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A Tulare County Supervisor, with both Native American and Mexican roots, dies under suspicious circumstances. Because of Deputy Tempe Crabtree's own ties to the Bear Creek Indian Reservation, she's asked to help with the investigation.

To complicate matters, besides the supervisor's husband, several others had reason to want the woman dead.

Tempe has unsettling dreams, dreams that may predict the future and bring back memories of her grandmother's stories about the legend of the Hairy Man. Once again, Tempe's life is threatened and this time, she fears no one will come to her rescue in time.

Book 8 of the Tempe Crabtree Mystery series

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Patricia says

The Legend of the Hairy Man is a story Tempe Crabtree's Native American grandmother told her years ago. This story comes back to Tempe in her dreams as she attempts to solve the mystery surrounding the death of Lilia Quintera, a Tulane County Supervisor.

Tempe is the resident deputy of the mountain community of Bear Creek. Tempe has a Native American background as well as Mexican roots. Tempe's husband is Hutch Hutchinson, the pastor of the local community church. Although Tempe and Hutch do not always see eye to eye on every issue the two have found a middle ground where both are more understanding of the other's beliefs.

The couple attends a social event given by the casino. Lilia Quintera attends this event. She is blindsided when Daniel Burcena, the casino manager, makes an announcement that land is going to be acquired to build a hotel, golf course, and other amenities. He then asked Lilia what hurtles they could expect to be in their way. Lilia stated that this was not the time or the place for this discussion.

However, Lilia would never have the time for the discussion. She died of what is presumed to be a heart attack but Tempe has other ideas. Lilia's husband tended to seek out other women. The hotel would be a boon to some of the people of the community but a disaster to others. There was also the problem of the residential facility going up at Shadow Hills, an exclusive neighborhood. Lilia had planned to place her niece Suzy Alvarez in the facility. A resident of Shadow Hills had organized an ugly demonstration against the facility and against Lilia Quintera for promoting the facility.

Tempe is determined to find the real cause of Lilia's death and who is responsible. Her dreams lead her back to the reservation to seek answers. Tempe is a fascinating character and one that keeps the reader guessing until the conclusion.

Martha Cheves says

Dispel The Mist - Review by Martha A. Cheves, Author of Stir, Laugh, Repeat

'Her next dream was a nightmare. Tempe knew she was on the reservation, but it was different looking as familiar places often are in dreams. The buildings all seemed dilapidated and badly in need of repair through she couldn't see them clearly because of a swirling grayish-yellow mist surrounded everything. Jagged black mountain peaks poked through the clouds. Though she was alone a feeling of menace was so prevalent, she could almost smell it.

Without warning, a large man who resembled Cruz Murphy stepped out of the fog. He held up a hand, palm out. "Stop. Danger ahead."

Lilia Quintera is a Tulare County Supervisor who won her election due to her being a descendant of both Mexican and Native American. She was a big help in bringing a casino to the reservation, allowing jobs and a better life for those living on the reservation as well as the city. But when she is put into a position to

support the proposal of a new hotel with a golf course and all the amenities that go with it, she refuses to conform to their plans without more research on its effect on the community. So when Lilia Quintera dies from what seems to be natural causes, Tempe Crabtree is brought in to help gather clues and evidence pending the autopsy.

Who would want Lilia dead? Her husband Wade, who is several years younger as well as a ladies man and may gain from her death through inheritance is a suspect. Her sister Connie, who's daughter Suzy at the advice of Lilia, will be moving to a residential facility called Shadow Hills, Shadow Hills will house young ladies who are mentally challenged. Plus, feelings of jealousy for all of the decisions as to the welfare of Suzy might make Connie want to see Lilia dead, making her a suspect. There is Duane Whitney who lives in the neighborhood where Shadow Hill will open. He feels it will bring down the value of his property, so with Lilia publicly supporting the facility may make him want her dead, making him another suspect. And then there are the Native Americans who feel that Lilia should support the building of the Hotel, feeling it will bring more opportunities for the reservation. Many of them can be considered suspects.

Follow Tempe as she sorts through the facts and gossip, as she encounters the hostility of those on her list of suspects, as she sorts through the clues hidden in her own dreams and as she tries to understand the role that Hairy Man plays into it all. Is he real or just a fable?

I've enjoyed this book so much, with its mystery as well as history, that I find myself wanting to learn even more about the myths and fables of the American Indians.

Cheryl Malandrinos says

In this latest installment of Marilyn Meredith's award-winning Deputy Tempe Crabtree series, a Tulare County supervisor dies under suspicious circumstances. With her Mexican and Native American roots, Lilia Quintera was certainly a person to have on your side. Because of Tempe's ties to the Bear Creek Indian Reservation, she is called in to investigate Lilia's death. Tempe soon discovers that several people, including Lilia's husband, might have wanted her dead.

Tempe's unsettling dreams bring back memories of her grandmother's stories about the legend of the Hairy Man. Wishing she had thought to ask her grandmother more about the Hairy Man, Tempe wonders if these dreams predict the future. Once again, Tempe finds herself in danger. Only now, she fears no one will come to her rescue in time!

"Dispel the Mist" is an excellent new addition to the Deputy Tempe Crabtree series. Hutch and Tempe are on track with their marriage, but that certainly doesn't mean life is dull. A new golf course and hotel project planned at the Bear Creek Reservation could threaten the amount of business heading to Bear Creek Inn, owned by Tempe's friend, Claudia Donato, who also runs the inn with the help of Nick Two John. The opening up of a home for women with disabilities in the new gated community of Shadow Hills has some of the residents up in arms. And Lilia Quintera had connections to both projects. So, again, Tempe doesn't expect things to go easily when Detective Morrison asks her to investigate the possibility that Lilia died under mysterious circumstances.

The unsettling dreams that Tempe experiences, along with continued involvement at the reservation, bring in the Native American elements that flow through the Crabtree books. One can certainly tell the level of

research Meredith has undertaken in order to create this series. In addition, the author's past experience as a caregiver may have played into this book as well.

If you're looking for an excellent fall read, look no further than "Dispel the Mist" by Marilyn Meredith. Filled with suspense, mystery and legends, you'll keep turning pages until you reach a satisfying conclusion.

Maria says

American Authors Association Review -

Another Wonderful book from Marilyn Meredith

There are some authors whom I really look forward to reading their newest books. Marilyn Meredith is one such author. Her Temple Crabtree mystery series is as good as it gets. Truly she is an artist with prose. She can tell a most riveting story that weaves in the best of intrigue, murder, mystery, folk lore, social and relationship issues. In her latest book of that series, "Dispel The Mist," she goes all out and leaves nothing wanting for the hungry fans of her books. It is top-notch creative writing with great characters and an original and mystically inspired plot that entertains big time!

I have loved every one of her books in this series but this one is special and the emotional feelings in this new book seem deeper and more heart felt - as if the author has lived parts of this story herself. I really got into the book and found myself completely absorbed. It is the kind of book that you want to take along on your vacation so you can get some uninterrupted time to sit quietly and digest every word on every page! This book is the highlight of a long series of great books from this author and is no doubt her best work today!

This book has been nominated for one of The American Author's Association's annual book awards for 2009. I would say that this is one of the 10 best mystery books I have read in the last two decades! It is a book worth your time reading! It is truly a FIVE STAR RATED BOOK!

Submitted by AAA Founder W. H. McDonald, Jr.

Marilyn Meredith says

This is my own book, the latest in the Deputy Tempe Crabtree mystery series.

Lorna Collins says

I've said it before, but this one is definitely the best of the series. It moves very quickly, and there's a lot of the Native American legend and spirituality in it. I also like that she and her husband aren't at odds as they have been in some of the others.

Marilyn writes with precision, and has created memorable characters. I had heard about the Hairy Man from her, and she has used the references to him judiciously but effectively.

If you already like Tempee Crabtree, you'll love this adventure with her. And if you haven't discovered her

yet, you should!
