I love the To Die Series, because I love strong,feisty woman. It's not just the strong female characters that I like either. I love the action and the plot lines. I hope Ms. Jackson keeps this series going.

Janie Johnson says

This is what I expect to be the last installment to the 'to die' series. The series has been really enjoyable. This is one of the series that I wanted to complete in 2015 and I am glad to have gotten through it, but will miss this great characters I have come to love.

In this installment we have a serial killer going after women and before they die he cuts off their left ring finger and he walks away. Alvarez and Pescoli must figure out the connection between the murders and who else might be involved.

Again the plot line is full of mystery and I love it. Especially when more than one mystery coincide with one another. The imagery again is fantastic. I found this last installment to be very engaging and very fast paced. Always something to question.

These characters, Alvarez and Pescoli are probably my favorite female detectives. They have many flaws and many of their own issues to deal with, yet they always get the job done. I think of the two, Pescoli is my favorite. They both developed very well throughout the series and I am happy the way that they were written, an amazing job by Jackson.

I recommend this entire series to any mystery lover that enjoys really strong female protagonists, yet they show many flaws and work through them rather than let them get in the way. If there is to be anymore books to this series, I will of course read them.

Meredith says

I normally enjoy books by Lisa Jackson, but this book was not up to par. There were several errors in this book, and it clearly lacked decent editing. For example, one of the victims was said to be a corporate lawyer when they were first introduced, but later was described as "a consultant. An engineer. Worked with road

crews." Another error that I noticed was that, when Jessica first arrived at the cabin, there was no power, but there was mention of her making microwave popcorn before the electricity had been turned on.

spoiler: (view spoiler)

Unfortunately, these errors, coupled with the way the book dragged (more often than not, I skipped over entire paragraphs that were completely extraneous to the story) made this book my least favorite Jackson book to date.

Laura Salas says

I just couldn't get beyond the lack of editing or even copyediting. The plot and characterization may be great--I don't know. There were a lot of characters and storylines all introduced in rapid succession in the opening chapters. But I'd have kept reading if it weren't for bits like this:

"No longer could she taunt or ridicule anyone. No longer would she ever smirk again."

"She needed to unload the Tahoe, clean the place up if she could, dare start a fire and settle in for the night."

"Fear cold as an Arctic blast cut through him as he saw what the dog had sensed."

I have nothing against indie-published authors, but you've got to hire an editor, a copyeditor, and a proofreader. One or several people dropped the ball here, if they were hired in the first place. I was reading an ARC provided by the publisher. I'm just hoping they pulled the title back and decided to do more editing before it was actually released.

Dee says

Two-haiku review:

Two women are dead

Serial killer, again

And woman hiding

Really liked series

Two excellent woman cops

Smart, strong, courageous

Kooky says

ARC from Netgalley

Detectives Selena Alvarez and Regan Pescoli, based in Montana, have a new commander who is bringing in big changes. They have a new case, a murder where the victim is missing a digit, then there's another body found, suggesting that there is a serial killer on the loose.

The book was very slow to get started unfortunately. I picked it up and put it down several times and had to force myself to continue reading. There were various storylines introduced in the first half which don't seem to have a place, seem to be detouring from the plot and it takes some perseverance to continue reading until they make sense.

We are provided with in depth background about the detectives' lives which, in my opinion, distracts from the mystery story. I do like to know about the characters but there is too much taking the focus away from the plot and preventing it from it's potential.

I read to the end but I didn't find it exciting and I'm not encouraged to try other books by this author.

Jennifer says

Pescoli and Alvarez are back for the 6th book in the To Die series.

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If you've read the first five books of the series you'll have more background on what's happened to Sheriff Grayson, but Jackson does a nice job of filling you in. If you haven't read the first five books you'll be fine reading this book. Personally, I would recommend reading the entire series but that's mostly my OCD talking ;)

I didn't enjoy this book as much as I have the others in the series. Deserves to Die focused more on the personal life of Pescoli and not the mystery. Don't get me wrong! I love what's happening with Pescoli in her personal life, but if you ask me which I prefer, I'm going to ask for the mystery and suspense every time. I wasn't on the edge of my seat reading this one. The ending was also abrupt. Wham! Book done! All the ends were tied up in nice little bows, but just a little to quickly and nicely for my tastes.

Overall, an enjoyable read. I look forward to book 7 in the series.

I received a copy of this book from NetGalley in exchange for my honest review.

Sharon says

Confused me to start, I had a tough time figuring out who was speaking in any particular chapter. But I figured it out. Poor Grizzly Falls, there's something about that town that attracts serial killers, and here we go again.

Detectives Selena Alvarez and Regan Pescoli of the Pinewood County Sheriff's office are reeling from the injury to Sheriff Dan Grayson, he's in critical condition but expected to recover. Meanwhile, he's been replaced by an outsider, acting sheriff Hooper Blackwater and there's no doubt he has aspirations to succeed Dan. Selena and Regan don't trust him, they see his political side and try to keep their investigation away from him.

Enter Anne-Marie, she's on the run, she's been running for a quite a while. She knows Dan Grayson in a past life and is in Grizzly Falls hoping for some help from him. This is one train that's left the station, she'll end up talking to his brother as a last resort. Thankfully she's become a master of disguise while on the run. A girl's got to eat so she accepts a job in the local cafe under an assumed name and face. She knows she's being followed by an evil that's hard to understand and even harder to explain. She can feel he's close.

Then there's the bodies, bodies of young women, 2 of them with their ring finger's removed. There doesn't seem to be any connection between them except for a single fingerprint that leads them to a woman called Anne-Marie, in Texas. Little do they know that she's hiding in plain sight.

The ring is pulled tighter and tighter as the killer and the tracker all converge on Grizzly Falls.

Terri Lynn says

Author Lisa Jackson was very tricky here! We see a man dumping a tortured woman's body in the Louisiana swamps. Did the woman get eaten by gators? Did she die? Did she survive? All we know is that he cut off her ring finger.

Move on to Grizzly Falls, Montana. It is near Valentine's Day, blizzards are raging, and beloved sheriff Dan Grayson, severely wounded in the last book, lays dying in the hospital. We have our usual female detective duo of Selena Alvarez and Regan Pescoli with the focus and viewpoint this time being that of Regan Pescoli. Her teen son Jeremy and daughter Bianca (by her two exes) aren't thrilled she plans to marry her lover Nate Santana. She has been wishy-washy about it herself, fearing she'll make another mistake. Santana is building them a dream home and wanting to set the date while Pescoli hasn't even been wearing her engagement ring. She is torn up about Sheriff Grayson and refuses to like his replacement Sheriff Hooper Blackwater. Oh and she is secretly pregnant with an unplanned baby at 40 just as her kids are leaving the nest and trying to hide it-even from Santana and the kids.

A new mystery woman in disguise moves to town, fearful she is being followed, and gets a job as waitress in the diner while living in a dilapidated shack in an isolated area. A man looking for a woman shows up at the local dumpy motel and unknown to him, a stranger has shown up to stay at the same motel spying on him. Then something terrible begins- two women are murdered, their ring fingers with diamond rings hacked off, and it looks like a serial killer has again entered Grizzly Falls.

Penny says

Very good! I loved this series! Quite excited.....the book was ended where another book could be easily added to this series. Likeable characters, interesting story lines, twists and turns make Lisa one of my favorite authors.

Barbara says

When the bodies of a couple of murdered women - each missing a finger - turn up in Grizzly Falls, Montana

it seems clear a serial killer is on the loose. Long-time detective partners Selena Alvarez and Regan Pescoli investigate the crimes. Regan is having a tough time, though, for a variety of reasons: the sheriff's department has a new acting sheriff she can't stand; she's getting ready for her marriage and new home; and her teenage daughter is acting out and giving her a hard time.

Meanwhile - just before the murders start - a woman on the run lands in town, disguising her appearance and calling herself Jessica. Jessica rents an isolated cabin in the woods and takes a job as a waitress. A man named Troy Ryder is on her trail for reasons that become clear as the story unfolds. Jessica is convinced that the 'missing finger deaths' are meant to terrify her but - because of her past - is too scared to notify the police.

There's a lot of cat and mouse activity in the book as Troy Ryder stealthily stalks Jessica, and this ratchets up the suspense. There are also an array of characters that add interest to the story: a cowboy heartthrob who knew Jessica a long time ago, his rough and ready brother, the ambitious acting sheriff who craves the limelight, Regan's handsome/sexy fiance, and so on.

The story holds your attention, is fast-moving, and rolls along to a dramatic conclusion.

I enjoyed the book but there were some problems in the story for me. For example I didn't understand some of Jessica's actions. I kept thinking - why would she rent a primitive, uncomfortable cabin deep in the woods (presumably to hide out in) and then take a very public job as a waitress where anyone could (and did) find her? I also didn't buy into the reasons Jessica couldn't notify the police when she seriously believed her life was in danger. For these reasons this was a three-star-book for me.

Gail says

Deserve to Die by Lisa Jackson is a great novel. All the characters are interesting complex people. This is the first book in series that I read. I feel I'd know the characters a fractured better if I started at the beginning of this series. I was intrigued enough to seek out the first five. I recommend this book to anyone who loves a great mystery based on the police solving crimes.

Maxine (Booklover Catlady) says

I have not read anything by Lisa Jackson before, nor was familiar with the main characters in this novel. However, I am an avid reader of crime fiction, it being my most read genre, and have read many styles of crime novels over many years. So I was looking forward to reading this.

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The first half of the book was difficult to follow at times, there were a **LOT of characters** and it was hard to follow who was who apart from the two main Detectives, Alvarez and Pescoli. Whilst the book is partly

about their investigation of the death of a woman missing her ring finger, it's also got a lot of side stories weaved in.

There is also a lot of focus on the personal lives of the two detectives, I think some background is good in building up character profiles, but I did feel at times this was **TOO much**, taking away from the buzz of it essentially being a crime novel. I was wanting to skip some of the sections focused on their homes and relationships (I didn't) and get to the more meaty parts of the book.

A stranger is in town also, on the run, and this character plays a big part in the story too, I felt that this character was one of the better portrayed actually and one that I connected with the most, the most tangible. I struggled to relate at all to either Detective Alvarez or Pescoli, they seemed out of reach to me despite so much private life detail. Like I could not quite touch them in the novel.

I found the first half of the book slow going, nothing much piecing together and not enjoying it that much. But the latter half of the book I found was much more readable, had more action and became more of the crime novel that it is.

The few different stories intersect towards the end of the book and bits and pieces start to make more sense, up to this point at times it seems disjointed, and the style of writing different depending on who was the focus of the chapter and what was the focus. There was certainly **TOO much** information in some chapters, getting you lost in a sea of words.

It was an ok read, not the best crime novel I have ever read, nor the worst, just sitting on the fence as mediocre. I am not very inspired to read more of Lisa Jackson but perhaps may try something different of hers outside of the characters of these two female detectives to see if it's much different.

I received a copy of this novel thanks to the publisher via NetGalley in exchange for an honest review, my thanks for the opportunity.

Diane says

One of the best in the series. Another serial killer is loose in Grizzly Falls in January, and oh shocker - a bad snow storm is pushing through the area :) A sad, but inevitable thing happens in the first part of the book and it's interesting to see how the characters react and cope. And a new sheriff is in town and not one that everyone likes or trusts - maybe because of his political intentions.

Some red herrings are thrown in your path, and it isn't evident who the killer is, in fact you don't actually "meet" the killer until the latter part of the book.

Character development continues in a good way (at least to me) and Pescoli's kids aren't nearly as annoying in this book - maybe they are finally maturing some.

2 thumbs up and 5 stars - great read!
