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New York Times bestselling author Perri O'Shaughnessy has garnered impressive acclaim for her tough, passionate thrillers set against the lush Lake Tahoe landscape and the world of one remarkable character: Attorney Nina Reilly. In this spellbinding new novel, O'Shaughnessy delves deeper into the heart and psyche of her popular heroine as Nina journeys back to her hometown to heal old wounds, and instead discovers that old secrets can be the deadliest kind....

Nina Reilly needs a fresh start. In three years, she's taken on some of Lake Tahoe's most controversial cases and has turned her struggling one-woman law firm into a thriving practice. Now she's ready to sort out her complex relationship with her boyfriend, Monterey P.I. Paul van Wagoner. So she's heading to the Carmel Valley, the place where she began her career and where her estranged father lives. It's also a place of dramatic contradictions and hidden tensions, of new wealth and old families. And, within days of her arrival, Nina is already feeling the heat, as a case of arson exposes some of the darkest secrets of her hometown.

Two suspicious fires have already raged through the valley this summer, igniting suspicions of arson. When a third blaze ends in a fatality, police zero in on a suspect: Wish, the son of Sandy Whitefeather, Nina's ex-assistant. The dead man is identified as Wish's childhood friend, a troubled local auto mechanic who hated the changes wealthy newcomers had brought to the valley. Nina and Paul are certain that there is more to this strange case than meets the eye. As they work together to clear Wish, new, more frightening questions are raised, and another fire is set. And out of the flames a terrifying picture emerges: a community steeped in secrets and rage, a tangled history between two men, and a killer whose motives are dark and wrenching.

With the relentless page-turning suspense that has become her trademark, Perri O'Shaughnessy once again demonstrates her talent to enthrall. A haunting tale of crime and punishment, old grudges and second chances, **Presumption of Death** is suspense fiction at its finest--instantly compelling and utterly impossible to put down.

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Cindy Kester says

Nina Reilly once again saves the day while trying to get her life back together. An enjoyable read.

Lynn Pribus says

I know I've read previous escapades of Nina, the attorney, written by two sisters. I remember them as OK enough to pick this up from the swap table at the gym. This one takes place in the Carmel Valley with the Grand Finale near Lake Tahoe, Nina's original home base.

The book deals with arson and does a good job of keeping a whole bunch of neighbors on one street straight. An unexpected, but logical ending. An easy read.

Kim Young says

I have read all of the Nina Reilly books so far. This one seemed very different, and for the better. The books up until now have been enjoyable beach books, typical girl lawyer stories, fighting the good fight and always winning in the end. This book seemed more mature, with more character development and less fluff. There is still fluff, and Nina still can't decide what she wants in her personal life, but this one has more substance.

Josephine says

Entertaining story; I'm a fan of the series although I haven't read one for a while. Could have given it 4 stars but I absolutely hate the relationship between Nina and Paul. Can't she see he's controlling and an emotional abuser???

Pygmy says

Boring as all heck. Doesn't help that it assumes familiarity of the characters from previous books, and so tries very little to make them interesting. Stopped reading after....ehh, a bunch of chapters.

Linda says

I've always found this series to be interesting, highly detailed, suspenseful, and informative as to the regions of Lake Tahoe and Carmel. Since I've been to both places several times, it's fun to be able to actually picture some of the areas. This book was no different in those respects and I like the main characters and their

development (Nina, Paul, Bob, Sandy). It's well worth reading and I will definitely continue with the series. This particular book had a few disappointments to it, however. The new characters (people on Siesta Court) were not fully developed and I never felt like I got to know any of them. Sometimes, there is a bit too much legal detail. The story moved more slowly than those of the Nina Reilly series usually do. And, finally, for a book of over 400 pages with lots of detail, the ending wrapped up too quickly as though it was an afterthought and not well plotted like the rest of the book. I don't mean these comments to be serious criticisms of this book, overall I love the series.

Chris says

Reading this author is comfort food. I've read a few of her books so I do know the characters. Nina Reilly is a smart, good-looking attorney who wants a social life and moves from her Lake Tahoe abode to Carmel Valley. She takes up residence and office space with Paul van Wagoner, a handsome private detective and Nina's love interest. Just as Nina is getting comfortable with her relationship Paul's assistant is arrested for arson and homicide by setting fires to a development with his friend.

The book is an easy and fast read and the story isn't hard to follow. I can honestly say that I didn't see this type of ending coming. All works out.

Michelle Hanson says

I got to start getting more of her books.. was surprised at the end..

Lee says

Presumption of Death, by Perri O'Shaughnessy (Dell, 2003) is a combination detective-lawyer mystery. Nina Reilly is a smart, good-looking attorney who wants a social life and moves from her Lake Tahoe abode to Carmel Valley. She takes up residence and office space with Paul van Wagoner, a handsome private detective and Nina's love interest. Just as things between them are settling into a pleasant pattern, Paul's assistant is arrested on arson and homicide charges. The police believe he is behind three wildfires that not only scorched some of CA's scenery and a housing development, but also covered up a murder. Thus wrested out of her self-imposed sabbatical, Nina dons her lawyer outfit and trots off to the jail and courthouse to rescue Wish, the accused. Paul sets out to find the facts to support his conviction that Wish is innocent. As they struggle to work as a team, Nina tries to keep Paul from breaking and entering and Wish's mother shows up. The plot thickens.

The subsequent tramping across burned hillsides, through neighborhood homes, and into a hostile judge's courtroom set the stage for a mystery that weaves together Native American issues, environmental degradation, urban sprawl, and the plight of the homeless. The story features a string of odd but somehow ordinary folks, some of whose attempts to protect their investments cross the line into criminal conspiracy.

The book is an easy read, moves right along, and entertains. It is not among the outstanding mysteries that I've read but it is well suited to frequently interrupted reading sessions, as the plot is pretty straight forward and not difficult to recall. Perri O'Shaughnessy, by the way, is a pen name for two sisters who combine their

backgrounds in writing and law and their familiarity with the Lake Tahoe area to present believable settings and legal processes.

Kim L. says

I'm still enjoying this Nina Reilly series. I am as interested in the progression of her personal relationship as the mystery and the courtroom scenes. This one had a surprising twist that I sure didn't see coming.

Christy Parscal says

I like all the books by this author. Actually the author (s). They are 2 sisters that write as a team. All their books are about an attorney named Nina Reilly. Her practice is up in Lake Tahoe so it is fun to know about all the places that are talked about. Her books are good summer reading.

Ed says

#9 in the Nina Reilly series.

Nina Reilly series - Staying with her lover, investigator Paul van Wagoner, in his Carmel Valley condo while she reexamines her life after traumatic events, *Unfit to Practice* (2002), dislodged her from her South Lake Tahoe home and office, Reilly is torn between Paul's obvious sexual appeal and his irksome urging for some form of long-term commitment. Then the 21-year-old Native American son of Nina's former secretary, Sandy Whitefeather, winds up in the middle of a murder and arson investigation, and Nina and Paul barely have a moment free for cuddling or bickering.

Tex says

Where I normally am enthusiastic about the Perri O'Shaughnessy team of writers, the dialogue seemed a bit stiff and the descriptions placed to show that there had been some fact-checking going on. The story itself stands up well with the situation of arson in a new development of a wilderness area.

Judy Alexander says

Good, but not the best.

Naomi says

Since this book is part of a series reading the others first might have been helpful.
