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A woman disappears near the banks of the Pasquotank River in 1901 and her body is found thirty-seven days later. Marshal Tucker Gage must solve the mystery of what happened to beautiful Nell Carver who had too many boyfriends and too little sense. With the aid of his plain and practical friend Megan Bailey he plunders the murky depths of the darkness of men's hearts and the Great Dismal Swamp to find the truth.

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Erica says

This is my fourth Jo Robertson novel I've read. I enjoyed her more modern stories and had to give this one a chance. I'm so glad I did. Gage is the not so perfect leading male, that you can't help but root for and fall in love with. Add the often quirky, independent Megan Bailey and you have a fantastic read.

Nell Carver, Megan's best friend, has gone missing and when her body is found our characters sort of work together (reluctantly most of the time). Marshal Gage and Megan find that everything isn't always what it seems and behind closed doors, people have many secrets to hide.

The romance that grew between Megan and Gage was believable, even if I often wanted to smack the back of their heads sometimes. Very stubborn people.

All and all, it was a fantastic read and something I can see myself reading again.

Leah says

I got this book for free off book bub and thought it would be this really interesting mystery. Turns out I was wrong. It started off strong, but then just turned into a "bodice ripping" romance novel. The mystery was really interesting until it was totally obvious who the killer was. Not my cup of tea at all and I wish I hadn't wasted time reading it.

Stacy says

Good murder mystery with some romance on the side.

Maura says

This one was quite a bit better than the one I read first by this author. In this story, Tucker Gage is the town marshal investigating the death of Nell Carver, an heiress, but a promiscuous one for the times. Her body turned up and started the investigation toward which of her beaus could have killed her. He has a tough time keeping Nell's best friend and his childhood friend, Meghan Bailey, out of the investigation. She's determined to be of some help...and of course there's the added benefit that she gets to spend extra time with Gage, who she's been a bit in love with since she was a child. But they get too close to the truth and find their lives in danger.

This was very formulaic - it followed a predictable pattern, but I don't necessarily mind that. It goes with the territory, but it keeps a story like this from being exceptional. This was still an enjoyable story. The suspense was just gripping enough, with there being at least 3 suspects, but no absolute certainty on my part who the villain was. I also liked the characters. Meghan is inquisitive and stubborn and definitely meddling but she

doesn't approach irritating and thankfully she's not TSTL. She might make some not so smart decisions, but they don't scream TSTL. Gage is a tortured soul, but despite the occasional flashback to the situation, it doesn't feel like it drives Gage the way it should. He doesn't spend near the amount of time he should grappling with moving past it, given how he thinks it affects him now. The romance between these two was good - not great chemistry, but it was there. I kinda feel like the author missed several opportunities to really delve into their backgrounds and apply it to their romance...for example - the note that Gage received before going to West Point...why didn't we bring that up again and have Meghan admit to sending it? I would have loved some discussion about their romance, their past and present feelings or even their future. They worked well together, but didn't talk very much. There was also a missed opportunity for a definitive happy ending...instead we end on something not definitive, but probably very happy. (view spoiler) I rather wanted an epilogue here. So this story had a lot of potential and it could have been a 4 star with just a bit more tying up loose details, solid use of flashbacks instead of randomly inserting them and a strong HEA.

Shaun says

Another Book Bub freebie that turned into soft porn. It was described as a historical thriller. It was only historic because of the time setting. It wasn't thrilling. It was a little interesting as a story outline and the North Carolina references kept me reading. But graphic sex didn't help the story and the villain revealing himself ruined the story. If our sleuths could have climbed out of the sack long enough to do detective work, there might have been a thriller here.

Hafiza says

Surprisingly good historical romance/mystery/thriller.
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Michelle says

Good book

You people should just read this book yourselves and write your own review on this novel yourself and I really enjoyed reading this book very much so. Shelley MA

Denise Kearney says

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Lindsay says

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Johanna says

I picked this up for free thanks to Pixel of Ink.

I enjoyed the various twists and the darkness of the story. This was excellent brain candy. I'm glad that I read the ebook version as the author occasionally used words I didn't know and being able to look them up was nice. She never did it in a place that would effect enjoying the story if I couldn't look them up, but learning some new words was a good bonus.

I had two cons to this book, the first was name confusion. There was one character that could be called by 3 different names and the author switched between them on the same page, mix in that a bunch of characters seemed to all have a 4 letter name they went by, I was a bit confused as to who was who until a little past half way. Either choosing one name to refer to each character or have a who's who page would have helped a ton.

My other is just personal preference, unless I'm specifically reading erotica, I'd prefer the sex scenes to be mentioned but not detailed.

Overall I enjoyed the book, and while I got it for free, I would have paid for the book and likely will hunt down and purchase a book by the author once I have read through more of my current "stack" of downloaded books.
