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Mimi Capurro, owner of Gotcha Detective Agency, has been hired to protect New York Times bestselling author, Lauren Silke, who was recently assaulted in the bathroom at a paranormal conference. Though Mimi is hired to act as bodyguard for Lauren's upcoming book tour, plans change when Lauren's assistant is murdered and the slaying is a replica of a scene from Lauren's newest novel. A novel that hit bookstores the same day as the killing.

Now instead of playing bodyguard, Mimi is cracking computer code, and chasing down vampires. These vampires come alive on the streets of Santa Cruz, as part of a live-role-playing game. Mimi must find the connection between the vampires and the author to track down the killer. This would be much easier if Detective Nick Christianson wanted her investigating the case.

Nick, Mimi's old college fling, is the lead homicide investigator.

Though he wants her off the case, he also wants to pump her for information. Nick may have used her in the past, but this time she'll use him to try to catch the murderer first.

## Let Us Prey Details

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## From Reader Review Let Us Prey for online ebook

### Liz at Fictional Candy says

This story is about Mimi, the owner of Gotcha Detective Agency. I think the name of her business perfectly shows you her sense of humor. Mimi is a funny woman, and I loved her inner monologue. She has wise comebacks and just her general tone was humorous. She is also very intelligent - another bonus!

Soon Mimi is hired to protect author Lauren Silke, who writes vampire novels! Apparently someone beat the heck out of her, and she is worried about her upcoming book signing tour and more violence. What starts as a bodyguard job quickly turns into a murder investigation though - and the list of suspects is growing.

Enter The Camarilla. If you are into vampires, and role-playing then you would definitely be interested in this. But they too, are suspect in the murder.

From here the story takes a lot of turns. You can't figure out who the murderer really is because everyone seems to have motive or opportunity. I really enjoyed that it was not plain to see, and frankly, I was a bit surprised when I did find out who it was.

Mimi isn't investigating alone, she has to work alongside Nick. Nick is the lead detective on the case for the police department. Oh, and he is also her ex-boyfriend! This absolutely leads to some funny and interesting situations, and certainly enhances that whole snarky attitude she has quietly in her mind. I really liked the two of them interacting, but I tell ya - at times I just wanted to yell at them to get it on and get it over with already! He's such a....a.....a man!! (haha, men, don't hate me!) For some reason, Nick acts so aloof - barely even acknowledging Mimi as an investigator - let alone someone he has known intimately! There were definitely times I just wanted to smack him, that's for sure. Nick and Mimi have a lot of sexual tension that is on a slow build.

All in all, I really enjoyed this story. It was fast pace and had an easy, almost conversational tone to the writing. The author did a fantastic job of misdirecting the audience when necessary, and introduced a very interesting cast of characters that weren't just black and white. Definitely many shades of grey for this group! I look forward to seeing more from Jamie Lee Scott, and luckily this book is first in the "Gotcha Detective Agency Mysteries" series. Oh, and even more exciting - there is talk of bringing this story to the tv screen. I will definitely set my DVR for that show!

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### Sharon Michael says

The framework for this mystery was quite predictable, female P.I. and local male police officer with a 'history'. What brought this to 'really liked' was personal. As an urban fantasy reader, having the plot built around the P.I. being hired to provide security for a popular author of vampire books really made the book work for me. Book fans, vampire fans and interesting relationships made this a book I enjoyed very much though the framework of female P.I. and male police officer was fairly routine.

The author managed to make the rather predictable personal interactions between the two main characters more interesting by building around the contemporary vampire book author theme, along with real-life role

playing by some of the characters. I had some issues with both the main characters, which may be mostly due to 'first book' syndrome and I do plan to read more by this author.

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### **Carol says**

First and foremost there are many spelling and grammar mistakes. This is one of those books that isn't great but the reader does want to finish it. I skipped portions of it and didn't seem to miss much. I couldn't bring myself to stop reading it, however, as the storyline was interesting.

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### **Carol Waller says**

Light and fluffy. In desperate need of an editor or at least a copywriter though.

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### **Cristal Jatip says**

What great fun mystery read! I really liked this story and the characters. Can't wait to read more of the series.

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### **Bark says**

Mimi owns a private investigation/personal security firm and is asked to provide security for her favorite author. This is where her troubles begin. A murder happens and Mimi's former lover turns out to be the officer leading in charge of the case. They bump heads because he's as surly as he is gorgeous and Mimi's all in a tangled mess of feelings.

Let Us Prey has an interesting little murder mystery going on here that involves vampiric role playing and plenty of quirky secondary characters. My #1 suspect turned out to be the murderer so I have to give the book some points for making me feel smart today!

Usually my most obvious picks don't pan out.

I am a character driven reader. Most of the time. But this time I didn't really care about the characters. It was the whodunit that kept me going. If I'm being honest, both of the main characters bugged me. Nick is a grouch. He may be pretty but his rudeness was off-putting. And Mimi? Well, Mimi judged every woman she met by their looks and her thoughts were usually unkind. This could be my missing sense of humor kicking in here but I didn't find this amusing. She also did the same with men but lucky for Mimi most of the men in her circle were super-hot and she wanted to rub her boobs on them. She even did it a time or two, once at a crime scene. If you find that funny, maybe it's just me who is wired wrong.

### Narration Notes:

The version I read was narrated by Gabra Zackman. The male voices almost all sound the same and unfortunately they're not at all easy on the ears. They sound stiff, unnatural and a little constipated and I admit to getting a little confused at times because of the similarities. Ah well. The ladies do have unique voices. Mimi's is smooth and confident and suits her character except when she's thinking about men and lamenting over the fact that they're not returning her lusty looks. Then the cool, professional voice doesn't really mesh because I picture a Stephanie Plum type lusting over Ranger and Joe.

*I received a copy of this audiobook from Tantor Media. I hope they don't regret it!*

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### **Nancy says**

It had a surprise ending and held my interest. I don't usually read mysteries but just might read the second book in the series!

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### **Sapphyria says**

Mimi is a young widow that opens up Gotcha Detective Agency as a sort of therapeutic remedy. She and her colleagues chase down dead beat dads and do general Private Investigator types of things including security details. When Mimi is contacted to guard Lauren Silke, vampire novelist, after she is attacked at a book conference, she thinks she's looking for an overzealous fan....Until they come back to Lauren's house and see her assistant, Esme, beheaded with her corpse sitting at the kitchen table, head in a crystal bowl. This is a scene from Lauren's latest book, "Prey," that had only been released on that day. As Mimi is investigating what in the world is going on, she discovers that there is a LARPing (Live Action Role Playing) group called the Camarilla, that Esme was involved in and it appears Lauren's husband Henry is also part of this group. Add in a former college "friend with benefits" who's now the lead investigator of Esme's murder and you have quite the ensemble cast of characters.

Mimi is the perfect main character. Her attitude and humor make her very likable. She's nursing a broken heart after the untimely death of her husband but when Nick comes back into her life, she's constantly trying to keep her yearnings in check. This, of course, leads to some humorous situations.

Nick enters the picture with a scowl on his face as soon as he sees Mimi. He brushes off Mimi's abilities as a private investigator and tries to get her to leave the case alone. There is definite sexual tension that Nick either ignores or tries to use to get information out of Mimi.

I was engulfed in this novel from the get-go. It has humor, suspense, mystery, action, and tension (between Mimi and her old college flame, Nick, who pops back into her life in the form of annoying lead investigator). This book flowed so well and was such an easy read that when I sat down to start reading it (with the intention of just reading a little bit at a time since I had homework to do too--I'm in college) I read half of it in the first sitting....So much for reading it a little bit at a time :).

This was a novel of substance. There wasn't any "filler" in it that I felt I could skip over like I have in other books I've read. Each paragraph related to parts of the plot without going off on unrelated tangents or tossing

in information for the sake of making the book longer. Jamie Lee Scott weaves an interesting web of doubt over just about every character in the book, making the path to the real killer exactly what a mystery should be....twisted and full of surprises.

I look forward to more books from The Gotcha Detective Agency!

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### **Emmalg says**

I came across this book as a Kindle bargain and the reviews seemed pretty good. It is the first book in the Gotcha Detective Agency Series and I'll definitely be reading more of them.

The main character Mimi Capurro, owner of the agency and used to cheating spouse cases, finds herself involved in a homicide investigation centred around a famous author of vampire stories and a live role playing group of vampires. Unusual!

I found the book short but very well written, there are unfortunately a few mistakes which always seem to crop up in Kindle books but they don't detract significantly from the story. The plot and pace are good, I liked the characters but I found the investigation a little weak and the ending didn't feel like it really tied the case murder case up. Nevertheless I'm planning to read the sequel!

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### **Brenda Wallace says**

Even with a jammed schedule, this book kept me up reading late at night and I even got up out of bed just to read a little more. I'm a picky reader and it's been awhile since that's happened. Mimi, the main character who owns Gotcha Detective Agency, is funny from the start and gets in way over her head when she accepts a job as a bodyguard for an overly ambitious author. And to make matters worse, Mimi is thrown into close contact with a sexy cop, an old boyfriend who'd dumped her without a word. In a test of wits, they follow leads until they wind up in a vampire role-playing game. The characters, observations and situations are realistic and fun and I got totally absorbed in the story. The author, Jamie Lee Scott, has a great voice and I will definitely be watching for her next book. I saw where she's also writing this series as a screenplay and I would love to watch Gotcha as a television series. Fantastic read! Don't miss this one.

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### **Brenda says**

When Mimi Capurro of Gotcha Detective Agency was hired as a bodyguard for author Lauren Silke, she had no idea what was about to follow. The murder of Lauren's assistant Esme was the start in a case which involved games with vampires in Santa Cruz, attempts on Mimi's life, threats and danger. As well as all that, she had to contend with Detective Nick Christianson who was the lead homicide investigator – and Mimi's old flame.

Would they find the murderer? They had plenty of suspects – but were they looking in the right direction?

*Let Us Prey* is the first in the Gotcha Detective Agency Mysteries by Jamie Lee Scott and while it was a quick, easy read, it was also just a little weird! I liked it well enough, even with the occasional eye roll, but I'm not sure if I'll go any further in the series ? But I'm still happy to recommend it as a light cozy mystery.

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### **Cocktails and Books says**

I enjoyed this first installment in the Gotcha Detective Agency series. The characters were engaging and often times entertaining, while the whodunit storyline kept stringing you along to other conclusions. Now, I will admit, I had my initial guess about who the killer was (turned out I was right) but I ended up changing my mind several times because the author did such a great job of casting doubt on all the players.

Mimi was the kind of character that I like. She's strong and has no problem standing up to people, but all of that covers a vulnerability she doesn't like to show. We saw her cover that vulnerability a couple times (some more successfully than others) but that made her more likable, in my book.

Mimi employees a cast of characters I can only hope we'll get to see more of in future entries into the series. Charles was my favorite as the gay technic guy who doesn't really appear to be gay yet dresses like he is. His bantering with Mimi (and Nick in some cases) was comedic and often times broke the ice during a tense situation.

The only character I didn't really like was Nick. I wasn't sure if he was written specifically that way...to throw readers off, but to me he had "dick" tattooed across his forehead. There were many times I had to wonder why Mimi was even having to fight an attraction to him because the minute he started barking orders and being condescending to me would have iced over my libido for good.

An excellent start to the series and one I look forward to reading more of.

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### **Ellie Dottie says**

This was a fun and breezy read for me, it was nice to just read a nice mystery! There were however two possibly problematic very small events in it, they sat slightly wrong with me, but I'm not honestly sure.... (Ha! how's that for a vague review ;)

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### **Erica Glass says**

Pro: Good mystery, had me guessing and changing my mind on who the killer was all the way to the end.

Con: (Spoilers) For someone who used to be Secret Service she sure was...lofty at times. I wasn't 100% in love with this character. I also hate when a man (in this case Nick) is constantly rude to a woman and yet the woman is always longing for them. I also didn't care for the way she never addresses her grief over her late husband. I guess we all deal in different ways, but I just couldn't relate to how she was coping. Perhaps this is addressed in the next book?o

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**Stormi (BMReviewsohmy) says**

Mimi is the owner of the Gotcha Detective Agency and when a writer wants to hire her for protection she gets more than she bargained for when the writers assistant turns up dead. The woman is killed just like in a scene from the Lauren's newest book. Mimi feels like she needs to try and figure out what happened and finds out there is this vampire role playing game and people really act like the characters and really get into it so did they go a little too far or is it something else.

Mimi's ex-fling from her younger days ends up being the police detective on the case and she was surprised to see him as a cop because the last she remembered he was a professional ball player with some troubles. He is not real excited to see her either at first but it seems they both remember how their old days used to be.

Mimi is a good character she is former secret service and normally is dealing with cheating husbands than murder. I like the two that she has working with her Charles and Jenna. I am not a huge Nick fan right now but he could grow on me, but he was a good detective.

Let Us Prey was an interesting start to a series. I liked the mystery and the weird vampire role playing game as that was interesting.

I think cozy mystery fans will like it.

3.5 rating

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