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At eighteen, popular Ivy Griffith likes nothing better than getting stoned with her boyfriend, Pete, and his basketball buddies—until one afternoon when a nightmare unfolds. Ivy watches in horror as her boyfriend and his friends murder a teammate and bury his body in a remote location. The four friends make a pact to keep the killing quiet, and Ivy flees her parents' Colorado home for college and never looks back.

Now, after ten years of numbing her guilt with drugs, she's finally clean. The single mom of a seven-year-old son, Montana, Ivy returns home to the tiny town of Jacob's Ear, hoping for courage to reveal the shocking truth of her past and be rid of this baggage forever.

But when disaster strikes at her high school reunion, she's the only one left alive who witnessed that fateful night so long ago...Or is she? Who else could've known about the pact and who would want Pete and his co-conspirators dead? As the investigation heats up and the death toll rises, Ivy is forced to decide if confessing the truth is really worth risking her own life.

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JoAnn says

I really enjoyed this first book the Phantom Hollow series. It was very well written and a very interesting storyline. I enjoyed getting to know some new characters in this series and really liked Ivy. I look forward to the next book in this series and recommend this book.

Sharon Archer says

Usually don't like these kind of Christian books...find them a bit preachy....but this author weaves a very real story with very real emotions in a way that is faithful but not preachy....read it in under twenty four hours, couldn't put it down...

The library here in Houlton, ME has several books by this author...will read a few more...

Aimee Berg says

Ivy Griffith witnessed a murder when she was eighteen and made a pact with the murderer not to say anything. But when she returns to her hometown many years later, she is going to have to tell the truth eventually. After there is another murder, Ivy realizes that she is in more danger than she ever thought. Good writing, easy to read. The minor characters were well developed too. I actually did guess the killer a while before I finished the book, but it was still awesome.

I would totally suggest this book to anyone who likes a good mystery.

Lynn Wyvill says

Characters were developed well. The plot was a surprise and kept me turning the pages. I did get a little irritated with the number of people who 'snickered'. Something about the word intruded and its repeated use was noticeable.

Tammy says

I'm not sure what to think about this book. It's labeled as a "Christian Thriller". It was a nice change from the books I've been reading lately because it wasn't filled with gory scenes or swear words. I enjoyed it even though it was very predictable. I didn't feel like there was much suspense to it but it felt easy to get involved in the character's lives. I'm not sure I liked it enough to want to read the second book. But maybe I will.

Anita Hammond says

Unfortunately, I read this one after I read the sequel which always takes some of the fun out of it for me. But I liked it none the less. I was disappointed that they mentioned Ivy's high school years in passing and then skipped ahead 10 years. It seems as though there might have been an entire book to cover that period time.

Vera says

I didn't enjoy this book. It felt like there was no depth to any of the characters and the story line was overly predictable. There was a lot of religious commentary throughout the book as well, which if I would have known about it before I picked out the book to read I would have never chosen it to read.

Ashley Raines says

Very good story!! Plus the biblical reference could really help someone who feels like ivy

Mrs. Mendiola says

I had first gone to the Library and checked out the second book in this series, not realizing it WAS a series! Got a few pages in and had to rush back to the library to switch to this one!

Anyway, I loved the book. I love that Herman has found a way to mix suspense, joy, addiction, grieving, scripture, and redemption all in one book, and has done it amazingly so. Usually writers who attempt this leave a lot to be desired..turning it into a bit of an after school special feel. But, this book does not disappoint! Great for teens and adults alike.

It was a bit predictable for me b/c I had, like I said, already read some key info in the second book. Oops! But, it has a great message. The relationships she paints on her pages are ones that are easily relatable to the reader. I could see parts of everyone I know (including myself!) in almost every character. Herman's got you pulling for Ivy from day one, but wanting to slap her (Ivy) for some of the choices you fear she will make. I kept finding myself saying, "Ivy no! Don't even think about it!!!!"

Anyway, I'm on hold at the Library for the second book now. I can't wait to dig in! Oh, and my 12 year old daughter read it too (she's a GREAT reader) and loved it, and can't wait to read the 2nd one.

Maurice Jr. says

This was an excellent story of a fall from grace, a secret held way too long and the consequences for trying to dip your toes into the waters of sin and still trying to live a Christian life. Light and darkness cannot coexist, as more than one of the characters in this book found out.

I always enjoy it when I can't easily guess "whounnit" before the author makes the big reveal. I guessed, but then the author cast doubt on it and made me rethink who I thought the murderer was, only to show me I was right the first time. Well done!

Ashley says

i'm hooked on shows like CSI and Cold Case. This book is similar to the set up of these shows...as a field is being developed a body is found. The wayward woman who is returning home to set things right with her family was there the night the body was burried. what will she say? or will she stay silent...

the other twist includes that her family are born again believers, and the woman who has cared for her son can't stop telling Montana about Jesus. it's inevitable that the woman will hear the Gospel. but will it change her life?

Rachel says

I didn't really enjoy this book. The story was good, yes, but I felt like it was written around the message the author wanted to get through. So instead of being inspired by the story, the blatant "message" there kind of put me off.

Erin Carr says

I absolutely loved the message of this book. Rare is it for me to find a book that is a page turner for me and one that I can recommend to my daughter! Great, great story! Thank you Kathy Herman, I'm hooked!

Darinda says

Ivy Griffith's life is forever altered her senior year of high school after watching her boyfriend and his friends kill a classmate. They make a pact to never tell anyone what happened, and Ivy leaves town after graduating. She ends up having drug problems and becomes estranged from her family. Now, ten years later, Ivy needs help and returns home to her parents. Ivy has a young son and no longer does drugs. After returning home, the past she ran away from comes back to haunt her, and endangers her and the others involved with the pact they once made.

The mystery part was entertaining, but I mostly lost interest in this book as the story progressed. The first half was good, but the last part went downhill for me. I do plan on reading more by this author, but I'm not sure if I'll stick with other books in this series. Good for fans of Christian fiction mysteries.

C. says

Very enjoyable. Well written and kept my interest throughout. Even though I was able to figure out who the bad guy was early on, it didn't ruin the story at all.

I'm looking forward to reading the next book in this series.
