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Murdered by a dead man?

A woman named Maria Gomez is murdered in Miami, apparently by her husband—who'd been presumed dead, slain by a crime boss. FBI agent Brett Cody can't believe it; dead or alive, the man had loved his wife. He also can't help feeling guilty, since he was responsible for protecting Miguel and Maria Gomez.

A few miles away, Lara Mayhew has just begun working at a dolphin research facility. She loves her new job—until a dolphin brings her something unexpected from the deep. A human hand. More body parts show up, and when Brett looks into the situation, he discovers that the dismembered corpse is Miguel's.

Soon, rumors of crazed zombies abound in the Miami media, and the Krewe of Hunters, an elite FBI unit of paranormal investigators, is called in. Brett and Lara find themselves working with the Krewe—and working closely together. An elderly crime boss who's losing his memory seems to be key to solving this case, but...there's no motive. Unless Brett and Lara can uncover one in the Miami underworld. And that means they have to protect themselves. And each other.

The Forgotten Details

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Books and Spoons says

Even though I am not a big fan of paranormal genre, I have been intrigued by this series, and how the ghosts are communicating with the FBI agents, and helping out with the cases.

With this story at first, the whole zombie attack was a bit much to me, but as the evidence is revealed, and more information comes forward, including medical evidence, of what really seemed to happen, it all got more fascinating by every page.

The mystery is alluring, so many questions that need answers.

The suspense side of the story mainly focuses on the investigations, and when the action hits, it is nail-biting, dangerous, and deadly.

Brett and Lara has palpable connection. I liked the humor, understanding, acceptance, and passion they had for each other. It is unique, rare and captivating. Everything between them seemed to be so easy, natural, like two pieces of a whole finally getting together, and are the perfect match, it was just delightful.

I enjoyed this story, it is different with the Krewe hunter aspect. The mystery, not so much who is behind it, but the reasons for it, kept me guessing. The fate of the 'forgotten' is heartbreaking, but the dolphins with their games and wisdom, as well as the romance and life long friendships gave a great balance to the gloomy murders

~ Four Spoons with a teaspoon on the side

Adite says

This is the first book I have read by Heather Graham, the multiple award winning romantic suspense author. And honestly speaking, it left me cold.

The premise is intriguing enough...a woman is murdered by her husband who is supposed to have been killed by the mafia. Even as FBI agent Brett is investigating the case more such murders by 'dead men' are revealed and the media goes ballistic about 'zombie attacks'. Meanwhile, Lara who has just started working at Sea Life, a dolphin research facility, gets a shock when one of the dolphins brings up a human body part. There is a paranormal angle in it as both Brett and Lara begin to connect with the ghosts of the murdered woman (Maria) and her husband (Miguel). Being part of the Krewe of Hunters series, there are special agents who specialise in solving crimes with the help of ghosts. Apart from this there is an angle about medical research too.

While it is an easy enough read, there are too many characters (on both sides of the good vs evil divide). The paranormal angle isn't spooky enough. Besides it is a bit of a stretch to imagine that not only the Krewe Hunters but Brett and Lara too are able to easily communicate with ghosts. The writing does not create enough suspense nor is there much of a romance angle. It's unlikely that I will ever read any other book in this series.

Sharon says

3.5/5 stars

I admit to being a trifle disappointed in this latest entry in the "Krewe of Hunters" series. It seems as though author Heather Graham was just in too much of a hurry to put zombies into her story and get in on the latest supernatural literary trend.

Lara Mayhew, who was in the previous book ("The Silenced") is the main character here. She's in Florida, working for Sea Life, a marine mammal sanctuary, as their PR liaison. One of the dolphins, Cocoa, has taken a particular liking to her ... and one day, brings Lara a human finger during a session of playing "fetch."

In the mean while, people who are already dead are being seen around town killing their loved ones -- and then turning up "really, truly dead" later. One of them shows himself to Lara as a ghost -- and that's why the FBI's special Krewe are brought into the mix. They are basically law enforcement ghostbusters. One of the FBI agents, Brett Cody, finds himself attracted to Lara -- and vice versa -- but only after the stereotypical "hate at first sight."

And yes, zombies. With a plot lifted straight from the pages of "The Serpent and the Rainbow," someone is making zombies using tetrodotoxin (referenced in the book even by scientists as "puffer fish poison"). The reason isn't revealed until the end of the book.

Graham told, rather than showed, the passion and attraction between Brett and Lara, which cost the book half a star. A full star was taken off because I'm just as sick and tired of zombies as I was of vampires when they were the character du jour.

BJ says

This is another of the Krewe of Hunter series and it was much better than the last one. The story takes place in Miami and the area surrounding Biscayne Bay. Much of it is set at a Dolphin facility where you can go to swim with the Dolphins and concerns one of the secondary characters from the last in this series. Enjoyable and fast read.

Cindi says

3.5 fast-paced stars

Vanessa says

"The Forgotten," the latest installment of Heather Graham's Krewe of Hunters series, brings us to Miami when a man comes home...and kills his wife. Agent Brett Cody, who'd known the dead man, takes the wife's murder to heart, and vows to find out the truth about why Maria Gomez was killed. Meanwhile, Lara Mayhew has come to a dolphin sanctuary in Miami for a new start. And her new life begins with a bang when one of the sanctuary's dolphins brings her a present: a dead man's finger. So begins a long, twisting road involving zombies, mob bosses, and marine animals. Oh my.

One of the things I love most about Graham's writing is out full-force in "The Forgotten." I love the way Graham immerses the story in the setting. Everything about the story is informed by the place, by the history,

by the culture, which helps bring a bit of believability to the paranormal side of her stories. She brings that to Miami, and more specifically, Miami's Haitian population, and the history of Papa Doc and his alleged zombie army. Graham always makes me want to go on a history spiral, hitting up books and the internet to find out *more* and this is no different.

However, the rest of the book felt a bit flat. It didn't *feel* like a Krewe of Hunters book, and I don't know if it's because I haven't yet read the last book in the series (which is heavily connected to this one). However, the ghostly element just didn't feel *there*. There were a couple of perfunctory "Oh look, I'm talking to a ghost" scenes, but it felt like they were there because they were expected to be there and didn't add much to the story. Same for the romance. It felt like halfway through, Graham remembered "Oh, right. The love story. Here you go" and tossed it in there.

The book was still quite enjoyable, but it's not one that I'm going to pick up and reread again (unlike Sacred Evil, The Hexed, and The Betrayed). It's not one of Graham's strongest offerings, but it's a solid read.

Kerry says

Latest installment to the Krewe of Hunters series. This one provided much needed grit and roughness to Graham's enjoyable yet predictable writing. They cursed! Zombies and cadaver rescuing dolphins made for an interesting read. Looking forward to #17

Beth says

Not my favorite . Not as interesting. Not that interested in the main characters. One throw-away crazy. And the zombi idea should have been scary, but it was not.

Donna Barrett says

I love the Krewe series. Every book introduces a new agent. Nice storyline featuring the dolphins.

Lesya says

If you're a fan of Heather Graham's Krewe of Hunters series, as I am, here's a warning. Don't read my review unless you've already read *The Silenced*. Graham's latest suspense novel in the series, *The Forgotten*, includes some of the same characters, and it will spoil *The Silenced* if you haven't read it. For those who are going on with the review, *The Forgotten* is as fascinating as all the other books in the series.

After horrifying events in her life, Lara Mayhew has changed careers, and her last name to Ainsworth, her mother's maiden name. She's moved to Miami, where she now works in PR for a center that rescues, rehabilitates, and researches dolphins. She hasn't worked there long, but one of the dolphins, Cocoa, has bonded with her. And, then one day Cocoa brings her a gift, a human finger.

FBI agent Brett Cody is angry and frustrated at the turn in a case. He liked Maria Gomez. But, now she was dead, murdered by a man who looked just like her dead husband, a man who had been caught up in the schemes of a Miami crime boss. But, it isn't until Lara Ainsworth reports that finger that Brett and his partner, Diego, realize how strange their case is. And, when another man is murdered, supposedly by a friend who had been buried three months earlier, the national headlines scream about killer zombies in Miami. The dead may be walking, and appearing to those who can help them, but there is someone evil behind the body snatching.

Like Nora Roberts, Heather Graham has written countless books, and both authors are able to bring unique twists to every story. Graham's Krewe of Hunters novels feature strong women, sexy men, and the unexplained. The Krewe of Hunters is a special unit of the FBI formed to investigate cases involving the unexplained, often ghosts that appear and assist in finding the humans behind the evil. Each book takes place in an unusual, beautiful setting; in this case, Miami, Florida, with fascinating details about the locale. And, the books are romantic suspense, involving a man and woman who are strongly attracted to each other.

The Krewe of Hunters novels are fast-paced stories that suck the reader in quickly with a dramatic opening scene. The Forgotten, with the helpful dolphin, the stories of the dead walking the streets of Miami, and the attractive investigators, is a novel not easily forgotten.

Catherine says

I love Heather Graham and the Krewe Hunters. In the Forgotten, a dolphin is the real hero. The murders are gross and two FBI agents help solve the case. It is easy to get caught up in these murder mysteries. And of course there is always a happy love connection. I have six more of this series lined up to read.

Laura Agnella says

Have you ever gotten stuck in a book series and each time a new installment comes out, you have to grab it right away? Even though you know that every book in the series follows the same pattern? You know there will be a happy ending, boy gets girl or vice versa, and the mystery is solved, but you still keep reading? The Krewe of Hunters books are that series for me. Now, it might seem from what I wrote above that these books may not be good but that is not the case at all. I actually love them!

For those who have never read a book in this series, there are a few things to know. First, all of the books follow a specialized unit of the FBI called the Krewe of Hunters, who investigate cases that have an element of the strange or paranormal. Each member of the Krewe has an ability that lends to the solving of these cases and new members are being added to the group all the time. So, even though new characters are the focus in each new installment, the original characters are almost always play a role in the stories as well. Second, if you haven't figured it out already, every book in the series has a paranormal element to it. While they do follow a basic crime-solving mystery format, most of the books have a mild horror element to them and almost always involve the ghosts of the dead helping to lead the way. Some of them also have a historical element to them as well, which is an added bonus for me. Finally, the two main characters always become involved with one another about midway through the story so there is definitely some romance as well. Usually, the books are in sets of three but almost any of them can be read as a stand alone.

These are fairly quick, fun reads and perfect if you need a book for the beach or a weekend getaway. I love to read them in between deeper books because I know I can count on Heather Graham to give me a spooky story that won't disappoint. The next Krewe of Hunters book comes out in September and I will await it as patiently as possible.

Jessica says

I thought this series would eventually get old, but here I am on book 16! I really enjoyed this one. Heather Graham described Miami very well, and I liked the role that the dolphin research facility played in the plot. The crime itself involved a notorious crime ring and “zombies” killing their loved ones. Heather Graham also worked in some interesting information on Miami’s Haitian community.

This book was lighter on the paranormal elements - ghosts are present in the story at critical moments, but don’t play a strong role overall. Also, unlike in previous books, no other Krewe members show up to help Lara, Brett, Meg and Diego solve the mystery. But I still thought this Krewe installment was very creative and am happy to rate it a solid four stars.

Dez Nemec says

Someone else mentioned how formulaic this series is - and that is totally true. But that doesn't stop them from being entertaining!

? Kimberly says

Five reasons to grab *The Forgotten*

Zombies! It seems the dead are back and killing those they love. Yep-this case was very intriguing and intense.

Dolphins! I love these beautiful, intelligent creatures and we befriend one brilliant dolphin.

A slow-burning romance in sunny Miami Florida filled with snark, witty banter and a little heat. Graham did an excellent job of making me fall for Brett and Lara.

While the Krewe is called in (Matt and Meg), Brett is not actually Krewe. I cannot remember a previous book doing this, although we get plenty of paranormal woo-woo involving Lara and Brett.

As I said before, all of these books work as standalone, and Graham does a great job of giving you enough back-story to characters from the previous book.

The Forgotten was an intense, different, and engaging installment in the Krewe of Hunters series.

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