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Readers who relish heated passion and chilling suspense love *New York Times* bestselling author Karen Robards's acclaimed novels featuring Dr. Charlotte "Charlie" Stone. A heroine with a keen mind for catching killers and a soft heart for bad boys, Charlie is back in this third sizzling paranormal romance thriller.

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Madness and murder invaded Dr. Charlotte Stone's life when she was just a girl - and made her a woman determined to save others from the horror she survived. An expert in the psychology of serial killers, she's faced down more than her share of human monsters. But Charlie can also communicate with the spirits of those who die violently, an extrasensory skill that has helped the FBI bring lethal predators to justice. Now, after narrowly escaping death a second time, Charlie's ready to step away from the edge... before her luck runs out.

Too bad Charlie is too dedicated for her own good - and too devoted to federal agent Tony Bartoli to say no when he asks her to ride shotgun on yet another risky mission. Of course, she already has her hands full with Michael Garland: the handsome, roguish ghost with whom she's hopelessly in love - a spirit who depends on Charlie to keep him from slipping forever into the dark side of the afterlife. But in the mortal world, beautiful single women are vanishing from Las Vegas hotels at night. All signs indicate that a psychopath is on the prowl in Sin City, and Bartoli's FBI colleague Lena Kaminsky has reason to fear that her missing sister may be just the killer's type.

In a town full of fast players and few rules, flushing out a smooth-talking stalker like the Cinderella Killer might be a loser's game. But for Charlie, the only way to cage her quarry is to plunge back into the homicidal hell she vowed to leave behind - and may not leave alive.

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Vicki says

This is the third book of the series. I was upset that my library did not have the second book. So I missed one whole book. The good thing is that I was able to follow along with Charlie and Michael's romance, no matter how odd it was. I too loved Michael. I like Tony the FBI agent. But I loved Michael. The mystery the Gingerbread man was scary and creepy and I was just thankful that Michael was there to keep me occupied with the romance more than the fear of the suspense.

This is a great book. Well worth reading. I would suggest that you also read books 1 and 2. You will want as much of this sexy ghost as possible.

Dr. Stone is really a great character. She is strong and driven to understand the serial Killer's mind.

Thenia says

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Camille says

[SPECULATIONS:

- Michael was adopted, right? He's a twin (guy at the end of the book). And said twin could be the real serial killer, hence the DNA all over the dead women he (Michael) didn't know.
 - Michael comes back temporarily; either to say goodbye, or save Charlie one last time AND say goodbye. Closure, to make the Charlie x Tony pairing happen at the end.
 - If Robards doesn't make above pairing happen, Tony could end
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Kelly says

Oh my god. Where to start?

When I found out that *Her last whisper* was on Netgalley, I first thought that my request would be declined because I need to send more feedbacks. But anyway, I got approved and I was really excited to start reading it! I fell in love with these unique characters in the previous instalment and I had to know what happened to them afterward.

But I'll admit I was sceptical for the first 60% because I didn't really get into it. I liked it and it was nice to read but I wasn't hooked, at least not yet. I didn't really care about this new case with Lena's sister. I wanted to rate it 3 stars for that part but then the story picked up. There were lots of actions and twists that kept me on edge.

The romance was fantastic too. I was still hoping that they'll find a way to be permanently together because,

come on, Michael and Charlie are still perfect for each other. I laughed and cried for them, especially in the end with that cliffhanger.

So now, I really need to know more. What is going on?

I guess I have to wait to know the answer. Is there another book after this one? I have no idea... It seems like it considering how it ended.

Overall, I really enjoyed it. Another great book in the series. If you liked reading *The Last Kiss Goodbye*, don't miss this one.

ARC received through Netgalley

Bj says

This is the third book in the Dr. Charlotte Stone series, and I have to say that the initial surprise at what a unique series this is, has yet to wear off. Combining equal parts of paranormal, mystery, thriller, humor, romance and passion, the Dr. Charlotte Stone is one of the most well rounded series, I have ever read! Moreover, Her Last Whisper is sure to keep you constantly entertained with its two mysteries and two love stories.

Although it is possible to read this book as a standalone, as the immediate mystery, the identification and tracking down of the "Cinderella" serial killer is resolved, I would recommend that you read it in order. Not only does the love life of the heroine evolve over the series, but there is also an underlying mystery over whether Michael Garland, a convicted serial killer and now Dr. Charlotte Stone's ghost lover, actually committed the horrendous crimes he was convicted of which also is slowly solved over the entire series. Her Last Whisper ends in one big cliffhanger, so there will definitely be at least one other book. As of the time of this review, however, I could not find any information on when it is expected to be released, so now I'm sitting on pins and needles! This series is that good!

Dr. Charlotte Stone, once targeted by the depraved "Boardwalk" serial killer who killed Charlie's best friend and her family, is no longer a victim. Instead, she became a psychiatrist who researches serial killers and now she is the hunter who hunts down these madmen. The fact that she has a gift, which allows her to communicate with the newly dead, particularly those who have experienced violent deaths, only makes her even more suited to help protect society from their deviant behavior.

There is one spirit, however, that of convicted serial killer, Michael Garland, who has become quite a problem, for her heart that is. She studied him in life, and never doubted his guilt, but it wasn't until he saved her life, giving up his in the process, that she began to question Michael's crimes. Torn between her knowledge of how serial killers operate, and her unmistakable attraction and heartfelt feelings towards Michael, she doesn't know what to do. Never mind that his time in a spiritual plane where she can still be with him is no doubt limited and, in fact, she has had to call in favors from her friend who is a psychic to help extend his time on a number of occasions when his alpha protective nature over her, not to mention his attraction to her, has gotten him in trouble. Meanwhile, there is a real, living and breathing man, Special FBI Agent, Anthony Bartoli, who specializes in apprehending serial killers, who she has teamed up with numerous times in the past to solve serial killer cases who wants to start a real living, breathing relationship with her.

Her Last Whisper picks up where, Book 2 *The Last Kiss Goodbye*, leaves off. Namely, Dr. Charlotte Stone is recovering from the injuries that she suffered at the hands of the "Gingerbread" serial killer, who she

nearly drowned helping capture. On the day she returns back to work, she is determined to stay out of danger. Two near death experiences at the hands of serial killers is enough, and Michael means to convince her that she needs to find a new line of work. When one of Tony's FBI team members, Lena Kaminsky, who she nearly died with on her last case, personally asks her for a favor to help track down her sister, who she believes has been taken by a serial killer, she has no choice but to help.

This time the adventures take place in Las Vegas where a string of beautiful, young women tourists have been disappearing from their hotels. As Charlie joins Tony's team to help solve this case before time runs out for Lena's sister, Charlie also has to battle her growing feelings for Michael and the constant temptation to accept that given his limited time Tony should be the perfect man for her. Can Charlie help find Lena's sister before it's too late? Who will she decide to trust with her heart? Moreover, when she inadvertently discovers yet another one of Michael's secrets, will she be able to continue denying that he might actually be the dark troubled soul that he claims to be?

I love the intensity of this series. From the hot, passionate scenes, to the spine tingling, suspense filled ones, the writing is unbelievably good! Just when you think you know which way Dr. Stone's heart is turning, or the identity of the "Cinderella" serial killer; guess again, because Ms. Robards takes you on another thrilling twist and turn.

I highly recommend this series to not just paranormal romance lovers, but also to readers who enjoy thrillers, even those who do not ordinarily read romances. The psychological aspects of this novel, including the dissecting of the criminal/serial killer mind is so clever and profound, that I believe its appeal is likely to be appreciated by fans spanning many different genres. There is also plenty of heat and romance to captivate the more traditional romance reader. I can't wait for the next book in the series!

Donna says

Only 15 days into the new year and already I have my first 1 star rating. I've read one other book in this series. I found it entertaining fluff for 3 stars. This however, was not that.

There were so many things that had me rolling my eyes. However, there is only one thing that makes this 1 star and not 2. It was the writing. I can deal with the constant monologue of the MC, the ghost love story...whatever. BUT....the constant telling was hard to take for as long as this book was (and really, it wasn't that long....it just felt long.) The plot was also focused on the one thing, more than the mystery.

This book wasn't for me.

***Marsha,Marsha,Marsha* It's always Marsha says**

4.5 Stellar stars!

Have been a long time fan of Ms. Robards, gong back decades! Thrilled when I came upon this ARC via Netgalley. Many thanks!

This story is a series that follows Dr. Charlotte Stone, "Charlie," through her trials and tribulations as a serial killer researcher. She also has a "secret." She can connect with those who have died a violent death, and her ghost lover, Michael is one of them! Have to be honest, wasn't sure how the PRN would work for me, but having gotten a feeling about Michael, I can see why anyone would fall for this man!

In this book, Charlie has tired. Just plain tired of her working with the FBI and all it as brought to her life in the past: danger and almost being killed. But when they reach out one more time and ask for her help in finding the sister of an FBI agent, Charlie can't say no. She plummets herself into the world of the Cinderella Killer and with the help of Tony Bartoli and his team. Robards weaves suspense like few others ever have achieved. And throw in a "hot" ghost lover like Michael? It just left me with a different perspective on the PRN issue!!

Many plot twists and turns go into t his 3rd book and with the ending as it was, I am so very anxious to know where all is headed. It's weird rooting for a ghost, and I'm praying Robards finds a way to give Charlie what she desires! Well worth your time and effort if you enjoy a solid author who writes romantic suspense with the best of them. Enjoy!!

CasPerfitz~SLiTsReaD says

3.5 Stars!

I almost forgot I've been waiting for this sequel to come out.... After how everything ended on the last book, I have high hopes that the series will take the story up a notch, like say, Charlie's seeing and communicating with the spirit going stronger and a relationship more defined maybe?

The story picks up where it left off.... Charlie is back to working at her old job, researching serial killers at Wallens Ridge State Prison. But, ever since her dying and being brought back to life experience, she has been hearing voices in her head at odd moments. And, to cut the story short, Tony is back, again asking for Charlie's help in finding a serial killer known as the Cinderella Killer who is abducting women in Vegas.... And he is asking her in behalf of Lena, his FBI Colleague, who thinks that said serial killer also took her missing sister.

So, once again, Charlie finds herself working withToni and his FBI team, in search for a killer... Add to that is Charlie's constant worries over Michael, her handsome, roguish ghost, who depends on her to keep him from slipping forever into the dark side of the afterlife.

It took me longer than normal to finish this book cause I just wasn't too caught up into it. It did started off to a good start... and I was constantly on the edge when it comes to what is happening with Michael or what would happen to him. But the run around of Charlie's feelings towards Michael, "I'm falling for him but I can't love him.." just went on and on... And I just want it to end! Seriously! I was really, REALLY, hoping, this time around, this part would be resolved. Maybe it's just me, but I was over this scenario with the second book. On scenes where Charlie is forced to be honest with her feelings, it felt like finally we're getting somewhere. I do get the "why's".... how could I not when Charlie constantly rationalize everything over and over. Although, there is that very promising note in the end. Again, something to look forward to.

But, this isn't just about romance..... There is the mystery and suspense that revolves around said serial killer that also kept me on the edge... Not to mention that climatic scene that was totally nail biting. And I appreciate how the author somehow lead me to think on where the story was heading and then proved me totally wrong and head on a really unexpected direction. Ha! Loved all that!

Which leads me to that very intriguing ending!!! Well, now, that just makes me want the next book ASAP!!!! Hope it won't be a long wait!

Review is also posted here : <http://slitsread.com/2014/09/05/her-1...>

willaful says

ARGH! ARGH! ARGH!

I refuse to listen to another book in this series until it is ABSOLUTELY, UNEQUIVOCALLY the end.

Debi says

I received a copy from Netgalley and the publisher for an honest review.

I was thrilled to find this on Netgalley. I love the Dr. Charlotte Stone series! Her Last Whisper is #3 in series. It might stand alone, but I suggest you read the first 2. A great mix of suspense/thriller with steamy romance.

Charlotte "Charlie" Stone is a criminal physiologist specializing in serial killers. She's been helping the FBI solve cases, but the last case almost killed her. She's gone back to research and plans to leave hunting serial killers to law enforcement. Handsome Special Agent Tony Bartolli shows up to request her assistance one more time. The Cinderella Killer has taken Special Agent Kaminsky's sister.

Charlie confides a secret to Tony that can ruin her career. She can see ghosts of victims of violent crimes. It's not her only secret. One of the ghosts has attached himself to her. Michael Garland is her ghostly protector...and lover.

Her Last Whisper had some real surprises in it. I thought I had figured out the end game for Tony, Charlie, and Michael. Ms. Robards threw me a curve ball. I am just sorry that I must wait for the next book.

Updated 10/16/2014...Library had the audio version. Just finished it and it's worth a listen...even if you've read the book! Good narration by Anne Marie Lee.

Aemelia says

Karen Robards has done it again, she got me to forget time as I was completely engrossed in her latest installment of her Dr. Charlie Stone series. She has a very vivid imagination, creating some spectacular evil serial killers and scenarios.

I loved following Charlie, Michael, Tony, Buzz, and Kaminsky to Las Vegas on their latest case. The dynamic between all of the characters is phenomenal. Tony is still determined to try to get Charlie romantically interested in him, but Michael isn't about to give up on the sizzling chemistry he shares with Charlie...and prove that "Dudly Do Right" doesn't have what she needs. I also liked seeing Lena's vulnerable side, as the search for her sister intensified. Poor Buzz has his work cut out for him to get Lena to completely give herself to him.

Michael fights a seemingly impossible battle as he tries to avoid Spookville, but some things are just

inevitable...unless he can find a loop in the cosmos, though it may be too late. Charlie could lose him forever.

HER LAST WHISPER contained many twists and turns that I didn't see coming, keeping me on the edge of my seat. The only thing I didn't like about this book was when I realized that I have to wait until the next installment to find out if Charlie and Michael will get their HEA and that it ended at a cliffhanger. :(I canNOT wait until then!!!!

Shay says

Yay!! Netgalley is awesome!! Diving in right away.. Will let you know what I think soon!!! =)

UPDATE...Honest review for Netgalley

I just have to say I'm speechless... This is the best book in the series and with this ending....I don't know how I'll be able to wait for the next one. Amazing!!! Full review coming soon.

See my full review at [Shaytasticbooks](#) <> [Like my Facebook Page](#)

"There was also a sense of profound connection, a depth of feeling, and unspoken acknowledgment: You matter to me"

Well I am speechless.... How do I convey my love for this book and the whole series. It was a thrilling non-stop suspenseful journey with quick wit and glorious sexual tension around every turn. There was not one page that left you behind and after every turn there was more and more to love.

I have to say, I missed Michael. He is seriously one of my favorite characters I have ever read about. He's up there with Barrons (Fever series) and Daemon (Lux Series). There is just something so real about him that makes me enjoy every second with him. He is so very protective of Charlie along with one of the crudest and actually bad characters you've ever read. By bad I mean he's a serial killer. Or is he? This is where Karen has done some amazing work. We all know that he has killed woman but there is a hidden story behind this that we only get pieces of every now and then. It makes him such a mystery. The more you get into the story the more you realize how truly amazing he can be. It makes you question the real Michael? Would he kill the woman that the courts say he did? I, of course, do not for one second believe this, but there is actually no proof on this. I'm still waiting. Oh yes there was one other thing I should mention about Michael...

"He was a ghost; he did not belong in her world"

On the other hand there is Charlie who is down right the opposite of Michael. She is a psychiatrist who likes routine and control. She's not willing to be controlled by some "man" who thinks that because he says jump she's got to say how high? I absolutely love this about her. She may be straight lace in the fact that she's

bland (no offense Charlie) but she has this hidden hardness about her. This, of course, is a development from her past which we have already learnt about in the previous books (See Review [HERE](#)). While Charlie has fought these feelings for Michael for so long, you can really see the connection between the two in "Her Last Whisper"

"He doesn't deserve what's happening to him,' she told Tam fiercely. 'I know him. I vouch for him. He is - was- a good man.'"

I loved that we got so much more romance!! Which is funny cause she's human and he's a ghost so nothing can actually happen. This obstacle which they can never overcome is what I love the most about this series. They LITERALLY CANNOT BE TOGETHER. Physically, at all! There are a couple times (not going to spoil with details) when things happen and I love that they happen a few and far between. It allows for their relationship to build on mutual respect and friendship even though their sexual chemistry is of the charts!!!

Now let me actually get down to the nitty gritty of this book. The actual pace and story line was like a roller coaster ride. There was absolutely no down time. If one thing wasn't happening another thing was. I couldn't believe how completely hooked I was from the very first page. The mystery to this story, of course like the other books in this series, is that they are trying to catch a serial killer. Only in this one it's a FBI's sister that was taken. Every emotion is heightened. Every action is over and above what is called for. Everything that happens make's this book the best book in the series. Yes! I'm actually saying that a third book in a series is the best one so far. I normally will never say that. There is always something about learning about two characters at the beginning of the journey that is the best but not here. Karen has transported us so far past that. She had me on the edge of my seat wither it was from the serial killer that was running loose, or the constant battles that Michael and Charlie's "relationship" face.

However, I will warn you... I finished this book mad. Not at the story but at the fact that I have to wait so long for the next one... There is a huge cliff hanger (which Karen is very very good at) that will leave you completely stunned. At least I was. I seriously flipped through the pages and held my breath..There was just no way it could end like that. When I realized what Karen did. I released MY last whisper

"She wouldn't dare... Would she?"

Mary says

This series gets better with each book. I don't want to give away any spoilers so I won't assume you've read the first two books. If you like mystery, suspense, romance and a really good ghost story, check out these books. I really suggest starting with the first book, you won't be sorry.

Alex is The Romance Fox says

This is the 3rd novel in Dr Charlotte Stone Series by Karen Robards and despite a few gripes, I enjoyed it more than book #2, which ended when

Charlie was brought back to life by Michael Garland, the dead, now ghost serial killer that she's fallen in love with, now begins with her decision to just work on her serial studies and not get involved with helping her FBI friends finding serial killers.

But when Tony, the FBI agent and friend asks her help in finding Lena, the other FBI agent's missing sister, who he thinks may have been target by yet another serial killer...what else can Charlie do??? Dive in immediately and soon she and the FBI team are off on another mission to find Lena's sister before she's killed.

What a relief...that after quite a long disappearance into the unknown, Michael Garland returns yet again to save Charlie from being bumped off again!!!! Of course does Charlie listen to Michael's advice?? Are you kidding me??? Of course not!!!

This story had a bit more plot than the last book and actually it kept me guessing until almost the very end, who the bad bad guys were.

I just wish there was more dialogue in this series. There is so much internal dialogue...mostly by Charlie that just drives me crazy and gets me skimming a lot of pages...why can't she make up her mind about Michael??? Yes, No....!!!

One character that I really liked in this book was Tam, Charlie's psychic friend!!! She's totally awesome!!!!

Anyway, the ending just got to me!!! What now!!! What next??? What's going to happen to Michael??? After all that's happened, I cannot believe that something good won't come his way after what he has done not only for Charlie but a lot of other people.

Lady Vigilante (Feifei) says

5 stars!!

Suspenseful, sexy, and captivating from the start, Her Last Whisper is a pulse-pounding thriller romance that marks the pinnacle of this series – IMO this third book is the best!

I think everyone has an author (or a couple) where no matter what they write, you'll read. Karen Robards is one of those authors for me. I'm a big fan of her romantic suspense and historical romance books but I was a bit wary of this series – there's a slight paranormal edge to it and I don't like to read paranormal books. But, I'm so glad I gave this series a chance because aside from the Banning Sisters trilogy, this series is my next favorite out of all her books. *This is book 3 in the Dr. Charlotte Stone series and not a standalone! You must read the first two books before starting this one.*

Just a little background info from before (not spoilers): Charlie is a serial killer expert who can hear voices and see the ghosts of those who suffered a violent death. In book 1, one of her subjects and death row inmate Michael Garland was stabbed to death and his ghost has lingered since. Charlie and Michael are involved. At the same time, FBI agent Tony Bartoli is interested in pursuing a relationship with Charlie.

Charlie is an expert in studying the behaviors of serial killers and has helped the FBI in several cases. In this book, she's approached by FBI agent Tony Bartoli (who has a romantic interest in her) on behalf of one of his agents – the sister of said agent is missing and rumored to be taken by the Cinderella Killer. Together with Michael's ghost, she, Tony, and the rest of the FBI team head out to Vegas to catch the bastard.

Okay, obviously that's not just IT – it's a romantic suspense so I'm not going to spell out what happens. But I will say that less than 1% of the books I read now are paranormal and the fact that I'm willing to read this series (and I love it too!!) says a lot. I would say this book is the most suspenseful out of the series, but there's still a heavy romance aspect (HOT ghost sex!!!) and I liked how well-balanced it was – I never thought the book lacked in either genre.

The characters are also something else too! Charlie is my dream heroine: independent, sassy, smart, and quick on her toes. Though dead, Michael can give any live guy a run for his money. First three things I love about him are his 1) sarcasm 2) sarcasm and 3) sarcasm and then of course his smoking hot good looks. I think the fact that their relationship is impossible is what makes them *that* much more endearing to me – reading about them together (human and ghost) often reminds me of my own mortality. Part of what makes life beautiful is its finite nature and I admire Michael and Charlie for acting on that sentiment, living in the *now*, consequences be damned.

This is a series that took a hold of my heart and gave it a big 'ol squeeze while reading. The suspense, the thrill, and the romance are so richly depicted I can really see these books become movies. There are probably a million adjectives that can describe this series but the top ones on my list are: addictive, unputdownable, total escapism! Everyone should read these books!

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