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Special Agent Steven Thatcher has a lot on his hands. Not only is there a serial killer on the loose, stalking area high schools, but Steven's teenage son Brad is suddenly acting up and failing in school. His schoolteacher, Jenna Marshall, is also worried about Brad. As their conversations about the troubled teen increased and grow more intimate, Jenna and Steven soon find they're falling for each other, though they tread cautiously as both carry hidden wounds of their own. Their situation turns even more dangerous when Jenna finds herself on the twisted path of the serial killer Steven is investigating.

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## From Reader Review Have You Seen Her? for online ebook

### Jenny says

Have You Seen Her? is book two of Romantic Suspense series by Karen Rose. When a young girl's body founded in a clearing and another girl's body couple days later, Special Agent Steven Thatcher started to think that there is a serial killer on the lose. However, Special Agent Steven Thatcher had other worries when his eldest son teacher Dr Jenna Marshall called him with about Brad deteriorating school work. From their first meeting, they felt the chemistry between them. The readers of Have You Seen Her? will follow the twists and turned in the murder investigation and the romance between Special Agent Steven Thatcher and Dr Jenna Marshall.

Have You Seen Her? was the second book I have read of Karen Rose and I enjoyed reading it. I love the way, Karen Rose provided the twists and turned between her characters especially Special Agent Steven Thatcher and Dr Jenna Marshall. Have You Seen Her? was well written and researched by Karen Rose. I like the way, Karen Rose, describes her plots and settings that engaged me from the first page.

The readers of Have You Seen Her? will learn that you need to communicate with family and friends or you lose their trust. Also, the readers of Have You Seen Her? will see the consequences of mental illness that not probably treated.

I recommend this book.

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### Mojca says

This was the second book by Ms. Rose I read, after Don't Tell inspired me to acquire the entire "series" of her books.

Unfortunately this story doesn't hold the candle to Don't Tell. Though the suspense part was wonderful, thrilling, chilling, intriguing, and keeping the reader on the edge of the seat, the characterization and all those little sideline stories bothered me.

First, the hero and his mentality annoyed me. He was all over the place with the heroine, trusting her one moment, "hating" her the next...And then expected her to forgive him. I know, I know, his behavior was explained, and I got it, really, I did, but still, Ms. Rose went a little over the top with the jerk.

Second, the hero's oldest son and his sudden change of behavior...And as much sudden change back. The author offered a plausible explanation, but I felt the issue was never really resolved. And it just took too much space in the story for something that in the end didn't lead to anything.

Third, the heroine and her idiosyncrasies. She kept accusing everybody of not getting over her deceased fiancé, but still she kept his ring, and his car...And then accusing the hero of not trusting her (which was true), yet her behavior suggested she didn't trust him either.

Too many issues marring an otherwise wonderful thriller. I really wished Ms. Rose would cut back on the "main characters" and focused on the killer more. I never thought I'd say this, but I felt this book needed more explicit details and gore. Go figure. Anything to keep my mind off the erratic behavior and mentality of the two leads.

## **nicklein says**

This was much better than the first one and that is saying something because I already liked that one A LOT. I liked the mystery. It kept me guessing and on the edge of my seat the whole time. My heartbeat still haven't return back to normal. I love this series and I'm glad I still have like 10 more books to devour.

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## **Pamela(AllHoney) says**

I knew I wanted to read Steven Thacker's story after reading Don't Tell and I wasn't disappointed - much. It was a great story but Steven was a bit of a jerk at times. The author gave some valid reasons for his actions but I still wanted to bob him over the head. But it was good and highly recommended for those who read romantic suspense.

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## **Thenia says**

The story of Special Agent Steven Thatcher, whom we met in the previous book, and Jenna Marshall, his eldest son's science teacher.

Steven is leading an investigation on a serial killer who is targeting teenage girls and as if that wasn't enough to worry about, his youngest boy, Nicky, is still not quite himself after getting abducted in the previous book, while Brad, his seventeen year old son, seems to be going through a bad phase as well and has started failing his classes.

Jenna, who is also worried about Brad when he fails a second test in a row, calls in his father, half-prepared for a bad scene like the one she's had with the quarterback's dad when he got suspended from the team for failing her class.

The two meet in less than ideal circumstances and while neither of them is looking for a relationship, the attraction between them is undeniable and they end up tentatively dating.

(view spoiler)

Another very engaging story that will hopefully be one of many to come. The series continues with I'm Watching You.

*Previous book review:*

◆ *Don't Tell (Romantic Suspense, #1; Chicago, #1)*

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## **Laura says**

Special Agent Steven Thatcher returns on a new case. He is hunting a serial killer who abducts teenage girls. In addition to stress on the job, he has to deal with his home life which is falling apart. His oldest son Brad has become uncommunicative, and failing at school, his youngest Nick continues with issues from his abduction 6 months earlier, and his aunt continues her meddling matchmaking ways. He meets Jenna, Brad's chemistry teacher when she calls him to discuss his grades. They have instant chemistry but love doesn't come easily for them. Jenna has her own professional and personal issues to overcome. The lack of support on the job for Jenna by her boss was very unsettling to me. There was a lot going on in this book, but my favorite part was the relationships between all the characters. Jenna and Steven's kids, Steven and Father Mike, Jenna and her girlfriend, Jenna and her nosy neighbor. Steven and his team. I would have read a book about all of them even without a serial killer on the loose. I enjoyed this and hope these characters pop up again in future books. 5 stars.

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### **Wendy says**

Loved this 2nd book in her Romantic Suspense series!

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### **Karin Human says**

I love a book that grabs you from the start. I love it even more if it grabs you in the middle and then grabs you near the end again. This book did that. Written at a quick pace, it leaves you wanting more, making it difficult to put it down. Each time you think you have the plot completely worked out, she sneaks in a twist that steers you a little off course. With a nice dash of romance and plenty of excitement this was a fabulous read.

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### **CJC says**

Uggghh

I shouldn't have read this right after the first. I think this one was worse – mainly because you can no longer say 'well it's a first book'...

You know who the killer is the very first time you meet him, but then I thought no it can't be – too obvious, so I kept reading hoping to be wrong. I wasn't.

The romance was farfetched, both Jenna and Steven have had absolutely no interest in anyone else – for years - and then they are both ready spend eternity together within 5 seconds of meeting each other. Of course Jenna is perfect - the only person in the whole wide world who can get through to Nicky, and though he has been parenting by himself for years and she has no kids – only she can solve the parenting problem Steven is having with Brad. Neil sleeping for the first time in years after he saw her face... it's a little over the top.

Though I know teens can be a little quick to react, the Brad situation was unrealistic – he isn't bathing, failing classes, hates his dad which all seems like a very extreme reaction but then he's over it and completely fine in no time – again a little extreme.

People are always throwing their head back and laughing in her books – and over something not at all funny. I know it's a minor detail but it bugs me. And 'the place where her body wept for him' – really? As in the first book some of the romance scenes just made me cringe.

I think this could have used one more proof read.

It seems word of the day while writing this one must have been rueful...

She reached for one of the shoes, holding it up for a rueful inspection

Instead he made his mouth smile ruefully

Mike smiled ruefully

Jenna smiled ruefully

She gave a rueful wince

She smiled ruefully

"Because I am trying to sleep," she said ruefully

He murmured ruefully

Steven's smile was more rueful than anything else

I know I must be missing something as these books seem to have great ratings, clearly they aren't for me.

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## **Anita says**

Suspense, Romance and Humor. Three for three in this book. Even though the suspense is a serial killer (not my favorite baddie) and the romance is two people trying to sever ties to the past and move on (lots of baggage here), the humor makes everything not so morose.

Jenna is a high school teacher who loves her work and her students. When Brad had a personality change and his grades tank she calls his father Steven, a SBI agent. They literally smack up against each other and it's love at first sight, sort of. Both carry scars from the past but can't deny the instant attraction they have.

Some stream of consciousness thoughts as I make my way through this book:

I'm on page 43 and I have rarely seen a book that starts as hot as this one end up at less than a five star read. I will wait until I finish the book to for a full review, but, the start is really, really good.

Now on page 113. This is a five star read. The scene between Matt, Aunt Helen and the yearbook is just priceless.

I love Jenna since we are both Rocky Road gals. "Vanilla wasn't even worth the trouble. She wasn't even sure how it got in her freezer."

The mystery suspense of this plot centers on a serial killer who murdered four girls and got off on a technicality. He surfaces three years later across the country in Raleigh, NC and more girls die. Steven is the agent in charge and between his very troubled son, Brad, the demanding case and his feelings for Jenna, he has a lot going on and Jenna is in the middle of it all.

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## Gill says

I would have enjoyed this book a whole lot more if she'd concentrated more on the plot and less on the (badly written) burning loins.

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## Emma?? (Bookishfix) says

**"And the message is?"**

**"Don't get into cars with strangers and monsters don't always have fangs"**

*Karen Rose is such an amazing author, her slow plot build up, character perspectives, romance and mystery pull you right in, making for an amazing read. Her sex scenes are super smokey, burning hot with lust, love and need. Each book is linked, there are characters we've met before and i honestly find it really exciting reading more about a character even if the book is no longer based on them. I never pick the killer out, its always the least suspected person committing the murder or crimes, even though sometimes the evidence points to someone and im sitting there thinking i know whats going on, in reality i have absolutely no idea, Karen Rose mindfucks the shit out of the reader like that. I cannot believe i only discovered her awesomeness this year, what have i been doing with my life guys?!*

*Special Agent Steven Thatcher is in charge of finding the sadistic serial killer who is luring teen cheerleaders out of their beds at night, abducting them, sexually assaulting them, shaving their heads then finally killing them and displaying their bodies in a wooded clearing.*

*The killer is slowly building up his confidence and starts taunting detective Thatcher trying to prove he is smarter than them and unstoppable.*

*Steven has more on his mind than just this sick serial killer, being a widowed father to three boys is hard enough and now his son Brad has started acting strangely, he is detached from the family, lacking personal hygiene and sits in his room brooding.*

*When Brad's grades start slipping his teacher Jenna Marshall decides to contact his father and try to get an understanding of why the bright star pupil she knew is turning into a failing mess before her eyes. After failing a star Quarterback and getting into a row with the students father about passing him anyway so he can play football, Jenna's now become a target to sick games but is this the serial killer, or an angry students revenge? having her tires slashed, classroom destroyed- she has no intention of backing down.*

*Still haunted by his youngests son's abduction a few years back; Things take a turn for the worst, stumping investigators when their newest victim is found dismembered, Steven's need for this killer to be punished grows knowing himself how the parents of these teenage girls must feel, he puts everything into finding the sick person behind there brutal attacks, taunting the killer back via press conference, but at what cost? The killer is watching, waiting for his perfect moment to strike but how close is he really? And who will be his next target?*

*My favorite character in this novel was Jenna Marshall, she is a strong independant women with a black belt in karate. With two german shepherds to keep her company after the tragic death of her fiance, who she still mourns for, Jenna is struggling with control on her life. She keeps contact with her deceased fiance's family and her best friend is another teacher at the school she works for, High Point High School. Not only is she smart, strong and brave but she has care and compassion for others, often helping at a hospice , volunteering or forming close bonds with her students.*

*If you're looking for a well written multiple perspective mindfuck murder mystery, and dont mind a bit of romance to balance things out. This book is for you, Karen Rose is for you. All her books not just this one. She has me hooked guys! I'm still hunting down the remainder of her books, but i'll get there. Karen i will devour your awesome novels one at a time, loving every single bit of them.*

**Recommended for : Murder Mystery/ Romance**

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## **Shawna says**

4 stars – Romantic Suspense

This was my second read by author Karen Rose, and it's a very good romantic suspense; but I didn't enjoy it nearly as much as her first book, **Don't Tell**. The plot is tightly drawn, the villain is uber creepy, scary, and sadistic, the heroine, teacher Jenna Marshall, is spunky and endearing, and the suspense is edgy and intense, but the hero, Special Agent Steven Thatcher, who played a key role in **Don't Tell**, really got on my nerves in this one.

Steven's treatment of Jenna really pissed me off at times, and she was waaay more accepting and forgiving of his behavior than I would have been. I understand the fact that he's under considerable, agonizing stress raising three boys as a widower and working on a high profile, gruesome serial killer case, but she was nothing but helpful with his kids, caring, supportive, nurturing, and genuine. He constantly lashed out at her and acted like a jealous, petulant jerk 90% of the time, and there were a couple of times that I thought she would have been within her rights to slap him good. And call me shallow, but the description of his looks didn't quite scream "Tall, Dark, and Handsome" to me, so that coupled with his less than stellar treatment of such a lovable heroine, and I was really put off. He eventually sees the error of his ways, vows to do better, and shows her tenderness, but he's definitely not one of my favorite romantic heroes.

Still, **Have You Seen Her?** is a good romantic suspense read, and I'm very impressed with this author. I'll definitely continue reading the rest of the series by Karen Rose. 4 stars!

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## **ElaineY says**

I can't give Have You Seen Her the same accolades as I've given the other Rose books, minus Nothing To Fear.

First, Steven Thatcher is a wimp, his whining and hanging on to his baggage made him the most unattractive man I've come across in a romance. That he was the hero truly made this book a loser. Special Agent, Neil, deserved the girl, not Thatcher, and Jenna should have stuck to her conclusion that Thatcher would always be suspicious of any man who so much as spoke to her. I just couldn't see how Jenna could have her HEA with

a man like that. Each time Steven went into his childish knee-jerk reaction, I was willing Jenna to forget the guy and look at Neil instead.

I was also disappointed over how dumb the police were not to guess who the real killer was. All I can say is that I'm so glad I didn't read this book first when I decided to try Karen Rose. It would have put me off completely and I'd have missed the not-to-be-missed books of the two Reagan brothers.

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### **Cheri says**

I have only read a handful of books by KR, but this one blew me away! I read this so slow because I didn't wanna miss one sentence. This book is now one of my favorite suspense books. The crimes are a bit gory, so if you have a weak stomach this is not for you. Steven began to grate my nerves with his personal indecisions but I still adored him. I loved Jenna's character...very smart and brave. Neil needs to stop trying to steal other men's girlfriends. I recommend this book for anyone who loves a good suspense/mystery/crime book!!

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### **Christa says**

Have You Seen Her? was a riveting romantic suspense novel. It is the second book in the series, and the hero, Steven Thatcher, also appeared in the previous novel, Don't Tell. I enjoyed the way that the relationship developed between the hero and heroine, Jenna Marshall, and even though Steven Thatcher made serious mistakes in his interactions with Jenna, it wasn't difficult to sympathize with him due to insecurities caused by his past. I thought that the hero and heroine were both wonderful characters, and I was rooting for them all of the way. This book had an engrossing storyline and included some great secondary characters. I thoroughly enjoyed this book, and am adding Karen Rose to my list of favorite romantic suspense authors.

Steven Thatcher, Special Agent for the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation, is investigating the disappearance of a local high school cheerleader when she is found dead. Soon, a second young cheerleader vanishes, and Steven is afraid that a vicious serial killer is stalking young women. As Steven becomes submerged in the investigation, he still has problems to deal with at home. A widower with three boys, Steven has series worries with two of his children. Seven year old Nicky was kidnapped from his bed during the previous book, and his emotional suffering has taken away his spontaneity and joy. Seventeen year old Brad has gone from a polite, wonderful student to a surly, unkempt teenager failing his classes in a month's time. Steven is contacted by Dr. Jenna Marshall, Brad's concerned chemistry teacher. As soon as they meet, the two are attracted, but neither wants a relationship. As circumstances cause them to continue to meet, they are unable to deny their awareness and feelings for one another. As they try to carefully explore the possibility of a relationship, Steven's past causes him to misjudge Jenna's actions on several occasions. At the same time, Jenna is being terrorized for failing a high school football player, and Steven's lack of faith in her leaves her in greater danger. Steven knows that he loves Jenna and that her caring is improving the lives of his beloved sons. If Steven wants to have a future with Jenna, he must deal with the issues in his past while he races to find a serial killer whose actions are escalating.

I thought that this was a great book! The hero was flawed, but very likeable. The heroine had survived heartbreak in her past also, and she was very caring and compassionate. If you enjoy intense, page turning suspense with a touching romance included, you will enjoy this book. I would suggest reading Don't Tell prior to this book so that you will have a better understanding and appreciation for the hero. I loved the first two books in this series, and am ready to delve right into the next one.

## Jo says

This author really does know how to write gripping thrillers and the suspense part of this book was very well done. I loved that I was wrong about who the killer was (that almost never happens to me) and I loved the twist of it.

The romance aspect of the book however was a complete downfall for me. I had issues with Special Agent Steven Thatcher in the previous book and he was even worse in this book. His treatment of Jenna irked me to no end (extreme jealousy, hot and cold behavior that gave me whiplash) and I wanted to slap him several times. Add the fact that Jenna was way too accepting of his behavior and everything about their romance was a disaster to me.

However I still love the way this author writes RS, even though the romance is usually more on the light side and I would definitely recommend her books if you are looking for a good thriller.

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## Lauren says

### Have You Seen Her?

4 Stars

#### Synopsis

Investigating the horrific murder of a teenage cheerleader and coping with his traumatized 7 year old, Special Agent Steven Thatcher has his hands full. But things can always get worse and they do when another dead girl is found and Steven's eldest son, Brad, starts failing in school. Brad's teacher, Jenna Marshall reaches out to help, and she and Steven realize they have more in common than their concern for Brad. As they grow closer, however, so does the killer who seems to have turned his sights on Jenna.

#### Review

Even better than the first book.

The serial killer plot is well done with some excellent twists and turns although a careful reader will find it very easy to identify the culprit.

The romance is compelling mostly due to the amazing chemistry between Steven and Jenna. This makes their relationship believable despite the relatively short time span. Given his history, Steven is an extremely vulnerable hero, which may explain his trust issues and reservations where it comes to accepting Jenna wholeheartedly. Nevertheless, his jealousy can be annoying at times. Jenna is my favorite type of heroine, caring and sympathetic but also holds her own against hesitant policemen and diabolical serial killers.

A couple of issues are left open which mar the overall reading experience, such as Brad's sudden return to his affable self after being a typical obnoxious teen for half the story, and the dubious resolution of the vandalism subplot.

Nevertheless, **Have You Seen Her?** is a well-written and exciting thriller with just the right amount of

suspense and romance.

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## Julianna says

Reviewed for THC Reviews

"4.5 stars" *Have You Seen Her?* was another exciting romantic suspense from Karen Rose. The serial killer mystery part of the book was taut with suspense. Although the real killer was definitely at the top of my suspect list, Ms. Rose certainly made me second guess myself several times, making the journey to discovering his identity enjoyable. She also threw in a little twist that I didn't see coming. I thought the romance aspect could have been just a wee bit better. For some reason I can't quite put my finger on, I didn't feel the connection between the hero and heroine quite as deeply as I would have liked. Perhaps it was because their relationship developed rather quickly over the course of only a few weeks, which isn't really my favorite way for a couple to fall in love. However, their romance was still good. Stephen and Jenna are both wounded souls who very much need each other, but they're also both rather stubborn and after being deeply hurt in the past, don't want to feel needy. As a consequence, this led to some amusing arguments, as well as intense passion. I felt that Stephen held back the truth about his first wife from Jenna a little too long, but otherwise, they communicated quite well for two people who had just met and were still getting to know each other.

I had really liked Stephen in Karen Rose's first book, *Don't Tell*. When he's on a case, he's more than just a cop. He truly cares about the victims and their families. It's what drives him to be a great detective, but it also puts a strain on his family relationships, especially with his kids. Stephen is definitely not a perfect dad, but he is a great one, nonetheless. He really loves his boys and although he has some problems with them, it just made him all the more relatable to me. Stephen was a very nice guy who certainly didn't deserve the cruel way in which his first wife abandoned him and their children. Because of that, Stephen has issues with trusting women, but that was understandable. However, it does lead to some problems with Jenna, and even I got a little miffed with him when he got jealous and spitefully left Jenna alone at the school even though he supposedly feared for her safety. That seemed like a rather dumb move for such a smart man, and I couldn't help but side with her when she temporarily broke off their relationship because of it. Luckily, Jenna was a pretty patient woman and eventually heard him out and forgave him. On the up side, the thing I really loved about Stephen was that he is a rare celibate hero who actually believes that if he has sex with a woman he better be prepared to marry her, and so consequently doesn't sleep around. The romance seas are brimming with playboy heroes, so I couldn't help but find Stephen's perspective utterly refreshing.

Jenna is a wonderfully caring woman who is struggling emotionally as the second anniversary of her fiancé's death approaches. As a teacher, she truly desires to give her students the best education she possibly can and always looks out for their well-being. It's her mindful attitude regarding Stephen's son, Brad that led to her meeting Stephen in the first place. She's fabulous with all of Stephen's boys, especially little Nicky who was still recovering from the trauma of being abducted just six months earlier (*Don't Tell*). I really enjoyed their scenes together as Jenna gave Nicky lots of love and special attention. She has a major soft spot for animals too and has two dogs that she saved from being euthanized and then trained them to guard her extremely well. She also does plenty of volunteer work at the animal shelter and the hospice where her fiancé passed away. Jenna may be a very nice person, but underneath it all, she's a tough-as-nails lady with a brown belt in karate. I love how she stood up to a bullying parent and wouldn't back down on the failing grade she gave his son even though her weaselly principle wouldn't support her in that decision and she started receiving threats because of it. All throughout the story, but especially when she had to go up against the killer, Jenna showed great courage, fortitude and strength of spirit.

*Have You Seen Her?* boasts a plethora of supporting players that I occasionally had a hard time keeping straight. In spite of that, I have to say that they were all rendered extremely well and each had his or her own very important role to play. Stephen's family is warm and wonderful. Brad is initially quite sullen, but I figured out very quickly what his problem was. Nicky is as cute as a button. It's sweet how Aunt Helen is always trying to play matchmaker to Stephen, and her banter with Matt was LOL funny. Stephen's priest friend, Mike was a good sounding board for Stephen's problems with both his boys and Jenna. Jenna's fiancé's family has become hers, and although she doesn't get along so well with her almost sister-in-law, everyone still loves and cares about her very much, as does her "nosy" neighbor, Mrs. Kasselbaum, who was a funny old lady. Stephen assembles an extremely talented investigative team to solve the string of murders, and each person on the team has their own personality and abilities that they bring to the table to get the job done. Neil Davies the lead investigator for the murders in Seattle joins them too. I had to admire his determination to put the killer behind bars after his own investigation went south, but on the other hand, he irritated me a bit when he tried to put the moves on Jenna. Then of course there was the Lutz family who give a whole new meaning to creepy. Unlike with most of Karen Rose's books, it doesn't look like the characters from *Have You Seen Her?* carry over to future books at this time, the only exception being Stephen who it appears may have a secondary role in *Kill for Me*. All in all, everything came together to make *Have You Seen Her?* a great read. With two winners in a row, Karen Rose has earned a spot on my favorite authors list, and I'm really looking forward to reading more of her novels soon.

**Note:** Karen Rose has a highly interconnected character web throughout all of her books, and they are considered something of an unofficial series. Although it appears that each book stands well on its own story-wise, I think the reading experience would probably be enhanced by reading the books in the chronological order in which they were written, which is what I intend to do. A complete list including the recommended reading order and character connections can be found on Karen Rose's website.

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## Jonetta says

Special Agent Steven Thatcher and his family are still recovering from his son's abduction six months ago during one of his cases when he lands another case involving a missing teenager. He soon realizes he's dealing with a serial killer when a second teenage girl goes missing. Meanwhile, he's trying to deal with his problems at home as his oldest son has had a personality change and is failing chemistry. When Steven meets with his teacher, Jenna Marshall, there is plenty chemistry to go around.

Jenna Marshall is having her own issues as she's failing the star quarterback, which gets him benched. His father and teammates seek vengeance by vandalizing her car and classroom. She and Steven are trying to explore their feelings in the midst of his career demands and her challenges with the vandalism. The two issues eventually converge as the attacks on her property escalate to her personally.

The mystery involving the serial killer has a limited number of suspects but it still was a challenging case with a few red herrings thrown in the mix. The crimes were pretty gruesome and heartbreaking as the victims were only 16 years old. I was able to figure out the killer about halfway through but continued to challenge my choice almost to the end. This is a very suspenseful story with just the right balance of romance. Steven and Jenna are sympathetic characters who seem well suited for each other. His children and Aunt Helen also provide some much needed comic relief to the story.

This is another winning book by Karen Rose with all elements working brilliantly in tandem. It's well written with good dialogue and I plan to continue the series.

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