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Kelsey says

I make it no secret that I am a huge fan girl for Lyla Payne and all of her work. The Lowcountry Ghost series has a special place in my heart solely for the one of a kind narrator, Gracie Harper. Gracie brings such a fun perspective to the story and I loved getting into her head once again. All the Heron Creek residents are back, in addition to some new folks, and putting up with Gracie's tendency towards bending the law.

After the cliffhanger that was Not Quite Cold, this book was much anticipated totally pulls you into it as one of the story's most loveable characters is under attack and facing serious trouble with the law. I think that, in turn with Millie's increasing depression, bring a somber tone to this book. Gracie has a lot more to deal with emotionally, so we miss some of that snark that drew us in in the first novels. Her ability to see ghosts is changing and adapting as well as the state of her personal life. It takes quite the toll. But we have seen time and time again that Gracie is not going to let a little haunting or some trouble with the law get her down.

This story shows a great deal of adaptation and growth for our friends in Heron Creek. Grace and her loved ones are put through the ringer once again in a story of epic proportions. Not Quite True will satisfy mystery buff or paranormal fan, while still appealing to the inner romantic in us all. I cannot wait to see where Gracie goes next.

Sandra Lancaster says

I love this series. Lyla does a terrific job relaying historical details, developing the characters, and describing details of a small southern town. Gracie is such a great character. I love her sassy attitude, sarcastic comebacks and willingness to stand up and fight for what who and what she believes in. She is growing throughout the series and accepting her role as the helper of ghosts. I love all the characters and any glimpse or insight of them I can get.

Her relationship with Beau is being put to the test, with him being indicted. Her other relationships are also under strain with various issues. This book is more emotional and deals with some difficult issues.

I loved the history of the ghosts that are present in Gracie's life during this book. And the mystery, or should I say mysteries, will leave you guessing until the reveal. My heart was in my throat when it all went down.

Melanie says

I enjoyed this tale and the continuation of Gracie's story. I also like how Gracie is a mix of Nancy Drew and the Ghost Whisperer. In this one Gracie struggles with how much to help Beau who is on trial, while also trying to help a wayward ghost Dr. Ladd and figure out how to stop the curse against her family. Mystery, intrigue and shenanigans ensue. The supernatural aspects of the story were interesting. Some points it did

seem that events where Gracie got herself in trouble were glossed over a little too easily, but it was nice to see the author come back to them later. Overall a fun mystery ghost series that I will continue reading.

Jamie Davis says

Lyla nails it yet again in Lowcountry!

What in the actual Hell?!?!?! Yeah, I had those moments several times while reading. It's become a favorite saying since reading it in this book - thanks for a great "go to" statement, Lyla! ;-)

Lyla Payne NAILED it yet again! I've loved this series from the very first time I sat down to read Not Quite Dead. Gracie Harper is, and always will be, one of my favorite literary characters. From her snarky inner monologues, to her snappy comebacks and sharp wit, she NEVER leaves me disappointed!

Not Quite True picks up where Not Quite Cold ends, and with Beau's indictment for the abuse of power in Lindsay Boone's case hanging over their heads, Gracie and Beau are trying to wade through the mire of their two messy lives. With Beau's little brother Brick around, and the town choosing sides, they have little chance to spend time together.

Mrs. LaBadie is still lurking in the shadows and wreaking havoc on Gracie and Amelia's life. The girls are still struggling to put their curse behind them but quickly realize the crazy voodoo witch isn't finished with them.

The ghost stories and history woven into this series is such a pivotal part of the story for me. I love early American history and the ghost stories that go hand in hand with it. Lyla Payne writes about Charleston in a way that makes me determined to walk the ghost tours and sit in the restaurants she describes with such detail. You will come to love both Henry Woodward and Joseph Ladd as they insinuate themselves into Gracie's life time and again. The ghostly aspects of her life are quickly becoming the norm - will she be able to accept them?

Lyla's attention to detail and descriptive knack for weaving visuals leaves you feeling as though you've stepped into the story straight from the pages to your mind. I can't wait to see where she goes with this series. It's time to make sure everyone you know reads the Lowcountry series and gets to know Gracie!

little 'ole me says

I really wish I had found this series before book 3, however that does not stop me wanting to gush to all my friends about the New go to series for our little club.

Graciela is a loveable, funny, down to earth heroine with a paranormal twist. I love her blossoming romance with Beau (who's brother is Brick! I'm sorry but who is called Brick?!?) and how the town mayor can be falling in love with the underdog and sees all the positives whilst his constituents may differ from that opinion.

Gracie sets out to help her ghost and support her very pregnant cousin which basically results in Gracie getting in a right pickle!
bring on the next instalment...

Beth says

I just love this series! Graciela is one of those heroines that you can relate to...she's very real -- right down to the bad hair days. I enjoy the paranormal aspect much more than I would have expected, and I really liked how she picked up a new ghost this time around and he was able to communicate in new ways. And as always, Graciela gets herself into worlds of trouble as she tries to clear the name of her boyfriend. I enjoy the fact that I had several laugh out loud moments along with the mystery and suspense that shapes the book. All in all, another great book in this series, and already looking forward to the next one!

Lyla Payne says

4/21/15

It's release day for NOT QUITE TRUE! I hope you enjoy the continuation of Gracie's story in Heron Creek as much as I enjoyed writing it. Thank you for reading!! <3

The 3rd book in my Lowcountry series has a title and a release date! Woot!

Jaime Arkin says

Here I am telling you that if you haven't read any Lyla Payne books you absolutely must, and book 3 in her Lowcountry mystery series is just one more reason why.

With a bit of a cliffhanger at the end of book 2, we jump right back into the thick of Gracie's life. Her boyfriend is being accused of abuse of power and is facing an uncertain future, and she has a spirit that's been hanging around, not giving her much in the way of clues as to why he's here. Add to that, her cousin Amelia's depression, and she has a full plate.

A girl's trip to Charleston and a ghost tour of all things, brings the "Whistling Doctor of Duelers Alley" to her attention and is the main mystery of this installment. Finding out the doctor's history and why he still haunts the area takes Gracie's mind off of all her other troubles and gives her mind something to figure out, but this mystery brings along its own kind of trouble and of course, she can't seem to let Beau's case run its course... she's determined to prove that he's not the criminal that he's being made out to be.

My favorite part of these books is the history and that's a credit to Payne, because I'm not big on history if I'm being honest! When I finish one, I have the urge to head South and hit up all the ghost tours in these amazing cities though, I can't help being intrigued! It's so fascinating, and as I finished up the story, I found myself googling the Whistling Doctor just to learn more! Part of the mystery in these books is Gracie finding out just exactly what these ghosts need from her, and with Dr. Ladd, it may end up being a lot more dangerous than she ever expected and for reasons no one would ever have expected!

Payne does relationships amazingly well and I've loved the development of the relationships in this series and how they've progressed. Not just her relationship with Beau, even though that's my favorite... I mean he's a swoony, southern mayor!! But I'm also talking about the relationships with the lovely secondary characters. From her cousin Amelia, to her friend Leo, to her ex Will and her friend Mel... and yes, some

questionable moonshiners, everyone is unique and layered and intriguing and I find myself waiting impatiently for more about each of them.

There is an over-arching storyline that we get a little bit more progression in, though I think I would have liked to see a bit more. Gracie and her family are dealing with a curse and the strange Mrs. LaBadie and I think if I had any complaint, it would be that that kind of fell to the wayside and we didn't really move that part of the story ahead much.

If you're a fan of mystery and suspense... if you love a story that incorporates true history and will have you dying to learn more, then I can't recommend this series more. Payne knows her stuff and she writes an amazing story that will have you glued to the pages. Definitely grab a glass of sweet tea and this book, then settle in for a fun, action-filled mystery-romance-ghost story.

Thank you to the author for providing an early copy in exchange for my honest thoughts.

Edeena Cross says

Still gripping

Loving the continued storyline that flows beneath each book. Enjoying the growth in the characters and how they're responding to each situation. And now I'm off to snag the next book.

Ashlee Thatcher says

The great thing about how these stories are written is how seamlessly the books flow together. The writing is so descriptive that you feel as though you are right there in the scene, but not so overly descriptive that you lose sight of the story line.

With friendships, and romance, in peril, a new ghost's mystery to solve, and a curse hanging over her head will Gracie get the answers she needs? And, if she does, will the price she has to pay be worth it? Just another crazy day in Heron Creek!

Another great edition to a flawless and amazing series that keeps you on the edge of your seat, and leaves you jonesing for more!

Iza says

Review written for <http://theeraderjunkie.wordpress.com>

I was happy to come back to Heron Creek. Reading Not quite true felt like meeting and taking news from friends and family – and there's a fair amount of news ! In the last instalment, we left Mayor Beau about to be sent to jail concerning the affair of Leo's sister. Beau's brother, the insufferable Brick, comes to stand as his lawyer much to Graciela's dismay. The handsome Mayor is accused of having been bribed to send Lindsay to jail instead of catching a bigger fish. Leo, Graciela's old frenemy, is giving her the shoulder because she doesn't believe in Beau's guilt.

Otherwise, both Gracie and Amelia have to find a way to fight the curse that has been placed on their family by a group of witches.

And, on top of the new ghost that recently appeared to Gracie, another one shows up and she tries to help him.

“I might go as far as calling myself an amateur sleuth these days, but that’s stretching it since my ghosts do most of the pointing and shoving, and I mostly stumble into trouble on my way to answers.”

Gracie calls her ghosts “the living impaired” but I really like how she takes their problems at heart and tries to help. “They feel like people to me, friends.”

Oh, an unexpected help : Clete ! Talking about help, in this instalment, Gracie learns not to rely solely on herself for solving her problems. This is one thing I like while reading this series, the familiarity I feel toward the characters. They may have their flaws, and maybe because of that, they feel real (except for the ghosts !) and I like them very much. I like how they stand for each other and care for each other. And I like Gracie’s sense of humor and ability to pick locks !

Highly recommended !

Jan says

Gracie is reeling from the arrest of her boyfriend when she picks up another ghost while on a Charleston ghost walk. Uh, yeah. Ghost walk was not a great idea. But now she is tasked with solving another historical ghost problem and prove her boyfriend's innocence. Well, she really does not have to do either, but, you know Gracie.

This series is just fun. Gracie, her family and friends are so clear in my mind. I would love to live in the town. Everything is just so real to me. Even the ghosts. The series does have a chick lit air to it, but mixed with a mystery and ghosts it is not overpowering. I can't wait to see what happens next.

Elisa Hordon says

Wow, just doesn't seem enough, I mean seriously how much more trouble can Gracie find...lol I know, I know trouble finds her easily...lol

Not Quite True is so full of adventure, mayhem and madness I just LOVED it. Gracie has 2 ghosts to deal with, she is also trying to keep her cousin safe and sane, Oh and the Mayor is in BIG trouble, Leo is not talking to Gracie and OMG when she actually needs someone to bail her butt out of Jail she calls her ex Will and her ex best friend Mel to save her.

Will Gracie's life ever be a quiet simple life hahahahahaha then it wouldn't be Gracie's life, so between researching her ghosts, making sure Millie is not only safe but also trying to get her to open up, then Gracie is also trying to save Beau without him knowing she is playing Nancy Drew oh and then there is Clete wanting Gracie's help with his moonshine business, see wow is still not enough this book is my favourite so far there was so much going on but it wasn't too much everything worked and Gracie kept it together brilliantly and seriously people need to stop underestimating her Gracie knows how to look after herself.

Angela Shockley says

It's a Mystery Trifecta

I loved every moment of reading Not Quite True! Once I started reading, I could not put it down!

Not Quite True picks up almost exactly where Not Quite Cold left off. Beauregard Drayton is being indicted and a new ghost has stopped for a visit. It is not long before Gracie picks up another spare ghost and the real fun and games begin! The resolution for one of these ghosts left me feeling so happy.

With Beau's impending trial, we get to see a side to Heron Creek that we have not before. Hint: they fiercely support their own! Clete and his moonshining pals also make an appearance. They're endearing, and in spite of their scare tactics, I quite like them!

The ramifications of the curse and the murderous Mrs. Labadie still lingers. Which has serious repercussions for Amelia. My heart breaks for Millie, because she has already been through so much. Fortunately, a family and friends who love her surround her. I have hope for her and the unborn baby (and the baby's name is revealed!)

The twist, yes...there's a twist. You are reading a mystery, after all. I didn't realize what was going on until Gracie was neck deep in trouble (let's face it, when is she NOT in trouble?) Kudos for the clever writing. The scenes involving the reveal left me truly terrified for Gracie.

Lyla captures life in the small-town south very well. Even more so, she nailed the SC weather perfectly. I do not live in a coastal region right now, but I used to. The heat and humidity in South Carolina is completely unforgiving. When it is hot, it is unbearable. Sea breeze or not! I fully appreciated the "sweating between the boobs" references. #thestruggleisreal

Given their penchant for trouble, I'm certain that Graciela Harper and Rose Gardner (Rose Gardner Mysteries by Denise Grover Swank) were separated at birth. I may have mentioned this before, but it bears repeating! ;)

Finally...as if things could not get crazier... just wait until you get to the end! That is all I'm going to say about that.

I am eager to continue with the novella (Quite Curious) head of the August 18 release date of Not Quite Gone, the fourth book in the series. *****FIVE STARS*****

Keli Barrett says

Lyla Payne gives me a new hope for finding books with an equal amount of romance/mystery/humor/eloquence. I am absolutely in love. Although I have all her books on digital devices, I will also be purchasing them so that I can hold them in my hands. And also loan them out to friends

This is the 3rd book in the Lowcountry series but let me assure you, it is not dragged out. If anything it is still pulling you in deeper. With the curse of a dead ancestor gripping Graciela and her cousin Amelia, her boyfriend/Mayor being on trial and her exciting gift of seeing ghost, Gracie Anne pulls out all the stops with her sassy mouth and archival wit.

Lyla Payne writes with interest in depicting the traditional south while still embellishing on her characters. She could write a sentence without a name and Id know exactly who she was talking about. I love this book series.
