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Bailey Wells never thought she'd return to North Carolina. But when her boss, a bestselling author, and his wife move there, she has no choice but to follow--and is welcomed home by dark secrets, shocking passion, and a killer's open arms.

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Alp says

A gripping romantic suspense story.

The aspect of mystery/suspense in this book had me engrossed and it kept me wondering and guessing what was going to happen next. I certainly had no idea who the killer was and I felt like I couldn't read fast enough to find out.

Virginia Kantra does a great job of creating strong and dynamic characters. I enjoyed both main characters although Bailey could be a bit annoying at times.

The romance part was very well-written. I loved the chemistry between Steve and Bailey and also the fact that their romantic relationship grew slowly yet steadily. The better they got to know each other, the more their feelings for one another grew. The way their romance bloomed really did work for me.

All in all, this was a good read for me. I enjoyed the well-balanced mix of sweet romance and nail-biting suspense. I'm sure RS fans will like this one like I did!

Janeiowa says

I love Kantra's novels and even this one from 2006. She does great characters and plots that keep me reading.

Heather says

Is this really a 4 star book? Almost certainly not. But I got four stars of enjoyment out of it. Timing is everything.

I also enjoyed the main character's desire not to be the "dumb dead girl." No one does anything risky and improbable. It's refreshing.

DK Hoffman says

Really enjoyed this. Good, solid mystery with very engaging characters.

Nancy says

Big improbability factor but she kept me reading so will round up from my 3.5 rating.

The big switch in Bailey was hard to believe.
Good romance-suspense read.
Small, Southern town law enforcement. NC

Lizzie says

The characters and complexity in a small amount of text were up to Kantra's normal high standards. I really struggled with the stupidity of Bailey and Steve's blossoming romance in the midst of an investigation, as it put them both at so much risk.

Belinda says

liked it :) Great summer reading pick!

"E" says

This was a pretty straightforward semi-romantic suspense. Bailey was said to be very intelligent, but really she came off as really stupid about her life. She had no savings? No home? Nothing? Totally dependent and trusting of her boss, Paul. I didn't get it. She was also a major doormat, unless the plot called for her not to be.

There was a major editing error in the middle of the book. In one scene, we see the detective talking about a character's death - like it was not a surprise which was really weird to read. In the next scene however, a character is still debating whether to call 911 to report the character's death. Then in the following scene, the detective gets a call informing him that X was dead and it was played as a shock. This was really bothersome and I can't believe this got through multiple levels of editing.

MB (What she read) says

p. 192. Gave up. She's too stupid. He's too unprofessional, and that's stupid too. Plus, dated in a not good way.

Alice says

Heroine has low self-esteem. Set up to be accused of being the murderer when her boss's wife is killed.

She wakes up and falls in love with a Deputy Sheriff who is investigating and has emotional problems of feel in guilty about his wife's death from Cancer.

Shirley J says

If you're looking for an interesting mystery that's not terribly complicated along with a boy-meets-girl and girl-gets-boy subplot tossed in, you might enjoy *Home Before Dark*. Even though it wasn't difficult to figure out who was the murderer about half-way through the book, it took longer to figure out why. Kantra's talent lies in conveying the personalities and in some cases, the appearances, of her characters.

Tasneem says

This was a well written book. I liked the heroine, she is smart and determined to get the to truth. I like how she is contrasted against her mother and sister and their small-town, southern thinking. I liked the scene with Steve's daughter Gabby, where Leann is so insensitive about her colour and Bailey totally does damage control. That was nicely done.

I liked Steve too. He and his motives are nicely brought out - as was the guilt of Macon and Clegg's cover-up. It took me a while to see where ehe fitted to the scene.

Jacquie Biggar says

Another great read from a terrific author!!

Kerry says

Not my favorite, yet still enjoyable. Another quick in between reads.
