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Harper Connelly Mysteries Quartet Another acclaimed paranormal mystery series by the author of the #1 New York Times bestselling Sookie Stackhouse novels that inspired HBO's True Blood. These four novels introduce a "winning heroine"* who uses psychic skills to help law enforcement provide justice for the dead. "A series that just might surpass all [Harris's] others in popularity."-*Booklist Grave Sight Grave Surprise An Ice Cold Grave Grave Secret

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Leah Snow says

Wish there was more

Cathy A. says

See individual book reviews for more on this series. Overall, good vacation reads. Easy. Quick. Fun and interesting characters. Charlaine and my vacations go together well.

Kaysha says

My favorite author great books. Fast reading.

Laura Osborne says

I thoroughly enjoyed this book - it's all 4 of the Harper Connelly books in one - and would recommend the book, and Charlaine Harris to anyone who enjoys paranormal books.

Harper Connelly was struck by lightening when living in a trailer with a dead beat mom, stepdad, stepbrother and her sisters and after she recovered, she found that she could touch corpses - old and new - and discover how they died. She travels around the country with her stepbrother who works as her manager, security and companion either helping various Police departments with missing persons cases or mysterious murders, while looking for one of her sisters who has been missing for years. In one book she had been trying to find a young girl who had been missing for several months but had given up the case as she had found nothing, but a college professor who heard about her gift and wanted to prove she had inside information about the bodies she found, but the missing girl had been buried with the corpse of the man she had been hired to 'read'....

This was a different kind of book for me (the first time I read it anyway!) but had read a couple of the Sookie Stackhouse books so was a little familiar with this author and I have to say - I LOVED IT!! Give it a try.

Christine says

I enjoyed reading these books and am very glad I picked them up. I'm particularly glad that I kept reading past the first book, which was a borderline thing. Each subsequent book in the quartet was better than the one before.

Ultimately, I'd probably put this series at 3.5 stars, but there was something indefinably missing from these books. I felt like it was just out of reach, that thing that was missing and would have taken these from good reads to great reads.

Partly, the mysteries were pretty predictable -- all but the last one which did pleasantly surprise me.

Partly, the relationship between the two main characters, while I liked it, was not romantic enough to qualify this series as a romance. Which means it has to stand on those predictable mysteries and the paranormal element.

I did like the paranormal element. I enjoy magical realism, and this gift of Harper's was a nice spin on the old ghost-seeing or medium talents. Just a little bit different; refreshing.

I read this series back to back in under a week and I do recommend it to paranormal mystery fans.

Lyn Soulia smith says

I really enjoyed this series. Only sad that there will be no more to go along with these four. The main characters were strong and the main Harper was pretty unique. I like the way in which she gained her talent. I have known a few people that have been struck with lightning and I would say nothing exceptional happened after. By the end of the fourth book I could see where the mystery laid among the family but not exactly in which it was written.

Rachael says

Great characters and attention to detail. Makes you think Ms. Harris was a detective in another life, and has paranormal gifts of her own.

Would love another 10 books for this series.

Kiersten Pawsey says

I've read Charlaine Harris before in the form of the Sookie Stackhouse (true blood) series. I wasn't sure what to expect but was pleasantly surprised. The Harper Connelly series comprises of 4 books which follow Harper and her "brother" Tolliver as they find the missing dead with Harper's special gift. There are several colourful characters along the way. I really enjoyed reading this set of books, it's different from the vampires in Sookie books but really enjoyable.

Danielle says

I really liked the first book and the narrator is excellent. But if you read the first book you pretty much have read them all. All of the books have the same basic course of events just with a different "mystery" and different characters. I would have really liked the books if they were not so predictable. The one "mystery" throughout the quartet was easy to figure out before the end of the last book.

Jennifer says

Harper Connelly can sense the dead, and see the last few seconds of their life. She tours the country with her stepbrother, and takes cash for her talents in locating bodies and confirming their cause of death. The one body she always hopes to find is her sister, who went missing when they were teenagers. This ebook has the four novels in the series, so I'll address them separately.

Grave Sight - A good introduction to Harper, and how she does what she does. The backstory that drives her and her brother is established throughout all four books, but never at the expense of the current story. The author finds a way to use Harper's abilities to advance the mystery, without solving it too quickly.

Grave Surprise - Harper has an opportunity to prove that her abilities are real, and she's not a clever con artist taking advantage of grief stricken families. Unfortunately her moment of triumph is overshadowed by the discovery of a body that wasn't supposed to be there. Once again Harper has just enough information to kick off a lot of questions, and it takes some searching to get to the bottom of a years old mystery.

An Ice Cold Grave - The darkest book in the series, Harper finds a small town's horrible secret. It's hard on her, and everyone around her. She makes some major life changes that involve her stepbrother and traveling companion, Tolliver. Most of the time Harper is happy to have brought closure to people, but this time it's the worst thing she's ever found. It's becoming a little irritating to have yet another law enforcement group that accuses Harper of a crime she couldn't possibly have committed, but I suppose that gives the reader a glimpse of what the character has been dealing with for years.

Grave Secret - In my opinion this is the most disappointing book of the series. It's worth reading for the story, and to find out how the series ends. The whole book reads to me like the author just needed to get the series wrapped up. It's full of strange and unreal coincidences that aren't organic. It's one thing to have a character put the clues together in a logical way, but it's not successful if the reader is dragged along by dialogue that was written to force a conclusion that no reasonable person would come to. It's just not satisfying when the moment the whole series has been leading to happens because the author wants to stop writing. I hope that Harris revisits these characters again, and gives us a few more installments that do the premise justice.

Michelle Stevenson says

Charlaine Harris has such an easy and engaging writing style, that it is so easy to become heavily invested in her books.

I like the crime aspect of these books interwoven with the psychic side. I also love the sub plot of her missing sister and how that quietly picks up pace throughout the whole four books.

While at certain times I found that the pieces of the mystery only tends to fall together in the last couple of chapters, I enjoyed the narrative style Harris employs.

Anybody who enjoyed the true blood books I would definitely recommend.

Lynn says

Interesting concept

I found that I really liked this series by Charlaine Harris. It was a totally different twist of plots. Riveting stories. I could not put them down. Plus it's a good read.

ALPHAreader says

This is my favourite of Charlaine Harris's series, after 'Southern Vampire: Sookie Stackhouse'.

Fans of the Sookie books can appreciate that 'Harper Connelly' does have a supernatural bent. Harper's world is our world, real life in which there are no vampires, werewolves or fey. The 'Harper Connelly' series looks at the supernatural from a realist perspective – and Harper is a protagonist dealing with other people's pessimism and blatant distrust of her and her abilities. In this series Charlaine can explore the 'what if' aspects of the supernatural in everyday life.

Like Sookie, Lily and Aurora, Harper is an ordinary woman living an extraordinary life. When she was younger Harper was struck by lightening. Ever since she has been able to 'sense' death. She turned her ability into a profession and tours the country, helping search for missing persons (for a price).

You will feel conflicted about Harper's line of work – but Charlaine has written a very pragmatic character, and Harper doesn't mind defending her vocation and maintains that if she had to be lumped with a disability she may as well make money out of it. Fair enough. But there is more to Harper's working gift. For one thing, her little sister was abducted when they were children. After Harper was struck by lightening and gained her 'ability' she instantly recognized that it could be a way to find her sister – a way to finally have closure and put her guilt and worry to rest. Furthermore, there seems to be a certain connection between Harper and the spirits she feels;

It's hard to describe the feeling – but of course, that's what everyone wants to know. It's a little like hearing a bee droning inside your head, or maybe the pop of a Geiger counter – a persistent and irregular noise, increasing in strength the closer I get to the body.

As much as Harper tries to maintain her pragmatism, readers will no doubt see through the armour she dons to shield herself from the weight of her gifts' responsibility.

They want to be found, you know.

Harper is a tricky character. She does shield herself emotionally, and there is a contrast between her thoughts and actions, especially where romance is concerned. But it is clear that Harper has been burned in the past – aside from having an abusive childhood and less than stable home life growing up, her 'gift' has caused Harper to become a social pariah. People believe she is a charlatan, and those few who are convinced of her abilities believe she is a crook for not providing her services for free. So, Harper has developed a tough exterior. It makes her a fascinating woman to read. On the one hand, readers are privy to her biting wit, loyalty and compassionate nature – and we know that if people would only give her a chance they would come to see her for the amazing woman she is. But on the other hand we do see people's negative reactions

to her and her gift – and as readers we want to shield her from further abuse and heartache. Unlike Sookie, Harper is living with her ‘gift’ without the crutch of a totally open supernatural community – and it is fascinating to see how people deal with her, and how she deals with her own uncertainties regarding her dubious ‘abilities’.

Like her other series, ‘Harper Connelly’ does have a love story at its centre. I can’t give this massive spoiler away – but many fans expressed dismay when the romance came to the fore. It will throw some readers for a loop, be warned. But I personally thought Charlaine did such a wonderful job with characterisation and the slow burn of the romance that it was a natural and inevitable progression for the two characters.

I love this series especially. There are moments when it is quite bleak; but that is to be expected when death is the subject matter. But the romance is definitely at the heart of the ‘Harper Connelly’ books, and that lightens the mood somewhat. Furthermore, Harper is a fascinating woman. For any fans of the ‘Sookie’ books who ever wondered what life would have been like for Sookie without the help of vampires, werewolves and fey – Charlaine is able to answer that ‘what if’ question through these books. It is supernatural in the real world and a completely compelling read.

Unfortunately Charlaine has said the series will only go as far as 4 books. ‘Grave Secret’ came out October 27th 2009 and that ties up the series. What a shame. But just because it ends so quickly, that’s no reason not to enjoy the hell out of it.

Glenajo says

Struck by lightening during her teens, Harper Connelly began sensing bodies calling her after death allowing her to determine who they are and how they died. Though she grew up in a highly dysfunctional family, she deigns to live an ethical life using her only skill. Her stepbrother, Tolliver, works as her ‘handler’ to line up jobs as they travel the country and answer client’s questions. In each of the four novels in this Kindle edition, after locating a body, Connelly works to discover the circumstances surrounding the death.

Harris adds a novel and interesting touch basing the plot on a very small segment of the population with Harper Connelly dealing with the after effects of a lightening strike. The stories were interesting and the characters well developed. I totally enjoyed them all.

joyce zamaitis says

Enjoyed the series

Even though this he earlier works, I got so caught up in the stories, I had to stay up and read, one complaint is how much she goes over Harper's background. I do recommend these books for those long cold nights .
