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Loyalty has a price.

Kay Hunter has survived a vicious attack at the hands of one of the country's most evil serial killers.

Returning to work after an enforced absence to recover, she discovers she wasn't the only victim of that investigation.

DI Devon Sharp remains suspended from duties, and the team is in turmoil.

Determined to prove herself once more and clear his name, Kay undertakes to solve a cold case that links Sharp to his accuser.

But, as she gets closer to the truth, she realises her enquiries could do more harm than good.

Torn between protecting her mentor and finding out the truth, the consequences of Kay's enquiries will reach far beyond her new role...

Call to Arms is a gripping murder mystery, and the fifth in the Detective Kay Hunter series:

1. SCARED TO DEATH
2. WILL TO LIVE
3. ONE TO WATCH
4. HELL TO PAY
5. CALL TO ARMS

A page-turning murder mystery for fans of Peter Robinson, David Baldacci and Harlen Coben.

## Call to Arms Details

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## From Reader Review Call to Arms for online ebook

### Benjamin Thomas says

The Detective Kay Hunter series is one of my favorites of 2018. Kay Hunter is back on the job having to prove herself again merely a year after barely surviving an attack. I always feel like I'm part of the investigation when I read one of these books. This time it's her boss, DI Devon Sharp who's in trouble. Kay and her team take it upon themselves to solve a cold case linked to Sharp ten years ago involving someone close to him. The mystery unravels in splendor in this page-turning crime book. I'll be eagerly awaiting book #6!

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### Eva says

I can't quite believe we are already at book five in this fabulous series and it's only getting better!

After events from the previous book, I must say I thoroughly enjoyed this change of pace. Things are a bit more mellow, if you like, as Kay Hunter sinks her teeth into a cold case when she returns to work and is rather quickly tired of anything involving light duties. Not only is she determined to solve this ten year old murder, she's desperately trying to get DI Sharp reinstated after he remains suspended. What follows is a good old-fashioned pounding-the-pavement investigation which I thoroughly enjoyed.

The concept of a cold case is utterly fascinating to me. Witnesses may have passed away, or may not even remember where they were or what they were doing all those years ago. And some people have been keeping secrets for a very long time. What will they do to hang on to those?

In this case, a young soldier died in a motorcycle accident ten years ago. DI Sharp was working for the military police at the time but wasn't involved in the investigation since the accident happened away from barracks. But someone else was and his reputation is in tatters after recent events. Is it possible he made a mess of this case as well back in the day? If it wasn't clear from this slightly vague stuff here, you should really read the entire series so you get the full background of events.

As always, I adore how Rachel Amphlett manages to maintain a healthy balance between the cases Kay Hunter investigates and her life at home with her husband, Adam. Just as Kay looks forward to returning home after a hard day's work, I look forward to those chapters too as they provide the best kind of relief and allow my poor brain a moment to recover from trying to figure out the mystery that needs solving. Besides, it's always fun trying to predict which animal Adam has brought home to take care of.

Call to Arms lends itself to being read in one sitting and had me absolutely hooked. A fantastic page-turner and another brilliant addition to the series. I very much look forward to seeing more of Kay Hunter and her team!

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### Kerry says

Call To Arms is another excellent book in the Kay Hunter series. They just go from strength to strength and

the regular character's grow on me more and more with each book.

In Call To Arms Kay returns to work on so called light duties after almost losing her life (you'll have to read the series!). She find herself acting DI and doesn't have much time to recover before being faced with a decade old cold case and finding proof to clear her colleague's name. Her career, and her colleague's, depends on a positive outcome to this re-opened investigation. What was deemed a tragic motorbike accident, years ago, is looking more and more suspicious as the team revisit family, old friends and witnesses involved at the time and the truth is more shocking than anyone could have ever imagined, me especially! This is a fast-paced, beautifully written police procedural with twists and turns galore. I love this team, their dedication to one another and the banter they share. They are a very likeable bunch. Kay is a very dedicated detective, but is also very real and believable. I love the small details Rachel Amphlett uses to make her all the more human to the reader, including little habits such as rubbing her right eye when she's nervous, upset, agitated..... These kind of things really bring a character to life for me.

Every single chapter in this book, and in the series as a whole, makes you have to keep reading. I've had to force myself to put it down when other things have had to be done, but trust me, I could have quite happily read this in one sitting.

I can't wait to read book 6, Gone To Ground.

<https://chataboutbooks.wordpress.com/...>

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## **Sharon says**

Kay Hunter is back at work and has temporarily stepped into the shoes of DI Devon Sharpe who is currently suspended and under investigation following allegations made by DCI Simon Harrison. The shoes are not a comfortable fit for Kay who definitely doesn't want to be a deskbound detective, she wants to be right there right in the thick of it all! And as a reader that is exactly where I want her too! Her sharp mind and attitude combined with a loyalty to her team that is given back in abundance makes for a nail-biting reading experience whenever Kay is on the case!

Kay, of course is not only on light duties as she is covering for her DI, she has also just returned to work following her narrow escape at the end of the last book and the reader is left to wonder just how much of an impact has this had on her psychologically? How honest will Kay be with others in her attempt to show her team and those around her how strong a character she is?

Her relationship with DCI Larch changes ever so slightly in Call to Arms and the beginnings of a thaw in the ice cap that was their relationship is evident. He supports her taking on a cold case which could go towards clearing Sharp and highlighting just what Harrison has been up to and this is where things start to heat up.

Like a dog with a bone Kay Hunter has got her teeth into this case and she is not going to let go, with no additional resources allocated to her, her team's loyalty is demonstrated as they give up their own time to help her work on the case. The deeper they dig the more they uncover but at what cost? Secrets, lies and drugs are the name of the game in this book. It is all about the case here and underneath every stone there lies another trail. A gripping and enthralling story line and a whole host of characters involved who may be plausible on the surface but have stories to hide underneath. It is very much a plot driven novel and there wasn't as much about the relationships between characters in this one which I missed a little. However, the plot was enough to keep me gripped throughout the book!

Call to Arms is fast paced, full of twists and turns and little red herrings. I love the fact that I can NEVER guess the outcome in this series and I am in awe of the character that Rachel Amphlett has created in Kay Hunter. Her mind is razor sharp, no matter what is going on in her life her focus and sharpness never

waivers. Another cracking and compelling read and roll on number 6 please!

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## **Janel says**

Call to Arms is a good, solid police procedural; Amphlett writes so smoothly, you can lose yourself in the pages of this book for hours – as I did, reading it in one-sitting.

This instalment is not as fast-paced as the previous books in the series, I think the slower pace in this one was the perfect play by Amphlett – don't get me wrong, the pace isn't slow, it's just slower than previous books. If you're up to date with this series, you'll understand why this book makes so much sense, the continuous storyline called for this book – so, read this series in order to get the most out of it.

The focus is very much on the investigation, and it's a gripping one, so well-plotted. Still recovering from all that occurred on her last case, Kay and the team are investigating a ten-year-old cold case. A lot changes in ten-years, witnesses are no longer available, memory isn't what it once was, so the team face some challenges. There wasn't a huge fanfare, no tricks or gimmicks, just solid investigative police work, which I really liked. When you read so many crime fiction books, it's a breath of fresh air to read one that shines a light on a team of police officers that work within the boundaries of policing to solve a case. I love the way Kay and her team support each other, their camaraderie is a joy to read about. If you enjoy a good old-fashioned police procedural, I think you'll find this your favourite book in the series, so far.

I have come to love the character of Kay Hunter, I said after reading the first book that she's ultra-likeable, and that remains true five books into the series. Not only is Kay one of my favourite fictional detectives, but her and her husband, Adam, are one of my favourite fictional couples. It's not written in a 'lovey-dovey' manner but when Kay goes home after work, I just love the relationship between her and Adam; how they support each other, no headache, no drama, it's just 'feel-good' reading.

I really love the way this series is developing and I'm so excited to see what's to come in book six.

\*My thanks to the author, Rachel Amphlett, for providing me with a digital copy of this title\*

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## **Grace J Reviewerlady says**

I've loved and enjoyed this series from the very beginning, and after the mystery running through the first three books was solved in book four, I wondered how the fifth in series would play out. I shouldn't have given it a single thought, as Rachel Amphlett plunges Kay Hunter right back into the midst of a cold case with the outcome having lasting effects on not only the DI but also the rest of her team.

As always with this author's writing, the action begins from page one with only a brief mention in passing as to what has gone on before. With her dedicated colleagues at her side, Kay leads this investigation in her usual manner - from the front. Still a workaholic, we also follow Kay's home life with her husband Adam - the man who keeps her centred in all that she does.

Call to Arms is a riveting thriller, full of twists and turns, lies and secrets and totally engrossing. Moving along at a brisk pace, there is always something happening and it's a hard one to put down as you want to find out what happens next .. and next .. and again, until suddenly you find yourself having reached the final page with the crime solved and no loose ends. A thoroughly satisfying novel!

I'm delighted to be a part of this author's reading team, and grateful for my copy of this book. This is my honest, original, and unbiased review.

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### **Yvonne (It's All About Books) says**

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*First of all a shout out to the wonderful Meggy @ **Chocolate'n'Waffles** who made me finally get to know Kay Hunter after I won this book in her giveaway a few months back. Thanks again for intr*

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### **Emma says**

RCall to Arms is the fifth book in the Detective Kay Hunter series written by author, Rachel Amphlett. I LOVE this series and always make a point of keeping up to date with the latest release (one of the few I actually manage as well!). You can check out my reviews of the first four books by clicking on the following titles; #1 Scared to Death, #2 Will to Live, #3 One to Watch and #4 Hell to Pay.

I was delighted to have the latest Kay Hunter novel in my mitts. And before long, the events of the previous novel came crashing back into my mind. (IF YOU HAVENT READ THE FOURTH BOOK IN THE SERIES, MISS THE NEXT BIT OUT!). The near-deadly touse on the beach, the shocking conclusion where Hunter was suddenly promoted to DI as her friend and current DI, Devon Sharp, was forcibly removed from her hospital room. But despite being fully aware of all of that, having Kay's colleagues refer to her as DI Hunter still came as a bit of surprise to me!

(SKIP TO HERE!) At the start of Call to Arms Kay Hunter is on light duties having only recently returned to work. She's bored, not helped by a recent promotion and a large increase in the amount of paperwork she has to complete. Hunter realises the only way to get back to the action of 'real police work' is to get her friend and colleague, Devon Sharp reinstated as DI of the team. It helps a great deal if you've read Hell to Pay, the fourth book in the series before reading Call to Arms. I've always said each and every book in the Kay Hunter series can be read as a standalone. Not this one, this is the exception. It would help enormously if you've read Hell to Pay first. Don't say I didn't warn you!

Kay decides to reinvestigate a cold case in her own time which, if she can prove wasn't properly investigated in the first place, may help clear Devon Sharp's name whilst digging a fellow senior colleague deeper into the hole he has already made for himself – part of the draw maybe?! The investigation is into the death of an Army Private who skidded out of control and to his death on his motorcycle one dark and dismal night. Kay is connected to the case in other ways; the soldier who died was Devon Sharp's godson. This time it's personal and Hunter will stop at nothing to make sure the truth is discovered. No matter what the outcome.

So here's the thing. I enjoyed Hell to Pay but not as much as I expected to (which is really weird as the despicable characters in the story and the evil deeds that were happening before my eyes are very much the kind of thing that I love to read about. Weird right?). However, I was thrilled to fully submerge myself in this latest brilliant instalment, Call to Arms. I REALLY enjoyed it and it reminded me exactly why I love Amphlett's writing and, in particular, Kay Hunter as much as I do.

I loved that the plot headed off at an unexpected tangent and the more we discovered about the deceased, the darker the tale became. I devoured this book in a few short hours which is unheard of for me. I didn't want to

put it down.

One of my issues with Hell to Pay was the lack of Adam, Kay's other half in the story. Again, it's quite strange because I'm not a reader who cares much for romance in my stories. However, I love the relationship between Kay and Adam. I love how utterly normal they are. I was glad to see Adam playing more of a part in Call to Arms. He even managed to bring me to tears at one point! (And don't forget to check out the brilliant guest post I hosted earlier this week – it's all about the lovely Adam!).

Would I recommend this book? Absolutely but make sure you grab copies of the first four books in the series as well. I promise it'll be worth it. My favourite in the series is still Will to Live but Call to Arms is a very welcome addition to a much-loved series. I hope Amphlett continues to write this series for many years to come. I am so fond of the characters and ALWAYS look forward to finding out what is going to happen next.

Four out of five stars.

I chose to read and review an eARC of Call to Arms. The above review is my own unbiased opinion.

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### **Lelia Taylor says**

By this time, with the fifth book in the series, you'd think I'd be prepared for another good book and, of course, I was but I really do think Rachel Amphlett has become one of my very favorite police procedural authors with Call to Arms. I expect to enjoy police procedurals for the tension and the action but this author takes it a step further by letting the reader really get to know the characters.

Kay has been on medical leave but is finally back on desk duty and is already bored. Newly promoted to Detective Inspector, she's on probation but she's in a better position than DI Devon Sharp who's under suspension during an internal investigation. Kay and her team set out to look into a ten-year-old cold case involving Sharp in hopes of clearing his name and will follow one thin lead after another, getting deeper and deeper in the muck of greed and addiction.

What sets this series apart from others is the connection I've made with Kay and her colleagues. Even those we don't know so well yet, such as Carys, are distinct in their personalities and I'm quite simply in book love with veterinarian Adam, Kay's husband, and really enjoy the moments I get to spend with them and whatever random animal he's brought home for a day or two. Kay and Adam have tragedy in their lives but they're so committed to each other that they're going to get through it.

Alison Campbell is a terrific narrator and I really think she did a brilliant job with this entry. No matter who was speaking, I knew who it was because she's so good with voices, making an already strong story even better.

Call to Arms has so many personal issues for these characters while they delve into an old crime that I think it's a story not to be missed. I'm adding it to my list of best books read in 2018 and am already salivating for book #6.

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### **Tasha and Megan Mahoney says**

Story: 4

Narration: 4

Overall: 4

Firstly let me state that this is a new series to me. While it does mention past cases etc. I do not feel that my enjoyment of Call to Arms was lessened due to not having read the previous 4 books in this series. Having said that, I also feel that it would be beneficial for readers/listeners to listen to the previous books because this is really good and it does contain information on past incidents. (I would like to listen to them in the future)

Call to arms is a really well written police-procedural, thriller. Full of suspense and a really intriguing story-line. Kay Hunter has returned to work after a vicious attack and is desperate to prove that she is still capable of doing her job. Her boss DI Devon Sharp is on forced leave due to information that has been received and Kay and her partner begin investigating the cold case that DI Devon Sharp is accused of misconduct with. Investigating the linked cold case they discover some serious flaws in the decade old initial investigation. Of course this is merely the pinnacle of the book, I don't do spoilers but I will say I have left out some great stuff!

Rachel Amphlett is an incredibly talented writer and this is such a wonderfully written story. The way that the book is written feels like you are a fly on the wall and following along the investigation and you are drip fed a lot of the information, which is how I imagine that a real investigation builds. You do get a wonderful sense of immersion in the case which is really well built and developed. The conclusion is equally well developed but still holds surprises.

The narration really helps bring this story to life. Alison Campbell is a fantastic voice actor who maintains a good flow, defined characters and a really clear and pleasant voice. She manages to convey the emotions expressed throughout Call to Arms and her excellent narration is consistent from start to finish. I feel that Rachel Amphlett and Alison Campbell are a really ideal author/narrator team.

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### **Julie Simon says**

Really enjoyed this series and did wonder where this book was going to lead but needn't have worried at all. Keeps you hooked throughout, desperately trying to work it out. Great read, looking forward to next instalment.

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### **Pat says**

Catch up time is here again.

After returning to work early following a vicious attack, Kay Hunter is riding a desk and looking at cold cases. She looks into a ten year old murder that involves her boss DI Devon Sharp who is currently on leave while he is being investigated. Hunter wants to clear his name but of course it couldn't just be that easy, could it? A very well constructed story in an excellent series.

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## **Brenda says**

Detective Kay Hunter was going mad with the enforced recuperation time after the attack which had almost killed her and when she finally convinced the powers that be that she was fine to return to work – a month earlier than recommended – Kay then had to sit at a desk with paperwork as her companion. More boredom. But her Detective Inspector, Devon Sharp had been suspended from duties and was being investigated. Kay was determined to clear her boss' name and get him back to the job he did best, and it was a ten-year-old cold case which had connections to both Sharp and the accuser which she tackled.

With Kay's small team by her side, they re-interviewed old witnesses, found new evidence and gradually moved closer to secrets which had been buried for many years. Secrets which could hurt many. But Kay was driven in her desire to clear Sharp and find the answers; to find justice for the man who'd died all those years before...

What would be the outcome for Kay and her team in this case? Would they find the answers needed? Was Kay's new position in jeopardy already?

*Call to Arms* by Aussie author Rachel Amphlett is the 5th in the Detective Kay Hunter series, and another riveting tale. I loved how Kay worked without having to answer to a boss; how her stubbornness and authority came through, but when she arrived home to Adam, another side of her emerged. Kay Hunter is a well-crafted, extremely likeable character, and her cases are electric! Set in country England – Maidstone in Kent – the author has given us a small connection to Australia as well. I thoroughly enjoy this series and can't wait for the next! Highly recommended.

With thanks to the author for my digital ARC to read and review.

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## **Rubina says**

Review to be up on 8th March

\*For more reviews check out [www.rubinareads.com](http://www.rubinareads.com)\*

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## **Cheryl Whitty says**

Reviewed on Behalf of <http://bookaddict.live>,  
Kay Hunter is finally back at work after her injuries from her last case. After finding out Williamson is

corrupt, and was responsible for her injuries. While in prison the allegations he has made against DI Devon Sharp. Her direct boss is on forced leave until Kay can clear him of the allegations .

So we start with Kay working on a 10 year old cold case. The case is of a soldier who is killed in a motorcycle accident. Doubts were raised, but never investigated properly.

This is a case of what appears to be a simple case. The investigation uncovers much more than anyone is expecting. I love a good detective series, and this is a good series. It makes you feel like you are there discovering the clues with them. I really enjoyed this for many reasons. I felt I was in the middle of the story with a huge cast of characters, what always surprises me when I get to the end and there is only one narrator. The other is it finishes to quickly, so I now am waiting for book six

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