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**Appearances. . .**

A sad, strange coincidence. . .that's Dr. Kacey Lambert's initial response to the deaths of two women who bear an uncanny resemblance to herself. It's not like there was any real connection between Kacey and the B-movie actress or the elementary school teacher. But Detective Selena Alvarez suspects otherwise.

**Can Be. . .**

One of the bodies contained traces of poison at the time of death. Selena and her partner, Detective Regan Pescoli, can find no motive for murder. But Kacey has started to notice ties between the dead women's lives and her own--all close in age, born within miles of each other. And all have links to Trace O'Halleran, the man Kacey just started dating.

**Deadly. . .**

The deeper Kacey digs, the more reason she has to fear. More look-alikes are dying, and the killer is getting bolder and more brutal. And Kacey knows it's only a matter of time before hers is the next name on a list of those who were born to die. . .

## Born To Die Details

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## From Reader Review Born To Die for online ebook

### Randy Tramp says

Setting: Grizzly Falls, Montana

Detectives Selena Alvarez and Regan Pescoli confront one of the most bizarre cases of their careers. Girls that look alike are dying mysteriously.

Kacey looks like the girls having deadly accidents. She wonders if she's next.

What a ride. Mystery and suspense fill the pages of "Born to Die." I found my pulse beating fast as my eyes traveled faster over the words. Heart-pounding good.

This story focused more on Kacey and her friend, Trace O'Halleran. Two great characters.

Toward the end, the pace moved at lightning speed. I sat on the edge of my chair, glued to the pages as they sailed by. And, the ending. All I can say is, "Wow."

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### Kay says

I enjoyed this book very much with a good mystery, a serial killer, and great characters. It was a welcome relief from most of the crap I've had the bad luck to read lately [including another Jackson book]. Now I'm left without a library book so I guess it's time to grab one of the books in my closet! Who knows what I'll get when I do!

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### Tabi34 says

Scary, creepy and wow...close to the truth. What you think when you look at a "perfect" family isn't always what you get.

This book is #3 in the Montana series, but it begins in LA with the death of an actress, who looks a lot like a doctor in Grizzly Falls, Montana where bodies of women who look eerily similar start to pile up.

The characters of Grizzly Falls are all there - Selena who works too much; Reagan with her two problem kids and a hunk of a boyfriend who wants to be more; Sheriff Dan Grayson - watch for something brewing with him. Undersheriff Cort Brewster whose hot 15-year-old daughter is sexting with Reagan's son. Joelle is full of Christmas cheer.

Jackson set this book during the holiday season again - probably to add a little hope, comic relief or cheeriness to an otherwise terrifying story. I felt a little smarter reading this book, I figured out the connection between the victims just before the detectives did.

This one had enough elements of realism that when I went for my morning walk, I kept a close look over my

shoulder. I could see these traits manifesting themselves in families I know although I don't think they'd murder anyone, but still - family secrets don't go away, they leak out in the tiny cracks caused by holding them in so tightly.

A killer of a good read.

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### **Diane says**

Enjoyed this book, it doesn't just deal with Alvarez and Pescoli, it involves the victims instead. The Alvarez and Pescoli story is a side step, but joins up with the main theme much further into the book.

The basic story here is all these look-alikes with roots in the state of Montana are being killed off by "accident" and the big question is why and by who. I can't give out any more details than that - it would ruin the suspense :)

2 thumbs up and 4 stars - could have been 5 stars if the story had been chopped back a bit, but still a good read and a good suspense.

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### **Wendy Soliman says**

A promising start but I soon got bogged down in stuff that didn't drive the story forward. I was confused. Was the doctor the main character, or was it the female detectives? It made sense to have backstory for the doctor, it was necessary to the plot, but I'm at a loss to understand why we needed to know so much about one of the detective's difficult teenage children - they had nothing to do with anything - or the other detective's obsession with her boss.

I wanted to enjoy this book, and in part I did, but there was too much repeat information. For example, at one stage we were told a child was taken to hospital dressed in whatever. Then when he gets there, the doctor tells us what the child was dressed in. Memo - we already knew and didn't need to be told again. It might seem petty, but there was a lot of repetition like that.

I really had issues with the killers reasons for ... well, killing the woman. Also, must we have the climax set against a storm where the electricity goes out and the batteries in torches are on the blink. It's been done so many times. There must have been another way.

The author is very popular, but obviously left me disappointed.

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### **Krist?ne L?cis says**

The premise is outlandish, but there is something appealing in its craziness and in the ridiculous reliability of serial killers showing up in Montana's Grizzly Falls just around Christmas, provided there is sufficiently nasty snow storm. Less action, more backstory than in the first two instalments in the series, but same generous serving of rugged cowboys falling for smart and independent women. Having a kid as one of the

main characters definitely evokes empathic response, but for the life of me I don't get why Pescoli's teenage children must be such monsters.

*“Could be that we’re on the lookout for a dark pickup.” Pescoli sent her a glance. “When aren’t we on the lookout for one?”*

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### **Amanda says**

Maybe my 1 star rating is harsh, because I like this author and series, but I didn't like this one. I only became interested with 100 pages left and that was 273 pages in. The previous two installments were fast paced and half made me afraid to look out a dark window. This had way too much back story going on. It seemed just to be a setup for future books and Regan's kids are getting annoying.

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### **Mandy says**

This book started out good, it roped me in. All these women are dying in mysterious ways that look like accidents but both detectives on the Grizzly Falls police force seem to think different. It seems that all these women dying have a common factor... they all look alike. So much alike that they could pass as relatives.

Acacia Lambert, a doctor in town starts to put two and two together and together with Trace O' Halloran decides to look into this crazy murder mystery and discovers much more than she ever imagined.

Really good book, was a bit long in my opinion and could have been cut short by 150 pages but still good! Highly recommend. You won't want to put it down.

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### **Janie Johnson says**

I anxious to get to this installment of Lisa Jackson's 'to die' series. I knew that I was going to really enjoy this book, because the author has a great talent for imagery and character development. Again the prologue drew me into the story easily. Such great imagery, great plot and well developed characters.

In this installment Alvarez and Pescoli have to chase down another serial killer. This time the killer is targeting women who seem to resemble one another. We meet two new characters as well Dr. Acacia Lambert and Trace O'Halleran who dangerously gets involved with the case.

Even though this installment did not take over from the last mystery it was still amazing. I just absolutely love the imagery that the author gives her readers. Always so vivid and well constructed. So much so that it allows me to get totally immersed in the story. I am always able to visualize the scene so perfectly. The premise to this story was well executed and very engaging. It has great action that keeps the story exciting. One of the things I like the best is that the mystery builds slowly, it's not just \*BAM\*, and then it's over. The author has a great talent for leading her readers along making them really get into the story and try to figure things out. I also found myself on the edge of my seat literally. I was sad to see the story end yet excited to start the next one in the series.

The characters are developed beautifully. I love the detectives, Alvarez and Pescoli because they are quite opposite from one another, yet they work so well together. Alvarez is more subdued and quiet where Pescoli is more edgy and in your face. They both have flaws that make them so realistic and believable that they are easy to relate to. Our side characters, Lacey and Trace are beautifully written into the story and are so relatable in many ways.

I recommend not only this series, but just about anything by Lisa Jackson, to all mystery lovers out there. This is an author that needs to be read and if you love mystery as I do, you won't be disappointed.

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### **Vivisection says**

I really don't understand how I have made it to 43 and NOT been murdered by a serial killer. I'm perpetually single. I live alone. I run at night. I have TWO cats. Sometimes I do the on-line dating. What? Now even deranged murdering men don't want me?

It's hard being a spinster.

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### **Julie theriault says**

not very good too many characters very confusing

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### **Terri Lynn says**

I really enjoyed this book though the whole premise is extremely improbable. This is third in a series about 2 female police detectives in the little hick town of Grizzly Falls, Montana- Selena Alvarez and Regan Pescoli.

Dr. Kacey Lambert discovers that a Hollywood actress who was originally from the area apparently died of an overdose in California. The actress looks a lot like her. Bells sound off in her head when other women in this rural area who also look like her begin having accidents and dying. When the husband of one says he was on the phone with his wife when she was run off the road, it starts to look like none of the deaths are accidents. To add to the mystery, local rancher Trace O'Halleran's young son Eli becomes her patient after an accident at school and developing pneumonia and she becomes interested in him-- only to learn that his ex-wife Leanna disappeared after divorcing him and giving up her rights to Eli and Leanna is also a lookalike and also that he was the last known person to have dated another lookalike who got pushed off a cliff.

I loved reading this and will now seek out the other books in the series. However, I did have a few problems with believability and other issues. Here they are:

(1) What is the likelihood that one rich doctor would father 7 kids with his wife, 2 kids with lovers (including Kacey's mom), and donate sperm as a med student thus fathering maybe 100 kids and then have one nutty kid decide to murder all of the females his dad fathered including the sperm donations? How could he make so many deaths seem accidental? How could he even find and access these women? How could he get in their homes to poison their coffee and set up tiny microphones?

(2) What is the likelihood that the school teacher pushed off the cliff would go off jogging in the ice and snow during a blizzard with near-pneumonia and without taking her cell phone and of course, run in an isolated cliff area despite having seen a truck following her?

(3) What is the likelihood that Kacey would move back to this tiny town in Montana and wind up dating the man who was married to one of the other lookalikes and dated another then have another as a patient who had just moved to town with her lawyer husband who was transferred here? Why would a big law firm in another state send someone to open a law office in a hick town in Montana?

(4) Regan is a police detective yet cannot control her 15 year old daughter or shake off her grown unemployed son who wants to lounge around all day playing video games so she thinks she might ought to move in with her lover Santana so he can control them. Excuse me. Is this not a grown woman, a police detective trusted with a gun when she cannot get a 15 year old girl in line and send the grown boy packing? Is she so weak she needs a man to handle it for her? Insulting to women!

(5) Trace had been stunned when his exwife Leanna left him in the night and sent divorce papers and papers giving up her parental rights to little Eli. Suddenly 7 years later, she comes back one night during a storm just knowing Eli is in danger, gets in the house where Kacey is searching for him in the dark while being pursued by the killer, takes him to the neighbors, steals their landline, cells, and computer so they can't call for help (I myself would WANT help fighting a killer!!) then stops to sign the child's cast before taking the killer on in the barn. What the hell is that about? Of course, Leanna also has to be one of the sperm donor kids.

(6) The sheriff of any town would not allow that nutty office worker to spend over a month setting up Secret Santa programs, playing endless Christmas music and decorating herself and the precinct in wall to wall Christmas decor. Government offices are not constitutionally allowed to do that and it has everyone bugged. The woman needed to see some psychiatrist. They have pills for overwrought crazies like her.

I love the book but honestly, it was over the top in areas.

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### **Carol says**

This is my first Lisa Jackson book, and it gets an average rating from me. It is quite long, and though the two main detectives are repetitive characters, side characters mostly badies and some goodies run most of the story. The story basics are a man who donates his sperm to a bank, then many many years later goes back and kills the people he spawned. Strange preface for a story. Not my favorite.

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### **Meigan says**

Better than the last one in the Pescoli/Alvarez series. This one had a lot of things going on, which doesn't bother me because it makes for a more in-depth read. I like the setting of Grizzly Falls and Montana, I like the cast of recurring characters, although I would like to actually see some of the more interesting folks play bigger roles, like the town weirdos Grace Perchard and Ivor Hicks. They are quirky and add some interest

when things get monotonous. I would also like to finally hear Alvarez's story!

Things I didn't like - the constant use of the word damned. It's seriously on every page. Vocab needs expanded! There were also quite a few grammatical errors and a whole slew of run on sentences, which can get "damned" confusing. Not to mention, the killer definitely has something wrong "down there". Every time the book switches to his narrative, his c\_ck is "twitching ". He should probably get that looked at.

Hopefully the next book in this series will expand more on Alvarez. There have been a few hints about her backstory and it just leaves me wanting to know more.

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### **Book Madness (Elif) says**

Ayy kitab? bitirmek ne kadar uzun sürdü. Bayg?nl?k geldi. Hiç okumaya vaktim olmad?. Yoksa kitab? be?endim ben. Pescoli Ve Alvarez ikilisini seviyorum. Çevirisi geldikçe okumaya devam edecek?im. Tavsiyemdir ??

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