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Amanda Blake, a freelance photographer, discovers she has been adopted and seeks out her natural mother. When it becomes evident that her mother has been murdered, Amanda sets out to discover her mother's killer. Her quest takes her to Wollongong to find the man who she thinks holds the answer to the killer's identity. While visiting this man, she has to run for her life as a hail of gunshots pockmark the walls and shatter the windows. Someone will stop at nothing until she is dead. If she thought things were bad enough, they are about to get much worse...

## **The Deadly Caress Details**

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## From Reader Review The Deadly Caress for online ebook

### **Jennifer Theriot says**

A gripping thriller that kept me on the edge of my seat. Twists and turns, murder, car chases, gunshots all ensue while Amanda attempts to find her mother's killer. Highly recommend this awesome book!

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### **G.S. Bailey says**

Frigging hell: This doesn't let up. Heart pounding, nail biting... if you're looking for a relaxing read – this ain't it! This is masterly suspense and a great thriller. You want to climb into the book and help out the goodies – save them from the relentless bad guys, whoever they are. It's not clear exactly who to fear until the end. The who-done-it is brilliant. Get comfy because you won't be putting this book down, although you're likely going to be pacing the room while you read rather than relaxing in a chair... Excellent. Top marks.

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### **C.P. Mandara says**

A thrilling tale that will have you on the edge of your seat from start to finish. Get ready for a scary ride.

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### **Ju Ephraime says**

This book is a nail-biter. Stefan writes about a subject that has a lot of emotional pull for most people; however, not content to leave it there, the author throws in several sub-plots: an adopted daughter, Amanda finding her birth mother, Jean Campbell, then discovering she not only had a twin brother and a half-brother, her mother was filthy rich. The excitement is just beginning, there's some sort of stolen identity, lots of shooting, murders, hot sex, and finally, the happy ever after. This book has it all. Prepare to be gripping your seat as you buckle in for the ride. Brilliant!

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### **Marika Germanis says**

Great cover and curiosity drew my attention to this book. Lots of family tension for detectives to focus on and many reasons for Amanda to search for the killer. This is well thought out a captivating and worth read !!!

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### **E.M.G. Wixley says**

A chilling thriller.

### **Anna Othitis says**

Out to discover her mother's killer. Her quest takes her to Wollongong to find the man who she thinks holds the answer to the killer's identity. A gripping thriller that I really enjoyed to the end. recommended and well authored.

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### **Black Butterfly says**

THIS BOOK LEFT ME FEELING UNFULFILLED EVEN THOUGH IT DID END AND WASN'T A CLIFF HANGER. THE STORY LINE WAS VERY DISJOINTED AND THE NONE OF CHARACTERS WERE LIKABLE AT ALL. I KEPT WAITING FOR THE STORY TO PICK UP AND IT NEVER REALLY DID. ALL THE CHARACTERS MADE SOME VERY STUPID CHOICES; THE POLICE WERE DUMBER THAN THE KEYSTONE COPS. THE STORY LINE WAS CONFUSING AND BORING IT WOULD BUILD UP THEN JUST FIZZLES OUT TO NOTHING. READING THIS WAS LIKE EATING A MEAL AND TWENTY MINUTES LATER YOU'RE STILL HUNGRY. THE MOST EXCITING THING ABOUT IT WAS THE CREEPY COVER; WISH THE CONTENTS HAD BEEN AS INTERESTING. BLAH! :(

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### **J.W. Metcalf says**

Being a fan of mysteries and suspense novels this one sucked me right in. First time Author O.N.Stefan did a great job with the character development that made you actually care for the characters. they weren't just one dimensional people moving through the paces. The book moved at a fast pace and keep you wondering what would happen next. I found myself thinking what was going to happen when I wasn't reading the book. If her second novel is anywhere as good as this one O.N. Stefan has a good career ahead in writing. I recommend this book to any Mystery fan.

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### **Marianne says**

The Deadly Caress is the first novel by Australian author, O.N.Stefan. When celebrated Australian nature photographer, Amanda Blake travels to California to meet Jean Campbell, the birth mother she has only just learned of, she is apprehensive but hopeful. She wants to find out why Jean, widow of Campbell- Beare Pharmaceuticals founder, Murray Campbell, gave her up for adoption, and she hopes she will finally form a real mother-daughter relationship. What she is certainly not expecting is a twin brother and a step-brother. Her twin, Brian, seems a stereotypical Aussie male: friendly, laconic and rather casual. Her step-brother, Dorian, is prickly and antagonistic. But before she has more than a few hours to connect with the real mother, Jean is found dead in her ensuite bathroom. The police suspect murder and the Campbell family lawyer, Lionel Cohen reveals that Jean was preparing a new will that left the bulk of the estate to her daughter. Amanda finds herself in a houseful of strangers, all of whom seem to have their own agenda, and is unsure who she can trust. A clue that the police seem uninterested in following up sends Amanda back to Australia to see if she can find her mother's killer. But this is a move that puts her in more danger than she ever imagined. Stefan has crafted a murder mystery that is fast-paced, full of suspense and action-packed.

The plot has quite a few twists and turns and none of the characters is what they first seem to be. Amanda starts off a bit precious, but eventually finds her metal. Everyone, it seems, even the staff and the lawyer, might have a motive for murder. Stefan manages to include plenty of excitement: assaults and murders, as well as kidnapping, shootings, car chases, a suicide and a bomb scare, with organised crime bosses, a stolen drug formula, adultery and quite a lot of money in the background. The dialogue is sharp and realistic and readers familiar with the Australian location will appreciate the chase down the mountain. It will be interesting to see what Stefan produces next. A gripping read.

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### **Janet E. says**

The Deadly Caress by O.N. Stefan will make your pulse pound. Try it and see what a little dark literary magic can do: one third mystery, one third thriller, one third suspense, and enough murder suspects to satisfy Agatha Christy herself.

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### **M.A. Comley says**

Photographer, Amanda Blake leaves Australia and travels to the States to meet the woman who gave her up at birth. Amanda's emotions are in turmoil when she lays eyes on her mother. Within days she is introduced to further family members who include her twin brother Brian who welcomes her when other relatives refuse to.

Her mother Jean is found dead in her family home and this is where the intrigue in this fast moving, exciting plot begins.

A murder mystery with a long list of suspects that would rival any Agatha Christie novel.

With Amanda acting as chief investigator in her mother's murder her life is put in danger several times during the novel.

Great characters and a thoroughly gripping read, one that I would have no trouble recommending.

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### **Dennis Koller says**

A Riveting Debut Novel

This is a terrific debut novel by O.N. Stefan. I came to it through a recommendation. I must say I was surprised how good the book was: tight writing, good descriptions, and believable characters. I'm not one who believes reviews should give away the story line, but suffice it to say that because the characters are never quite who they pretend to be, the author keeps you turning those pages right to the satisfying end.

It's a five star novel that I rated as four stars only because I found the format to be a problem on my reader, making it somewhat difficult for me to follow. I contacted the author and was assured that fixes were in the works.

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### **P.J. Fiala says**

Travelling to Wallongong to track down her mother's killer leads Amanda Blake on a ride she will never forget, if she gets out alive. Great read.

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### **Vickie Sarmina says**

WOW – what a amazing adventure packed thriller. Imagine getting a letter from a woman who proclaims herself as your mother and that you were adopted! Amanda finds herself in that very predicament. She travels to San Francisco to meet her mother and to find out why she was given away. In the process, she finds that she also has a half-brother and a twin brother as well. All the siblings have been invited to meet with Jean Campbell for this special occasion. Amanda has mixed feelings about this meeting, but she wants to find out the truth and to get to know her mother and her siblings, as well. Everyone meets and it all seems so awkward and hostile from one of the brothers, Dorian, the half-brother. Jean and Amanda talk a while and she gets some answers to a few of her questions. Then everyone excuses themselves to go to bed. In the morning a murder is discovered. Who was murdered and why? Detective Mel Hart was called to the scene. Everyone in the house was considered a person of interest, and the investigation begins. Why was the lawyer called to the house? Why did Jean want her will to be revealed to the her children? Why all the secrets and what were the secrets? Would they find the answers to so many questions?The plot was brilliantly planned for this book. The never ending mystery, intrigue, and action keeps the reader glued to the pages for hours on end. There are multi-millions at stake, abductions, people being targeted to be killed - and constant action from beginning to end. The character development was superb. The reader either liked the character, or hated the character. I thoroughly enjoyed this book very much! The ending could have been expounded on more in my opinion. I am definitely looking forward to the next book by this author.

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