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#1 *New York Times* bestselling author Iris Johansen is back with the first book in a chilling new Eve Duncan trilogy that asks the question: will Eve survive what lies ahead?

Forensic sculptor Eve Duncan's mission is to bring closure to the families whose loved ones have vanished. She knows their anguish—her own beloved daughter, Bonnie, was taken from her when Bonnie was just seven years old. It is only recently that this mystery was resolved and Eve could begin her journey to peace. Now, Jim Doane wants the same kind of answers that Eve always longed for. His twenty-five-year old son may or may not be dead and he has only burned skull fragments as possible evidence. But he cannot go to the police for answers without risking his own secrets and dark past, so instead he chooses a bold step to find the truth—a truth that takes Eve down a twisted path of madness and evil and into the darkest heart of her own history. Doane needs Eve Duncan's skills and he'll do anything to get them.

Even if it means *taking Eve*.

Taking Eve Details

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stephanie says

so the library had it and i grabbed it as i was walking to the checkout. the eve books are quick, easy reads and usually don't upset me very much, so i tend to keep following the series even though everything is pretty much pathetic at this point.

but i was in for a surprise because JANE IS BACK! in a way that i don't want her to be, because let's just say foreshadowing isn't johansen's forte at all, but still. i am glad she is back if only to be the character with the torrid love affair because eve is seriously with joe finally forever and ever amen.

some other reviews have mentioned this, and i am in 100% agreement - let's get over the eve worship already. great, everyone loves her and is willing to risk their lives for her. i am a little happy that so many characters are coming together (kendra, trevor, caleb, venerable, devon brady, even a mention of dear sarah logan and monty! oh, back when these were real thrillers . . .) but i still am a little ticked that we aren't getting the whole joe-after-Pandora's Box. so we are expected to forget that whole series, but remember who sarah logan is? please.

i like margaret. i have a feeling she's going to end up with caleb, though i am not sure how.

glad there is a twisted villain in this one.

but really? it's all set up. no real movement. i don't know how she's going to drag this out across a trilogy. but really. why can't eve retire and jane start taking names and doing crazy things? eve's story wrapped up. she deserves to be a side character now. let her and bonnie and joe all chill at that lake cottage.

anyway, i'll read the next two of course. just glad my library helps with this addiction, as i would be pissed if i had to pay for this.

Robin Priddy says

This is the first installment of a Eve Duncan trilogy by Iris Johansen. And what a start it was. I read this book in one sitting. Ms Johansen brings us a list of old characters and brings in some new ones. This is an edge of you seat, nail biting, page turner of a book. I can't wait for the next installment, Hunting Eve, which will be out in July 2013.

Now that the mystery concerning Eve's daughter Bonnie has been solved and she has closure, Eve is ready to get back to work. Eve still brings lost children home to their families so that they may also have closure. Eve along with Joe and their adopted daughter Jane have plans to spend the next few weeks together. But then Joe is called out of town for a case and Jane has been detoured due to an illness to her dog, It seems like something or someone is trying to keep her family away from her.

Jim Doane needs Eve and he will have her no matter what he has to do to get her. Jim's son was killed and his body burned but Jim was able to save the skull. He wants Eve to reconstruct it and bring his son back to him. Jim's son was evil and everytime Eve sees the skull she can still feel the evil that used to be there.

It is up to Joe, Jane and all of Eve's friends to find her before either the madman or the evil takes her away forever.

Denise says

This book was really good! It grabbed me right away and kept me interested....long into the night, or should I say morning. LOL There is only one catch - Ms. Johansen kind of leaves us hanging! The next book is due out soon, but not soon enough! What is with this trilogy/quadrilogy nonsense? I complain, but I really like how she is able to write a more in-depth story using this method. I just get so anxious to read the next one. Once again, Eve is in danger and I am dying to know what happens! Please write fast, Ms. Johansen! :)

Sarah Wiegman says

Iris Johansen is one my most steady writers. When you read her books you reconnect with her characters over and over. I have loved the Eve Duncan stories and with the winding down of finding Bonnie's killer I was afraid it was coming to an end but what better way to ramp up expectations and suspense than with a 3 part book series all about Eve. LOVE IT.

I didn't realize, as I finished the first book, that it was a series and I was SO UPSET!! What a cliff hanger. I gave it 5 stars as it hooked me from the beginning.

Additionally I love the play between Jane and the 2 guys and just her character development overall. I also enjoy the new character with the interesting past and abilities and I am looking forward to see how she plays out in the series.

Looking forward to the next book in the series.

Tanya says

I have read all the Eve Duncan series to date. I hate to admit it, but I find the books are going down hill. I have always enjoyed this series but I just find the whole Eve Duncan story is worn out. I found the supernatural element to the story is getting a bit over the top - ghosts, vampires, etc. Also the Eve obsession is a little too much (with Quinn and Jane). I also found this book hard to read because of the way Johansen wrote it. She was trying to fill readers in on the background story of all the characters and she did it in such a way that the conversations between the characters came out sounding very unnatural. People just don't talk like that!

All that being said, I have come this far in the series and I plan on seeing it through to the end.

Shiela says

I personally think Iris Johansen should have stopped the Eve Duncan series once we found out what happened to Bonnie. But here we are again and I need to just stop reading this series but my neurotic self won't let me.

The writing is getting worse and the plot of each of these novels seem to be following a formula. EVE IS THE CENTER OF EVERYONE'S WORLD, we get it already! This point was hammered just a 1000 times too many, the dialogue is getting really cheesy and the characters are getting too annoying. I don't recommend this novel, but like a sucker, I will probably finish this "trilogy" within a longer series especially since this novel didn't really end properly. Sigh.

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Esra says

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AndreaH says

I told myself I wouldn't pick up another Johansen since they've gotten so woo-woo and just plain bad. But there it was, sitting on the new addition shelf at my library, compelling me to pick it up with good memories of early Eve thrillers.

I used to love these when there was suspense, and Eve just talked to the ghost of her daughter, but somehow these novels have lost that edge and have gone over the top with paranormal stuff (even with a suspension of belief, it's out there.)

A nice looking old man carries around his son's skull, rescued from the crematorium, and talks to it.

A young woman talks to the animals.

Joe is having premonitions.

Eve is still seeing Bonnie, but an evil force is trying to stop their heart-to-hearts.

While this book kinda stands alone — it's apparently part of planned trilogy — I think Johansen names every person who has played a major or secondary role in all the previous Eve books. It's tiring and confusing.

The plus: She seems to kill off a major character at the end. I hope so — maybe the death can be the rebirth of this series.

Alex is The Romance Fox says

Eve Duncan is back in a new Trilogy..and I am so happy for that. I can't get enough of her ...since the first book I read in the Eve Duncan Series...I have been hooked.

Book synopsis: Forensic sculptor Eve Duncan's mission is to bring closure to the families whose loved ones have vanished. She knows their anguish—her own beloved daughter, Bonnie, was taken from her when Bonnie was just seven years old. It is only recently that this mystery was resolved and Eve could begin her journey to peace. Now, Jim Doane wants the same kind of answers that Eve always longed for. His twenty-five-year old son may or may not be dead and he has only burned skull fragments as possible evidence. But he cannot go to the police for answers without risking his own secrets and dark past, so instead he chooses a bold step to find the truth—a truth that takes Eve down a twisted path of madness and evil and into the darkest heart of her own history. Doane needs Eve Duncan's skills and he'll do anything to get them.

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Wow....fast paced, action filled, twists and turns...you just never know where the plot is going to next!!! The suspense just keeps you glued to your seat and I found myself the pages eagerly waiting for what NEXT!!!

Eve is Eve....strong, focused and not afraid to face the obstacles placed in front of her. Loved seeing the characters that I have come to know so well...Quinn, Jane, Caleb, Venables and Kendra & Margaret that I find so fascinating....

The cliffhanger is just awesome and can't wait for book #2.
If you are a Eve Duncan fan...don't miss this.

Sherry Roberts says

I have been a longtime Iris Johansen fan. I waited to comment until I had read the entire trilogy: Taking Eve, Hunting Eve, and Silencing Eve. One of the most intriguing things about this series are the book covers. The designer uses one image and divides it into a triptych of sorts. The story itself, for three volumes, revolves around finding forensic sculptor Eve Duncan, who has been kidnapped by a crazy man. Johansen brings in all the support from past books, including Kendra, the woman whose senses are off the charts, and Catherine Ling, CIA agent extraordinaire. She also introduces new support characters such as Margaret, the animal whisperer. These are all people who are more interesting than who the series is really about.

While these are Eve Duncan novels, they really are about Jane McGuire, Eve's adult adopted daughter. Which is a shame. Jane has never been a strong character. She can't trust, can't stop whining, and can't stop wanting to be in on every piece of action. Yet, she is the one who changes over this 3-book story arc—so she must be the hero. But we have to wait until the end of book 3 for it to happen, of course.

This story easily could have been told in 2 books or maybe even 1. Especially if someone would edit it. How many times must we be told that "Eve is special and deserves to be saved"? Doesn't everyone? I wish Johansen's editor would forbid her to use the words, "I won't have it." Nearly every character uses this obstinate phrase, like a spoiled child, until obstancy becomes a character in this series.

Debi says

I had to look at the cover a few times to remind myself that this was an Iris Johansen book. It was very, very, very drawn out. I am happy that I got it from the library and did not spend money on it. It is obvious that Iris Johansen is only trying to make money by dividing what should have been one good book into three very,

very, very drawn out books. I will not "read" the other two. I will scan the pages quickly to see what happens. The story idea is good but please stop with the detailed detail. I am hoping the author, Iris Johansen, does not chose to do this again. I have enjoyed Iris Johansen books in the past but now am very discouraged. No I do not normally write like this but figured I would use some of Iris Johansen's ideas of repeating myself throughout the review and including her name, Iris Johansen, several times throughout the review. If you find this annoying then take my advice and check the books out from your local public library, down the street next to the donut shop and scan the pages. Then write the author, Iris Johansen, a letter begging her to return to her old style of writing one good book a year or so instead of three very, very, very drawn out books over a 9 month period. Oh she did write one good book she just added filler pages to it and released it in three parts.

Josen says

4.5.....I really like Iris Johansen. Like Harlan Coben, she's an author I can go to without even reading the synopsis. So why it took me so long to pick up another one of her books, I don't know. For me this book is a fast read and always intriguing, as with all her books.

The protagonist is Eve Duncan, a forensic sculptor, who is featured in about 20 books by Johansen. Although in this book she has been kidnapped and I think the story ends up in its own trilogy. I can't wait to read the next two. I think this is a good go to book for anyone who likes a good thriller.

Kerri says

This book was okay. It isn't the Eve Duncan thriller that I was hoping for and I don't think it will improve in the next two books. I don't know anyone, now or ever, who engenders the level of loyalty and hero-worship that Eve gets from, well, everyone, and that makes it difficult to believe the majority of this story line. The whole father worshipping the son thing throws plausibility out the window for whatever was left. However, I will finish the trilogy because I have committed to it, but, unless something changes, I probably won't be happy about wasting my time when it's over.

Debbie says

This book has no ending. It stops right in the middle of a cliff hanger, then the author expects you to shell out another \$12.99 each for books 2 and 3 to find out what happens. Well, this is one reader that won't bother with it. The story line was not interesting enough and by the time book 2 comes out, I will have finished another dozen or more books, making Eve nothing but a distant memory. If you're like me and you like for your novels to have a beginning, a middle and an end , don't waste your time or money.
