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I had three loves in my life: my daddy, him what my mama killed in cold blood; my son Henry, God rest him; and tall as an oak Riley Treadwell.

I lost all of 'em, one way or t'other, 'til Riley showed up on my stoop with a monster problem and tried to wiggle his way back into my life.

Only, weren't no monster bothering him; was the one bothering his ex-girlfriend what'd stirred up a hornet's nest out on Lake Burton amongst the muckity mucks. Weren't no never mind to me, see? I was fine letting well enough alone, 'cept curiosity got the best of me, and Riley, well. He weren't above using that silver tongue of his to persuade me 'round to his way of doing things. If I'da listened to my gut, maybe I woulda avoided stepping knee deep into somebody else's trouble.

Then again, I ain't never been one to heed a warning when monsters come a-calling.

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Lynda says

I really enjoyed this novel, the story has unique with interesting characters and a strange mystery to solve. There is lots of suspense in this fast moving tale that is sprinkled with humour that revolves are normal and supernatural crimes. I found it very interesting and was somewhat disappointed when it ended so soon. I'll be getting the next book in the series.

Ian says

Honestly it's not a great book, but I still loved it.
And the reason I loved it was because I love language and I really loved listening to the narrator telling the story in what I presume is a Georgia Appalachian dialect.
That on its own was worth the price of the book.

shelly north says

Good -Solid first book in a series

It was good. Could have been longer to allow more character development. The ending was a bit abrupt and could have benefitted from a couple of more chapters. Also, if we can't figure out that your spelling/sentence structure is meant to convey a regional dialect and try to correct you in a review, we are not bright enough to write reviews that you need to worry about. There is no need to point it out in the books description.

Lori says

3.5 stars

Good start to a series. Really good story with excellent narration. While it's interesting and pulls you in immediately, it's a very, very slow building story. At the same time it holds your attention completely. It's always alluding to something "more" supernatural going on but it takes the whole story for things to really come together. Which is annoying in some ways but is also perfect because it keeps you on the edge of your seat guessing as to what exactly is going on. For a shorter story it's very well written and flows smoothly. It doesn't "feel" like a shorter story.

Really good, interesting and well rounded cast of characters. Sunshine is in a class by herself. Clueless but strong and independent at the same time. Even though Sunshine is a fantastic character, is it really possible for someone to be that clueless about men/relationships. She is always misinterpreting things they say or do.

Riley was sweet, charming and lovable from the beginning.

The relationship building between Sunshine and Riley is a sweet one.

Great narration. This is the first time I have heard Rebecca Winder narrate a book. She did a fantastic job. The narration is what kept me listening. Especially in the beginning. She was the perfect narrator for this book. Her narration pulls you into the story and brings it to life. Nice voice that is easy to listen to for long periods of time. Great character voices and accents. Clearly spoken with a smooth even pace. Hopefully she will be narrating the rest of the series.

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Michelle VanDaley says

My review is based on the Audiobook. Where as I give the book 3 stars I would rate the narrator 5 stars. Once you get used to the dialect used in this story it is an interesting tale I wish there was more character development, most is surface and I like in depth characters. Rebecca Winder did a Phenomenal job as narrator. Her voice flowed and her inflections spot on. I would definitely purchase more narrated by her. I would also like to read book 2 in this series to see where the story leads and hopefully get answers to some unanswered questions in Book 1

Mary Wild says

She's country.

I really enjoyed this book. From what I read of the critiques, people didn't think her countrified speech was real. Just like everybody else around here to me. So when you first start the book that's what catches your attention.

But, it doesn't stay like that. She mourns for her baby boy. She's an investigator like none you've ever heard of before. She knows all about the deep woods, and she's this country as it gets. She's got a rough family and she's not particularly proud of him, but she loves them anyway. Then there is a mystery, there is something in the lake. Her uncle, an illegal moonshiner, tells her that something is messing with the water in the stream

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Sunshine starts to investigate. I won't run the story by telling you anymore. I like the character she plays. I like the situation. The rider doesn't following anyone else's footsteps. I read so much, that to me, that is a tremendous advantage. Despite her countrified speech, it is obvious that she has a large and discerning vocabulary. I truly enjoyed the book, but I also enjoy Shakespeare and Mark Twain.

Linda says

Enjoyable read

Very entertaining. The dialect was wonderful. If you enjoy some romance, fantasy, and humor capped off

with a little mystery, this book is for you. Will be reading the next one.

Marrissa says

This was a very good book. The dialect was very interesting but difficult sometimes. It was necessary for me to reread portion to understand exactly what she was saying. It didn't take anything away from the book as far as I was concern just made it more interesting.

DubaiReader says

I recommend the audio version.

This book was a little out of my usual genre, as I don't normally read Paranormal fiction. Although, to be honest, this was only mildly paranormal - most of the story centred around Sunny, a private investigator, and Riley Treadwell, her longtime school-friend and would-be-lover. It very much reminded me of Janet Evanovich's books, although the who-done-it element is not quite as strong.

Sunny, the Sunshine Walkingstick of the title, has a sad history - her mother killed her father and is now in jail, and her young son was taken by pooka (see below for explanation). She seems to have moved on from this awful past and is now a frequent member of her uncle's household and making a new life for herself - will it be with Riley Treadwell?

I liked that the investigation revolved around the topical issue of pollution of the nearby lake by persons unknown and I enjoyed the Appalachian accent (very broad American south) from the narrator, Rebecca Winder. As the book itself is written in this accent, I think I would have struggled to read it myself, given my own Queen's English!

It was also refreshing to read a novel where the female lead didn't jump straight into bed with the sexy male.

It's a short novel, just 178 pages in paperback, and I would have been happy for it to have been longer, but I didn't feel the characters suffered from the lack of length and I'd certainly listen to (if not read) subsequent books in the series.

Pooka: A mythical creature of Irish folklore. There are numerous variations of it in various cultures and traditions. It can be "good" or "bad," depending on the myth. According to various myths, a pooka can be a shape-shifter. Some of the shapes include appearing as a horse, goat, or rabbit.

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Claire says

Sunshine Walkingstick is a fascinating character, she is both strong and determined and proud as well as fragile and caring and hurt by life. She comes across as the perfect ordinary person forced to do extraordinary thing. She's very down to earth but in touch with the paranormal, in almost every way she's a mass of contradictions. I couldn't help but like her.

Riley comes across as a typical 'all American' guy but as the story progresses I got the impression that there's a lot more to him than we've seen so far.

In fact quite a few characters might turn out to be more than they seem and I'm eager to see where the second book will take me.

The story overall is wonderful I couldn't stop listening, I finished the whole book in one sitting, putting off other things that I had been planning to do.

The narration was amazing, the accents were impressive and the overall delivery was fabulous, I can't think of a single part of the delivery I didn't enjoy, very impressive!

This book was supplied free by the author/narrator/publisher and I voluntarily wrote this honest review.

Sadie Forsythe says

I quite enjoyed this, both the story and the narration of the Audible. I struggled at first with Rebecca Winder's version of a rural accent. It, combined with Roman's phrasing, came across as artificial at times, more of a stereotypical mountain-speak than anything realistic. But I got used to it eventually.

I generally liked this. I liked the characters, the mystery and the romance. But I struggled at times feeling like the romance overpowered everything else and, well, this really doesn't feel like a first book. The characters have a lot of history and a certain amount of background is left unexplained. I kept feeling like there must be a prequel out there somewhere. (There isn't as far as I know.) Some of this feeling probably would have been ameliorated by fleshing some of the plot points out a bit and bringing her whole paranormal investigation into the open earlier. As it was, I wasn't even sure she'd had paranormal cases, outside of her lost son, before the events of the book, until it was finally mentioned toward the end. It felt like yet one more thing readers were just supposed to know already.

All the same, it was a fun read. There was a certain amount of humor and I'd be open to continuing the series.

Lelouch says

This audiobook was provided by the author, narrator, or publisher at no cost in exchange for an unbiased review courtesy of AudiobookBoom dot com.

I think the narrator was the real star of the book. Trying to read the text would probably be very difficult, but the narrator makes it sound natural. Sunshine was a likable character and despite Sunshine's reluctance about Riley, I liked him as well. The story was ok, but I have a tendency to get overwhelmed when a lot of characters are introduced in a short period of time. It wasn't really the typical fantasy / urban fantasy feel. I'd categorize it more as just a southern mystery novel with light fantasy as opposed to something like Dresden Files.

Tracy Ehlers says

I love love love this character, a tough as nails call'em like she sees'em girl with backbone and personality to match!

I'm a huge fan of PNR and went into this book with that genre in mind, now it wasn't as paranormal as I was expecting but that was NOT a bad thing...

This story centres around Paranormal investigator Sunshine Walkingstick and her long time school friend Riley Treadwell, A Mystery surrounding what's in the Lake? The who's how's and why's, a budding albeit reluctant romance and so much more.

Sunny has a unique speech very countrified, this adds flavour to the story and you really get a feel for the characters..

A very entertaining read one I wouldn't hesitate to recommend to all.

Angela Lover of all Books No Matter How Horrid They Are ♥*? says

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This started a bit rough for me. I was a bit annoyed with the really deep Southern accent that the narrator. As the story continues the accent grew on me. I realized that the main character was not the only one with that thick Southern drawl. I have to admit the main reason it was so foreign to me was because I was trying to place the state that this story was taking place. I know that I am putting a lot of emphasis on the narration but listening to an audiobook that is all that is basically the main thing that sets the tone for a story.

The story was good. I loved Sunshine. The name already let me as a listener/reader know that the main character would be either real hippy or just sassy and she was sassy. I loved her as a main character. She had faults and she recognized them. She was not in denial thinking that she is amazing. I loved all the characters even the 'villains'. All the characters played off of one another and Riley (the love interest) just seems to be everywhere. Sunshine does not know what his motives are and that is great.

Riley is someone that I would like to know more about. There is just something there that author can bring up. Also I want to know more about her daddy, her son Henry, David, and Tao. I think that all of these characters can add a lot to the story and I cannot wait to find out more.

Beverly Laude says

I thoroughly enjoyed listening to this book. The narrator did an amazing job with Sunny's dialect and really made the book come alive for me.

It is a slow story, so if you are looking for an action packed read, you won't like this one. But, if you

appreciate really learning about the characters, the family dynamics of a truly dysfunctional family, a slow building romance and a Southern region, then you will enjoy the book.

I loved getting into Sunny's head, learning about her past and her family and getting a glimpse into her paranormal dealings. I look forward to many more adventures with Sunshine Walkingstick!

I was given a copy of this Audible book by the narrator/publisher/author and chose to review it.
