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Blood Relations Though life in the rural Wisconsin border country is having some healing effects for ex-Minneapolis cop Claire Watkins, she is still plagued by nightmares of past tragedy. Now she's plunged into a shattering murder case that will force her to confront the demons that still haunt her. Jeb Spitzer is knifed to death at the local harvest moon dance. A widower for four years, he leaves three teenagers orphaned. But Claire senses a feeling of desperate relief among the three kids. As she peels back the layers of the crime, she uncovers a shocking connection to Spitzer's wife's "accidental" death, and secrets that premeditated both incidents. But in order to prevent another senseless death, she will have to confront the human capacity to kill -- from which she herself is not immune.

Dark Coulee Details

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From Reader Review Dark Coulee for online ebook

Karen says

Liked this one a little bit less than the 1st one, but the character is growing and I like that.

Barb Heart says

it was an okay little mystery -- wanted to read it because she talks of wisconsin's maiden rock area by the mississippi river. Had several good plots - relationships & supprises.

Cathryn Mosher says

Love this series! May be predictable but still suspenseful!

Cyn Mcdonald says

Graphic sex always turns me away from a book. Gave up on page 43, with the first soft-porn passage. Disappointed, because it seems like a good story otherwise.

Karen says

This was a reread, but I did not remember any of it!!!

Must have been a stressful time when I first read it.

I enjoy the people in this series. A small town filled with sympathetic characters and yet some pretty horrendous crimes are committed.

Professional writing and a good plot.

I borrowed a copy of this from the public library.

Alan Mills says

Jed is stabbed to death in the middle of a street fair. Claire, the local sheriff's department investigator, is nearby, drops her date, and rushes to the scene. Jed's children, the mayor, and a retired school teacher are all nearby, but no one saw anything. With no witness and no suspects, Claire begins a full scale investigation.

It is quickly apparent that no one is particularly upset that Jed is dead, and all three of his kids, the teacher,

and the mayor all had previous run ins with Jed. Then Claire learns that the death four years earlier of Jed's wife raised suspicions, which no one was ever able to prove.

As the investigation unfolds, we learn more and more about each of the characters. As with the first book in the Claire Watkins series (which should definitely be read first), Mary Logue does a fantastic job of balancing character development with narrative drive. A total page turner!

Toni Kania says

Satisfying series - strong, but vulnerable protagonist, strong secondary characters, solid stories, very good writing.

Jessica says

2nd in series. Mystery set in Wisconsin with female deputy sheriff.

Lorlee says

SPOILERS -- DO NOT READ. FOR ME ONLY. 2nd in the series. A man is knifed at the local dance -- turns out he had murdered his wife and terrorized his kids and they (with the help of Pit, the mother's highschool sweetheart) killed him

Lindig says

About a third of the way through, the entire plot became so clear I knew who the killer was, the motive, and what would happen to all of the peripheral characters. I read the last two chapters to make sure I had it right. Then I closed the book.

Steve Payne says

I tried two installments. This series just doesn't do it for me. Claire is interesting enough but something about the stories just don't keep me interested.

Amy says

Eh, this book was rather predictable. I kept reading because I wanted to see what all happened (this is the second book in the series but is the fourth I've read so far) so I didn't miss anything. There was a twist that I didn't expect, but this was definitely an example of a sophomore slump. Thankfully I know they get better!

Julia Walker says

This is the second book in the Claire Watkins series. Claire has decided to further her romance but unfortunately on her first date a murder occurs forcing her to "work" rather than enjoy the dance. Mary Logue does a good job of weaving a solid murder mystery. I was not crazy about the about the way Claire's therapy sessions were handled in the book but the mystery was solid and the ending had a couple of twists. It is great when a series can keep the characters expanding.

Sonja says

She's becoming one of my favorites

Annie says

second in the series, I liked the first one much more....still I will follow her
