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Nestled on the shores of Lake Erie, the small town of Port Ariel, Ohio, is a welcome haven for Natalie St. John. Back home for the first time in years, she plans to visit old friends, mend a broken heart, and take a break from her busy veterinarian practice. But her peace is shattered her first night back, when she discovers the murdered body of her friend, Tamara Peyton.

Was it a random act of violence...or something personal? The answer becomes clear as Natalie is stalked by the voice of "Tamara," whose terrifying phone calls warn her that she too, is going to die.

One by one, the people closest to Tamara are being savagely murdered. But neither Natalie nor Sheriff Nick Meredith recognizes the face of the devious killer who walks among them, hiding behind a well-crafted lie. Now, a murderer's deadly act of vengeance demands one more sacrifice-and Natalie has been chosen to pay the price...

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### **Lucy says**

[When a kidnapper calls to request your life in exchange for the kidnap victim, and tells you to not tell the police and to come alo

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### **Juniper says**

A good suspense but a really awful translation ! I still wonder how the publisher accepted to publish this... I'll try and find the English version of this novel.

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### **Plum-crazy says**

A decent suspense story with plenty of red herrings to leave you wondering who the killer is, though I would have liked a bit more romance between the two main characters, Natalie & Nick.

I quite liked the character of Nick's daughter Paige who, with her friend Jimmy attempt to solve the killings. All in all an enjoyable read & will look out for more by this writer.

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### **Kimberly Suggs says**

This one wasn't bad, it kept me drawn in from the beginning all the way to the end. I will be reading more from her for sure. There were a lot of people that could have been the murderer and I think that she set it up perfectly in the end. I think my favorite characters were the kids in the book, that were trying to solve the mystery.

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### **Nicole says**

Eh, A so-so book. Not really worth reading. Took me forever to get through it because the dialogue was too unrealistic. Thought it could have had potential and it initially sparked my interest with the promise of a good mystery, but the characters were not quite developed and the story line looked like it was going one way, and then just completely shut off.

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### **Courtney says**

I take my mysteries and my suspense novels with a grain of salt. I have to suspend belief because a lot of it is much like TV and just not realistic. My biggest gripe was that any NORMAL female who gets a phone call from somebody claiming to be her friend that was just murdered the other day and who quotes the note left on the body would be calling the cops. But she just shrugs it off as nothing and moves on with her day.

Overall, it wasn't a bad book, but not anything real memorable.

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### **Lisa Kinard says**

#### **Very Very Good Suspense!**

This book kept me going. It did not disappoint. Great storyline and characters. You will be shocked at the end. Trust me!

I recommend this book highly. Natalie goes home for vacation and gets more than she ever thought. I will read more of Carlene's books.

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### **Charissa Wilkinson says**

Overview: Natalie St. John has rushed home after a fight with her boyfriend. She is looking forward to just spending time with her friends. And then the murders begin starting. First up is Tamara Hunt, one of Natalie's oldest friends. How many will die before the killer gets caught? There's one thing that Natalie can be positive about, maybe two. These phone calls don't bode well for her. And there's nothing that'll keep her in Port Ariel. Not her dad, not Lilly, and definitely not that cute sheriff...maybe she shouldn't be too hasty here.

Likes: Tamara was one of the best characters in this book. Andrew wanted the best for those of his community.

Paige and Jimmy were always good for a laugh.

Dislikes: I had a hard time getting along with Natalie. She was so contrary that she didn't seem to use any common sense at times.

Eugene's death seemed to bring the worse out of Dee. Her bitterness almost ruined what she was up to for me.

Conclusion: This was a rather fun story. It reminded me of a cross between a cozy mystery and a suspense novel.

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### **Heather \*Awkward Queen and Unicorn Twin\* says**

I liked this at first, but in the last third it started to drag. It was a bit dated, with many of the female characters wearing slacks, pearls, and pastels. The setting was good, and I thought the characters were well-

drawn. 2.5 stars.

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### **&#x1f338;Natasha&#x1f338; says**

Love this author!!

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### **Judy Tolley says**

I am not typically a mystery book reader but I really enjoyed this book. It was scary in parts and while I had a small clue who the murderer was, there were others I suspected more. So when the end came, I was still surprised. Ms. Thompson has a true gift to keep the reader entranced and I could visualize everyone and every place. Our main character, Natalie, goes to her small hometown where the twin sister of her best friend is killed. As the story continues and more people are murdered, Natalie is drawn more into helping the new local sheriff find the killer. I will be looking into more of Carlene Thompson's books now that I have experienced this one.

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### **Melissa says**

Book #5 read in 2006

I was very pleased with this book. I picked this up at a library sale never having heard of Carlene Thompson before. I am glad I did. The story was well-written and it kept me guessing for most of the book! I also picked up another of Thompson's books the same day, and I can't wait to read it as well.

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### **Jennifer says**

I had not read anything by this author and decided to give her a try, and I probably won't again. Perhaps it was just this book, but every adult character except the two main were obnoxious, whiny and without true depth. The over abundance of suspects became tiresome, especially when the clues for the true murderer came out halfway through. The worse part, however, was the stilted and strange dialogue between characters. These conversations were supposed to give us background, but it became a strange narration. I would skip this one.

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### **Ariel says**

I liked it, more than I thought I would honestly and I'll probably read more books by this author (especially since she's from WV!). It was missing that something that makes me super excited about a book though, so three stars is all it gets.

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**Red says**

One of my top favorites, and a very nice happy accident. This book caught by eye by cover alone like many, but actually had good turns, twists, and touches that made it memorable to me. It's one of the books I am absolutely seeking to replace after losing and will be rereading once I have it in my collection again.

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