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And flowing beneath everything is a crime—perpetrated across generations—pulling them into its wake.

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From Reader Review Found, Near Water for online ebook

Linda Strong says

When Rachel wakes up in the hospital four days after an auto accident, her first words are .. Where's Chloe, where's my daughter?

Christine is an ex-psychiatrist who now volunteers as a Victim's Advocate, working along side local law enforcement. She is called upon to speak to Rachel. Police have contacted her ex-husband, who makes no mention of a child. When they look at Rachel's residence, there are no obvious signs of a child living there. Throw in a history of depression, and the reader has to wonder ... is there really a missing child?

This all leads to a group of women who Christine counsels .. they have all lost a child, one way or another, including Christine herself.

The story is told in part by each of the women in this group. It's a fascinating way of looking at loss and tragedy, secrets that may be kept for fear of being blamed or shame for not telling the whole truth.

A 'psychic' makes an appearance and 'knows' where a girl's body is hidden. Upon investigating, they find 9 children's bodies.

But who is the woman, and what really connects her to all these other women? And who do these children belong to?

An interesting plot .. but it felt a little disjointed at times. What I missed was the back-story on how all these women came together in the first place. There are secondary characters ... husbands and ex-husbands and sons and dysfunctional families who lend an air of believability to this story.

Many thanks to the author / Net Galley who provided a digital copy in exchange for an honest, unbiased review. 3.5 Stars

Peggy says

An amazing story of six lives. A heartbreak story of six lives. Emotionally challenging. Katherine Hayton has a remarkable book that will take you through a the lives and journey of each story. You feel each and every one of their pain or their emotions. This is a great read.

Received For An Honest Review

Maxine (Booklover Catlady) says

This book is one of those that I loved more and more as I kept reading. I admit at the start I was a touch unsure and was a bit confused by the many character introductions but I soon found my groove and the plot and pace of the book began to really take off.

Rena Sutherland wakes from a coma into a mother's nightmare. Her daughter is missing – lost for four days – but no one has noticed; no one has complained; no one has been searching.

As the victim support officer assigned to her case, Christine Emmett puts aside her own problems as she tries to guide Rena through the maelstrom of her daughter's disappearance.

A task made harder by an ex-husband desperate for control; a paedophile on early-release in the community; and a psychic who knows more than seems possible.

And intertwined throughout, the stories of six women; six daughters lost.

This is not your typical crime novel, although it does indeed involve the police, forensics, missing persons and the search for a killer(s). It's different because of the intense human element we see as well from the women that are all connected by a support group set up in the local community for those women who have lost a child. They are interlinked by grief, loss, and unfinished business.

A massive hunt ensues to the relief of a frantic mother who struggled to have the police believe her daughter was stolen from her. With a plot that is taut, chilling at times and I could not stop reading, feeling the desperation of this mother wanting to find her child. I am a mother, I got it! I felt close to tears and panic too. It was harrowing.

A psychic offers help to the investigation and to the surprise of all those doubting her she does help lead them to some clues. There are some fantastic twists in the plot, things I did NOT see coming that just amazed me and I really felt were very clever.

All the characters are believable and intriguing. The location, set in New Zealand was extremely atmospheric and ideal to the overall book in my opinion. With plenty of suspense and intrigue, I enjoyed this read especially once the police case started to pick up traction and things were revealed bit by bit. I was blown away.

You will not imagine for a second the final outcome and how powerful it is. It was a stunning ending to a very clever book.

I received a copy of this book thanks to both the author and the publisher, many thanks for the opportunity to read and review this great book.

Cats of Ulthar says

REVIEW: FOUND, NEAR WATER by Kathleen Hayton

This is only the second mystery author I've read who uses Christchurch as a setting (the first, Paul Cleve). FOUND, NEAR WATER was engrossing, but some threads (Christine's marriage, the losses suffered by her support group) were depressing, or sad. Certainly the revelations to come later in the story are gritty and horrifying. Yet Ms. Hayton weaves them generously into a tale I could not set aside. I would like to see this extend into a series.

Lori L (She Treads Softly) says

Found, Near Water by Katherine Hayton is a highly recommended, well-paced mystery/crime novel set in New Zealand.

As a former psychiatrist, Christine Emmett should be the best victim support counselor around, but as the leader and member of a support group for women who have lost daughters, she is dealing with past trauma of her own that is still playing havoc with her life. When DSS Erik Smith of the Christchurch Police Department contacts her to talk to Rena Sutherland as her victim support officer, he really wants her to decipher the truth. Rena has woken up in the hospital after a car accident and wants to know where her daughter, Chloe, is. The trouble is that no one saw her daughter and the police aren't even sure they really believe she has a daughter. Once Christine determines that Rena is telling the truth, there is a mad scramble to look for her daughter. It's been days since the accident and so the trail is cold.

Interspersed between chapters are the stories of Terry, Ilene, Kendra, and Joanne, the 4 members of Christine's support group who have all endured the disappearance or death of their daughters. Adding to the tension is a known pedophile who has been released from prison, Rena's controlling ex-husband, and a psychic who claims to know where Chloe can be found.

Found, Near Water was a riveting read for me. I found all the characters well developed and believable. You never know exactly what trauma a personal tragedy can extract on an individual's emotional health. The individual stories are powerfully written and emotionally charged. It makes the search for Chloe even more urgent and also more difficult for Christine to watch since she is still suffering from her own tragedy. The ending was not predictable and actually a surprise for me, which is nice. As a bonus, I rather enjoyed the New Zealand setting.

My Kindle edition was courtesy of Katherine Hayton for review purposes.

Jessica says

I enjoyed this book very much. I received it as part of a Goodreads giveaway and as I'm not familiar with many New Zealand authors, I was very happy to have the opportunity to read this novel.

I don't want to put in any spoilers, because this is really a worthwhile book and I'd hate to give too much away. While the subject matter can be sad it was a compelling read and a good mystery. The characters were believable and more importantly wanted to find out what happened next.

Mauoijenn ~ *Mouthy Jenn* ~ says

NetGalley book review

The MC runs a support group for woman who have lost their child/ren. Very sorrowful and thought provoking book on the subject. It would have been a good read if not for the areas of lagging big time. Some scenes were drawn out too long. But all in all a good book.

Rebecca says

This was...an odd book. I'm still deciding what I think about it. Even though it is relatively short, it had so many twists and turns that I had trouble keeping up with everything. By the end, when all of the reveals were coming fast and furious, I had to stop a couple of times and page backwards to try to catch up with what was going on and keep the characters and their stories straight.

It is very intense and has some very graphic elements to it, enough to be very disturbing and possibly triggering for some people with traumatic experiences. Some of the scenes were so horrific that I didn't even really click in to what was happening until after I'd read it, then I went, "Wait, WHAT just happened??", and I had to go back and read it again. Then I had to drink.

There are some plot points that I didn't think were adequately explained or dealt with and seemed like they were just hanging out there. But, since this is a series, I'm going to assume that these are going to be picked up on later.

I am not going to read the rest of the series, but I am glad that I read this one, just for the experience. I did enjoy it, but be warned that you will not be able to get some of the mental images out of your head.

Jo says

This was a quick read without any lagging spots. The action definitely propelled you forward. I liked all the different stories of women, but I found them a little hard to keep track of. At first I was just reading them, but then as the stories were woven together, I had to go back and reread. It is set in New Zealand - need I say more! I will be looking for more from this author.

Sharon says

I Recommend This Book

Maybe

Thank you to Netgalley for an ARC of *Found Near Water* in return for an honest review. A harrowing tale of mothers affected by the death or disappearance of their children, this book focuses on members of a support group set up by Christine, who now works in Victim Support after she could no longer face her job as a psychiatrist. The book is interspersed with the stories of the women and what happened to them, it is in these stories that the strength of the book lies. I found the rest of the book less compelling to read and struggled to

find a connection to Christine, I found her quite cold and lacking in empathy, although the reasons for this are addressed later on in the book. As I said it is the women's stories that are weaved into the book that compel you to read on. I would have liked this part to have been developed further which may have upped my rating to a four star, I have given it 3 as I found it hard to make a connection with the main character and would have liked more insight into the back stories of the women involved which would again have provided me with the connection I was looking for

eileen rideout says

Very impressive

Unusual and enthralling. Superior plot and characterisations. Looking forward to reading subsequent novels in this series hoping the standard of writing is as enjoyable.

Susan says

When Rena Sutherland wakes from a coma she insists that her daughter was also in the car, when they had an accident and caused her into a coma. Christine Emmett, a victim support officer is assigned to her case and she and the police try to unravel the truth.

But beneath this there is the stories of Christine's support group, what tragedies will they reveal. Took a while to get into the story but it was worth it.

Ted McDonnell says

The title is the first thing about this book to catch the eye. The phrase that seems to be used by every psychic that offers to help to find a missing person (or body) sets the theme right from the start.

The victim support group where every member has a story to tell and the detective who seems unable to show empathy to anyone all revolve around the main character, who's own story evolves as the plot progresses. There are twists and red herrings, I pride myself on being able to work out who's lying and "whodunnit" but this one had me stumped.

This is a real page turner and I couldn't put it down until the last page, and then I was left wanting more!

Five stars.

sue says

I had the pleasure of receiving this book from the author for an honest review. I hadn't realized that I had

already got this from Net Galley too. That means I can spread the news of this debut novel widely!

I am always apprehensive when reading and reviewing a debut novel. I know the author is sitting on the edge of his/her seat wondering how the book is going to be received by the reader.

I started to read it with an open mind. I liked the blurb and it didn't disappoint me one iota on the inside of this book. I thought it was a grand opening, then slowed down a little, but it soon picked up pace again.

For a first novel, I think the author has done very well. As a lot of us reviewers do, we read an awful lot of books. We try not to compare with others, but inadvertently we tend to do this, but try not. So.... I can honestly say with this being the first thriller written by Katherine Hayton she has done very well. I am sure as time goes on in her writing she will excel even more as she has the ability to write a good enthralling real drama piece.

As the story goes, a Mother was in a coma only to discover when she woke, her daughter had gone missing. No one knew, no one expected it, no one realized. I'm not sure about that bit in the book, but tossing that aside the rest of the intrigue kept my attention. Especially when the Father came back on the scene, and then, when we hear that the DCI has something happen to her child too. I was wondering what on earth it was as it didn't seem straight forward.

Great ending to the story, brilliant conclusion.

Looking forward to reading more from this new author to see who she develops.

Thank you to Katherine Hayton for the chance to read/review your book. I have done this honestly and with my own thoughts

Kathleen says

In her debut novel, *Found, Near Water*, author Katherine Hayton weaves a riveting and powerful crime thriller set in Christchurch, New Zealand, that follows the emotional stories of six women in a victim support group, who are connected through the shared bond of having gone through the tragedy of the disappearance or death of their daughters.

Christine Emmett is a former psychiatrist turned victim support counselor, who began a victim support group after the drowning death of her daughter. The support group consists of a group of four women: Terry, Ilene, Kendra, and Joanne, who have all endured the tragedy of the disappearance or death of their daughters. Christine is requested by the Christchurch Police Department to talk to Rena Sutherland, who is in the hospital after a car accident and claims that her daughter Chloe is missing. Christine is assigned as Rena's victim support officer and brings her into the support group as a new member while the mystery of her missing daughter is investigated.

The reader is drawn into this dark and disturbing tale as each of the women's tragic stories unfold with riveting twists and turns that keeps them turning the pages. The author weaves a chilling and complex tale of the tragic circumstances surrounding the disappearances and deaths of the support group members daughters,

you can't help but feel the palpable emotion and raw intensity that each of the women endured through the very traumatic and personal loss of their children. While the women of this support group have bonded over their shared loss and grief, their individual issues makes it really hard for them to be of real support to each other, especially for Christine, their support group leader. While the main focus of the story surrounds around the investigation into the disappearance of Rena's daughter, the author does a wonderful job of interweaving all of the women's stories into a sobering tale that is every parent's worst fear and nightmare.

Found, Near Water is a haunting and tragic story that will stay with the reader for a very long time.

Disclaimer: I received a copy of the book from the author in exchange for my honest review and participation in a virtual book tour event hosted by Goddess Fish Promotions.

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