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***Perfect* suspense from *New York Times* bestselling author **Heather Graham!** The latest book in her **New York Confidential** series.**

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As more women are murdered, their bodies discovered in underground locations in New York, it's clear that the police and the FBI are dealing with a serial killer. Craig and Kieran are desperate to track down the murderer, a man obsessed with female perfection. Obsessed enough to want to "preserve" that beauty by destroying the women who embody it.

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Alison says

I got this book as an advanced reader's copy with the understanding that I would read it and review it.

I wish I liked this book better than I did, but unfortunately, I was not satisfied with this one. While the premise is interesting, and the history behind graveyards and burials in NYC was the highlight of the story, the characters were pretty flat and the dialogue was stilted and unbelievable. Also, the main romantic theme of the book was rather nonexistent, primarily because this story builds upon the relationships forged in the first book of this series.

Debra says

I received the book from the publisher and NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

The body of a beautiful young woman has been found in a catacomb under a church (now nightclub) by a researcher/scientist and his interns. The woman turns out to be a model who has been missing for 2 weeks. Craig Fraiser, an FBI agent has been called in to investigate the case. Kieran Finnegan is his girlfriend and a criminal psychologist who has been asked to consult on the case. This is not the first time they have worked together, but this time Craig is scared since beautiful women are being murdered and Kierean is beautiful. When Kierean is not working as a psychologist she works at the pub she shares with her brothers. As it happens, The Church where the the missing model's body was found, is located directly behind the Finnegan's Pub.

As the investigation progresses it becomes clear that there are more victims and that the killer is close at hand. It is also learned that a member of the Finnegan family has a connection with one of the victims. Could he be a suspect?

I liked this book. I did not love it. I know I would have liked this book more if there were 1. The killers point of view. I think that would have been nice to have. Knowing what the killer was thinking, how he got his victims, motivation, thoughts on police investigation etc. 2. More clues about the identity of the killer. I like to be an arm chair detective and figure things out. These two things would have made this book so much better for me. There is romance (Craig/Kieran) in this book. We also get to see Kieran's relationship with her brothers as well. I didn't feel connected to any of the characters. None of them made me feel for them. This book is the second in the series but it does work as a stand alone book. But I wonder if I had read the first in the series would I have cared more about the characters? Nothing really wowed me or stood out for me in this book.

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Kathy says

I won this book from goodreads.

I expected this book to be better. The story was very slow and frankly disappointing.

Some of the different characters in the book go on rants about history in New York City. I found this to be very boring and not necessary to the story.

Wouldn't recommend, there are better mystery novels out there.

Carol says

A Perfect Obsession by Heather Graham

New York Confidential series Book #2

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From The Book:

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My Views:

I liked the first book only slightly more... but can't take anything away from this one as it was a good story. There was lots of suspense and mystery. What lost it the 5 star rating was that there were several holes in the story that were left unexplained....but it's possible they will come full circle in the next one. It is a quick read and I plan to continue the series.....so we'll see.

fleurette says

This is a nice but not outstanding story from Heather Graham.

In fact it is more a crime story than a romantic suspense, since there is no romance part. Kieran and Craig are already a couple, they probably had their story in the previous book which I actually didn't read. It's a pity that the author didn't use the opportunity to develop their relationship in any way like Nora Roberts does with her Eve and Roarke. This way it's much harder to attach to the characters. Although, I like the whole Finnegan's family, I wish there is a book for every member.

I have read this book just after another one from Heather Graham The Night Is Alive. There plot in these two is a bit similar. The young women are missing and the setting are the city undergrounds.

Carolyn says

Oh this was good. This lady always does her historical research and does it well. Really enjoyed the details of old New York and what is hidden beneath her streets. Creepy! The murder/mystery was very well done. Yep, a good one. I hope there are more stories to come about the lovely little Irish pub and the owners, those irrepressible Finnegans!

Suzanne (The Bookish Libra) says

More like 3.5 stars. An excellent mystery, although I did find myself wanting to throttle Kieran on more than one occasion for being so predictably hard headed.

Sherry Fundin says

There is never any doubt, when it comes to Heather Graham, that I will grab her book without hesitation. Even a bad book by Heather Graham is a good book and I would definitely recommend A Perfect Obsession.

Kieran Finnegan, a psychologist, also works at the family pub and shares a bed with her FBI guy, Craig Frasier. He knows to keep tabs on her because trouble seems to find her...or does she find it?

A model/actress was murdered just around the corner from Finnegan's, but nobody thought it was connected to the family...until her brother, Kevin, told her his secret.

Someone wanted her found.

"Living art."

It's easy to figure out that Kieran is Irish. She has three brothers. They are quick to defend and protect her, since she's prone to finding trouble to get into.

We have a headstrong woman, a hunky cop, mystery and dead bodies on display in mausoleums that haven't seen the light of day in decades, but...

I'm not sure what's going on, but I'm just not getting into this like I do most of her work. Am I having an off day? Or is it because it's an ARC and will be tidied up before publishing. I think it will get better. You'll need to check out A Perfect Obsession to figure it out for yourself.

I feel on edge. I keep thinking...waiting...for "the moment"...when the monster reaches out from under the bed and grabs me.

Heather has created a sense of menace from the serial killer. I can't put my finger on the villain. Have I met him?

Uh Oh. I think I know who it is and we have a big problem.

I started out having a hard time getting into the story. I don't know why. It has all the elements I require for a thrilling read. I rarely give up on a book, and I sure wasn't going to give up on a Heather Graham book. And it is worth sticking with. As usual, she leaves me wanting more and I can hardly wait to pick up another one of her stories.

I voluntarily reviewed an ARC of A Perfect Obsession by Heather Graham.

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Linda Strong says

A serial killer is at large in New York City. Bodies of beautiful young women are being found in mausoleums and underground tombs. They have been stabbed into the heart, dressed in a white gown and holding a rose.

FBI Agent Craig Frasier is leading the investigation. Kieran Finnegan, a psychologist, and Frasier's girlfriend are working together. When older bodies are found, they discover that whoever the killer is .. he's been doing this for years.

And when an actress is found in a catacomb close to where Kieran works he fears for her safety. All the victims have one thing in common .. they are all beautiful ... and perfect.

Their killer is obsessed with female perfection ... and Kieran has caught his eye.

Heather Graham is fantastic when it comes to Romantic Suspense. The suspense starts on page 1 and ratchets up, up, up until the surprising and violent ending.

I love how the characters interact with each other. Kiernan has 2 brothers, one of whom is her twin. They are very close and will safeguard their family with whatever it takes. Craig is an only child and although he understands that family is important, there are times he looks at them all and can only imagine what it would be like to have siblings.

Kieran and Craig met in Book 1 of this series FLAWLESS. Although the second book, A PERFECT OBSESSION does very well as a stand alone. No spoilers in Book 2.

Many thanks to the author / Harlequin (US & Canada) / Netgalley for the digital copy. Opinions expressed here are unbiased and entirely my own.

Hari says

It's like Heather Graham's murder mystery for really, really, ridiculously good looking people. You know, I don't even think she writes them anymore. There's either a roomful of monkey ghostwriters churning them out or more likely a computer program loaded with cliches, stereotypes and a well worn template. Killer is obvious almost from the start. The only surprise here is that I actually finished it.

Vickie says

I much preferred the first book in the series. This review is for the audiobook. The narrator was outstanding, the book not so much. I got bored in the middle and almost didn't finish it. It could have been about 2 hours shorter. The relationship between Kieran and Craig is kind of boring. Doubt if I will try another in this series.

Katherine P says

I don't think I realized exactly what this one was when I requested it. Instead of a stand alone type series like her Krewe of Hunters books this is more of a continuing series featuring an Irish pub owner/psychologist and her family and an FBI agent. However while Kieran and Craig as well as the rest of the Finnegan family are actually introduced in the first book - Flawless - I didn't feel like I had come in mid-story. It read very well as a stand alone.

I liked the mystery quite a bit. It's got a bit of a Criminal Minds feel with a seriously twisted killer scattering super staged corpses around and a mix of the FBI and the psychology of it all. I had a few suspicions on the killer but was surprised by how the reveal came about. I really love seeing the investigation from inside the FBI with the discussion of suspects and compiling the information gathered from interviews. I feel like I'm right there with them standing around the board debating theories. The setting is fantastic as well. While a New York setting is always great I especially enjoyed the below ground historical look. It's interesting to think just how old New York is and what could be buried below all the newer buildings. I also enjoyed the relationship between Kieran and her brothers as well as the atmosphere in Finnegan's itself.

I did have some issues with this book however. I felt like Kieran's role was a bit ambiguous with the group she works with. She's a psychologist not a psychiatrist like the rest of the doctors yet she's still educated and highly qualified. However, at times they treat her very much as a lackey using her to drop off files at the FBI or to take notes for them. As well, while the characters were all interesting, they all felt a little flat at times and I never felt like I was fully pulled into the book.

While this book isn't perfect it is a lot of fun. When you're in the mood for a light read that's spooky with a twist of romance there's really no one better than Graham and this kept me entertained!

? Kimberly says

3.5 another good mystery.

Donna says

3.5 stars. Psychologist Kieran Finnegan and her lover FBI agent Craig Frasier are working together again to find out who is killing beautiful women in New York City. The killer poses the dead women in old cemeteries and underground crypts. Kieran's twin brother Kevin was dating one of the girls and she is afraid he will become a suspect. Craig is afraid Kieran will become a victim

This is a solid romantic suspense, although I admit I like some of Heather Graham's other series better. I like the Finnegan family and their bar in New York City.

Rrager15 says

Be warned, anyone who gave this book a 5 star review must be related to the author. 2 stars, 2.5 at best. The protagonist is a profiler involved in a case, her FBI boyfriend is investigating, her brother is a suspect, girls go missing from her family's bar, no one outside of bar customers are suspected. The readers know who the murderer is while the main characters don't have a clue. Only mystery here is why I finished this book.
