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“A tough, no-nonsense detective...edgy, clever!” —Beverly Barton

### **Mostly Fear**

She suffered a terrifying coma. She survived a serial killer’s obsession. Now homicide detective Claire Morgan hopes to forget the nightmare of her Missouri past in the city of New Orleans. But when a body is discovered near her home, her darkest fears come rushing back...

### **Mostly Superstition**

Surrounded by candles and skulls, the victim is bound to an altar like a human sacrifice. More disturbing to Claire is the voodoo doll in the woman’s hands. A doll pierced with pins and wearing a picture on its face. A picture of Claire Morgan...

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Claire doesn’t believe in voodoo. But she does believe in the power of superstition to warp a person’s mind and feed a killer’s madness. It is here, in the muddy bayous where it festers, that Claire must face her fear head on—and meet the man who’s marked her for death...

### **Praise For Linda Ladd’s Claire Morgan Thrillers**

“One of the most creepy, crawly, and compelling psychological thrillers ever.” —*Fresh Fiction*

“Chilling, compelling suspense...be prepared to lose sleep!” —Eileen Dryer

“Exciting, thrill-a-minute!” —*Midwest Book Review*

“Plenty of suspense and surprises.” —*Publishers Weekly*

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## **Mostly Murder Details**

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## From Reader Review Mostly Murder for online ebook

### Carol - Reading Writing and Riesling says

My View:

Voodoo, murder, gators and The Scary Man... This book is creepy!

This is the 6th novel in the Claire Morgan series – which I didn't realise when I picked up this book; however it made very little difference to my reading pleasure though I will definitely add the past 5 books to my want to read list.

The prologue titled A Very Scary Man was creepy, insightful and worrying. I don't know where you came across this voice Linda Ladd but it is blood chilling. I was hooked. I sat and read this in one sitting finishing late in the evening. And I was not disappointed. This novel has all the elements of a great thriller/horror story – yes at times it was horrific! The narrator alternates between two voices, you could say the voices of good and evil and being privilege to the insane ramblings and rationalisations of The Scary Man was frightening.

Homicide Detective Claire Morgan is a great protagonist - she is complex, has a history I really want to discover (I will catch up on this in the earlier books), she is strong, resourceful, smart and has encountered a lot of bad luck on the job. Her domestic partner is almost too good to be true – one of those rich, handsome, rugged types usually found in a romance novel... and his opulent lifestyle did take me a bit of time to get used to...maybe because I didn't have the history of his life and character I found his lifestyle a little over the top at first. But I moved on and I was glad I did, the pace and fear factor in this story explodes on the page. This was an engaging and pulse racing read. I haven't felt so spooked in years! Congratulations Linda on a job well done.

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### Diane says

What a great read this book is. The scene this time around is in New Orleans and around the bayous. Can you think voodoo? Not a "woowoo" book by any means. A horrific serial killer that can be bought, but loves to murder for the fun of it. Murder the parents, take the kids and scare the living daylight out of them and if they don't "entertain" you enough, then torture is on the list, then death.

Detective Claire Morgan certainly has her hands full in this book. A voodoo doll is left at her first crime scene with her picture on the face of the doll along with the customary pins.

Sorry that this is the last book (so far) in this series, really enjoyed the characters, settings, and story lines in this series.

Highly recommend this book (and all of them actually) - 2 thumbs up and 5 stars!

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### Susan W says

3.5 stars.

Getting into crimes against children, which I don't care to read about. This evil guy is truly sick and I'm glad

this adventure is over.

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## **Sue Toler says**

### **Claire Morgan series**

I just read all 6 books of this series in order within a week. I could't to see where the next story led. Love the sequence Linda Ladd uses in telling her stories. Most of the time the reader doesn't get such an in-depth view of the reasons why someone commits the crimes they do.

I hope she continues with Claire's and Black's adventures.

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## **Pam Michel says**

This is 6th in the Claire Morgan series. The change of location to New Orleans area was nice. This was another good page turner mystery. As usual i withhold a 5 star rsting since i'm not keen on all the detail of Claire's love life with Black. Other than that, it's an excellent read along with the rest of the series.

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## **Christa says**

I was so excited to read this new installment of what is at the top of my list of favorite series. I certainly wasn't disappointed by this book. Claire Morgan is in the New Orleans area for this book, and just as she thinks she is in a quiet, peaceful place, the murders begin. Black is out of town, and I was constantly anticipating his arrival in the story, and so glad when he finally made his appearance. I enjoyed the new characters that were introduced to the series, and I loved Claire and Black just as much as ever. The storyline had the requisite amount of suspense that Ladd always provides, and the villain was just as creepy as could be expected. I loved the tenderness, harmony, and yes, even the discord between Claire and Black, as it resolved exactly as I hoped. I enjoyed every second I spent reading this one, and I am already anxious for the next book in the series. This one was a great example of why Linda Ladd is a must read author for me.

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## **Susan says**

Definitely a murder mystery. This time VOO DOO thrown in there. This one didn't give me nightmares for once but it did keep me on the edge wondering what the heck.

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## **DelAnne Frazee says**

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Reviewer: DelAnne

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I will warn you that this is a series you will quickly become addicted to. This is a murder mystery darker than I usually read, but the description caught my attention and I had to read it. I have never any of Linda Ladd's work before and coming into the middle of a series can be difficult as I can have a hard time trying to see how all the characters fit together. I was surprised how easy it was to catch up on events from earlier books so that Mostly Murder flowed smoothly. I was able to read without getting lost. The characters are so diversified and well developed with varied levels of complexity. At first I did find Nick a bit hovering and controlling, but as I got into the story I understood why and could sympathize as to his reasons for wanting to keep her safe.

Clair Morgan and Nicolas Black have returned to where both spent time when they growing up. Clair is participating in a law enforcement exchange program and Nick, a psychiatrist for the rich and famous around the world, is opening another hotel. He has purchased and restored a home of mansion proportions. It is staffed with a cook/housekeeper & groundskeeper/major domo couple that also doubles as body guards and security. Nick is off in England when a serial killer begins a reign of terror.

Malice enjoys inflicting terror on others and he has been perfecting his techniques since he was a young boy and practiced on his sister and cousin. As the body count grows Clair and her team try to figure out why a voodoo doll with a picture of Clair's face attached is found at the crime scenes. Is this the time Clair has finally met her match or can Nick keep her safe from the killer obsessed with her.

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### **Bette Stanek says**

5 Veve VooDoo Stars. Everytime I pick up a Linda Ladd/Claire Morgan novel I know that I'm going to be on the edge of my seat the entire time I'm reading. This was absolutely no exception! This is, without a doubt, one of my favorite suspense series. It is also a series that I can't read one book after another because the story is so intense that I need a break between the books. It's that good!

Claire is almost fully recovered from her memory loss and is back on the job. She's "on loan" to the

Lafrouche Parish PD. After Claire's latest case, Black decided she needed a break from MO, some place she could relax a little and catch her breath. Claire fully agreed, so they headed to his hometown of New Orleans. Claire is no stranger to the bayous, she spent part of her life there. In fact, it was one of the happiest times of an otherwise depressing childhood. She feels she has family down there, too. Things are slower down there, there isn't as much horrific crime out in the little parishes. Claire should be able to ease back into her detective role. That was the plan. Plans don't always work out how they're supposed to.

Usually, I don't figure out whodunit until exactly when Ms Ladd wants me to. This time I pegged it a few chapters before the end, but she had me going the entire time. She also had me doubting myself a time or two. But who knows, maybe she wanted the reader to figure it out a little earlier than usual. Or, could it be that maybe my mind is becoming a little more twisted with each Ladd book I read ? Something to think about.

Either way, Mostly Murder will keep you on the edge of your seat. You won't be able to turn the pages quickly enough. Ladd's writing style is excellent, she is able to put the reader smack dab into the middle of the action through her words. You feel like you're part of the story, helping to solve the mystery. Her characters are well developed and engaging. The story unfolds in layers designed to ramp up tension and pull the reader in. Another story well told, Ms Ladd!

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### **Fred says**

Linda keeps outdoing herself with each story.

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### **Kjen says**

Easily a 4.5\*\*\*\*1/2~~~You know how you're reading the end of a book, finish, and just sit there saying "Wow." Yeah, it's like that. As usual, Claire faces off against one of the most depraved of the deranged in a twisty tale fraught with a red herring or two. What Claire goes through in the end is truly nail-biting and horrific. The bayou setting is fresh and interesting. Let's not forget the epilogue~~~No spoilers, but \*Fist Pump\*\*Yay!\*Finally!\*:) If I have to nit pick, I will say this...Claire and Black need to freaking learn to communicate at some point. After the part where my heart fell in my chest, I wasn't satisfied with Black's explanation of his activities where he was 'rarely' in danger. Uggg...what does that even mean?! As a crack investigator Claire should have demanded more and deserved more. It seems to work for them, but I really need an eye roll emoticon to convey my feelings;)Despite that, I so look forward to the next installment that will release this year.I really hope that Claire takes Nick up on a certain idea he has for her. We all know she will still get herself into danger/trouble!

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### **Jennifer says**

I received a copy of this book from netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

Mostly Murder is book 6 in the Claire Morgan series. This is the first book I have read in the series and felt like I could understand most of what was going on without reading the other books though it is assumed you know who everyone is so that also took me a little bit to get ahold of who was who and how they related to the story. Once I got into the story it started to pull me in. Toward the middle, it slowed down and I struggled

to get back into the story but once I did I didn't put it back down until it was over.

This was a really crazy serial killer mystery with some insight into the thoughts of "A Very Scary Man". It kept me guessing on who is responsible and how everything is related to Claire. It was definitely a different kind of read. I don't think I would go back and read the previous books in the series but I would definitely check out the next one.

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### **Reen says**

another awesome book! This one takes place in the bayous where Claire spent time as a child which is a nice change of pace. Still truly terrifying in places and utterly creepy in others.

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### **Holly (Gladriel Fae) says**

The topic of this book was interesting, unfortunately the author skirted around the subject and didn't elaborate as much as she could have. Also, the characters were a little jumbled, and the sarcastic wit of the main character was missing from this book. It was good, and kept me enthralled, but again, not as much as the beginning books. I hope the next one is similar to the first few.

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### **Beth says**

I have enjoyed all the books in this series. These are particularly awful murders with really warped killers. There is always twists and turns that are not expected.

The only thing I don't like about the stories is that it is unrealistic to think that multiple warped killers are showing up in the same very small town. This book solves that problem by moving to the New Orleans's environs.

I will read more of the series.

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