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Journalist Brenda Banks is on the verge of the biggest story of her career—if she can stay alive long enough to finish it. A serial killer is targeting men in the small town of Slaughter Creek, leaving behind a twisted trail of clues meant only for Brenda. It's a dangerous, deadly game, one she cannot master without the help of FBI Special Agent Nick Blackwood, the man she's loved since high school—and whose tormented past could hold the key to catching a killer.

Nick Blackwood barely survived childhood at the hands of his father, a sadistic mastermind known as the Commander. Since he left town, he's spent his life chasing criminals—and trying to forget the beauty he once loved. But when a murder investigation brings him face-to-face with Brenda Banks, Nick cannot ignore the smoldering fire she rekindles in his troubled soul. Allowing Brenda into his heart means letting down his guard—and that's just what the killer is counting on...

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Krissy says

I really disliked Brenda and I honestly couldn't figure out what Nick saw in her.

Loretta Johnson says

And the beat goes on!

The second book in this series picked up with the Sheriff's brother, (a special agent with the FBI) reuniting with his sibling and partnering to solve a case that involves their father. Just when you think nothing worse could happen, something worse happens. The book moves along at a good pace and keeps you guessing. Looking forward to its conclusion.

Pam says

Her Dying Breath: A Slaughter Creek Novel Book 2 is by Rita Herron. This book was impossible to put down. You just had to know what was going to happen.

Two of the victims of the experiments of the CHIMES group were watching Brenda Banks give her report on the capture of Commander Arthur Blackwood. He had been missing for ten years and Sadie had thought she had killed him and so she ran. However, he hadn't died and was now in custody. His sons, Jake and Nick, were very happy he had been caught. He had abused both of them during their lives.

In their investigation, Nick and Jake had located five of the seven victims. Four were dead and Sadie's sister Amelia was undergoing further therapy. Now only two of the seven remained. They also suspected there was someone even higher than the Commander who was in charge. Figuring out who the other two were was essential in finding them. Commander Blackwood was not being helpful at all.

Can Nick and Jake find these two before they kill someone else or someone kills them? The book definitely keeps you on your toes.

Vikki Vaught says

My Musings

What an exciting book. It kept me on the edge of my seat from the beginning to the end. Can't wait to read the next one in this series. Happy ?reading ?!

??Trea says

For me, this was a very disturbing novel! It was, at parts, very confusing, but also had me on the edge of my

seat at times. There were also times where I thought that the series was actually more of a saga of Amelia's journey toward being a whole, normal person.

In this book, the main couple is Brenda Banks and Nick Blackwood. Brenda was a very annoying heroine, constantly trying to interfere in the investigation to further her career at the news station. Her depression as a teenager that led into the feelings of not belonging/not being good enough as an adult also felt rather contrived, and all because she (view spoiler). However, this was resolved toward the end of the book, in a way that made sense.

Nick was also a bit annoying, what with the supposed demons from being raised by his father. It didn't make much sense as to why he could not be with anyone, all because of his childhood.

The ongoing saga of the experiment was very revealing, and disturbing. The serial killer in this story was a complete shock to me! I'm a bit interested to see how the experiment totally unravels!

Nicole says

Great boom but didn't realize it was a trilogy. Guess I started at book 2 :)

MightyA says

Engrossing dark thriller with twists, and greatly enhanced by superb voice performance by Tanya Eby

Diane Short says

Ok. I mostly enjoyed this book. It was easy to read and had an unusual plot that I wasn't always able to predict. I was irritated by the romantic plot though and found it all too contrived and unnatural. The 'hunger' of it all wasn't quite right. In some parts the story wasn't quite clever enough and the author relied upon convenience rather than imagination and intelligence. Otherwise a good read.

Jan O'Kane says

The Slaughter Creek series is a thrilling action story with a strong romantic attraction that can not be denied.

Brenda Banks is a journalist looking for an exclusive story on a serial killer. She becomes so involved that the killer is leaving clues for HER.

It is a good thing that Agent Nick Blackwell is back and has gotten involved in the case. Nick and Brenda have a history together, one that refuses to stay in the past. Leaving her so many years ago has not diminished his feelings for her, or her for him.

There are many things Nick remembers about the past besides Brenda. Raised by a sadistic father who only

knew his children as recruits, he trained them from a young age to be the best military personnel they could be and that training could have killed Nick.

Brenda follows the clues the killer leaves for her, she wants that exclusive story. She wants to follow the story to its conclusion, but that conclusion may end with her life. It may be a good thing that Nick's father forced trained Nick and his siblings in the way of the special forces. That training that haunted Nick may be the very thing he will need to save the woman he loves. Will it be enough or is the killer too clever?

Tracy T. says

Great Story! Kept me Guessing. Great Narration! (Audible whispersync review)

Wow this was great story. I loved it. It was darker than the first book in the series, which made it even better. I liked Brenda and Nick they had some great chemistry and a couple of hot and steamy sex scenes.

The story line and plot were great. This one is about a serial killer named Seven. It was awesome. She was just the right amount of crazy that you kind of liked her, and had empathy at the same time. This story had me guessing all the way through. With a bang of a conclusion. There was so much great dialogue, and the story flowed so nicely it was very easy to follow along. Great writing.

As for the narration, it was fantastic. Tanya Eby is becoming a favorite of mine. The men sound like men, everyone has their own distinct voice and she reads with emotion. Makes the story even better.

This was a free read free listen with my KU subscription, what a great deal!

I totally recommend this series. I am off to the next book! I hope its as good as the first 2 have been.

Jessica says

Brenda didn't start off very well with me. She's taken news reporter to a whole new level of heartless. She's showed that she cares not about a murdered man or innocent children experimented on, she cares about the hot story and the glory that comes with it, exposing guilty men, not getting justice for the citizens. She's selfish and greedy. I also don't understand how Nick and Jake put up with her nosy, pushy, interviews knowing she posed a risk for hurting the case and they were still questioning the motel manager, how could they possibly find out the answer or her questions in minutes. Not to mention, they didn't have to answer her questions in the first place, she's just a news reporter who was given the tip. She has no authority over them and they're letting the bitch get her way and walk all over them when they owe her nothing other than "No comment" or if they must answer "We'll let you know more further into the investigation, until then, back off and let us do our job."

I'm glad other reviewers pointed out that the police procedure was inaccurate and completely unrealistic even for a book. NO officer whatsoever of any law enforcement field would let a nosy reporter inside a crime scene getting a firsthand look as they gather evidence, invite herself into their investigation when she feels like it simply because the killer contacted her, interviewing them as they're doing their job at that moment securing the crime scene, or answering her questions as if she has a right to know or she's their boss which clearly isn't the case. I don't care if this was just a ploy to get her and Nick to spend time together and to

include her in the case, it would never happen in reality and to be honest it was just plain annoying to see this witch act like she owned the town and do whatever she thought she was entitled to not only because of her occupation but her status of who her parents were. Brenda is NOT a heroine who I like or at least respect. I hate her, period.

Nick was alright but because I couldn't stand Brenda he didn't make an impression on me either. I was ready to get the book over with about halfway in. He was very closed off and we didn't really get to see a relationship develop between them which was more than ok with me for this book. I felt that this story wasn't as good as the first one. It had its moments but was brought down by my dislike of Brenda and Nick's pushover nature when it came to her. He let her walk all over his authority and seemed weak. I don't understand what he saw in her either besides her physical attributes. He claimed to have wanted her and loved her since high school when she dated his brother but honestly, what was there to like? She was a cruel, bratty, stuck-up witch I high school. Sure, she had her problems for why she was the way she was but they didn't know that and it certainly didn't excuse her actions. There was no chemistry between them other than physical attraction and maybe lust. He was dark and a hard man who confided one thing in her that seemed very anti-climactic. It didn't feel special or like it brought them together. For one thing, she never opened up to him about why she was in the sanatorium at one point which shows how much she trusts him. Then when she found out he checked up on her she had the nerve to get angry and upset about it but it's ok for her to go snooping for information in other people's lives but when it comes to her she has a right to privacy. Hypocrite, much? He had a right to look into why she was there not only because he was doing his job but because she didn't tell him anything Everyone close is a suspect in murder, especially if they have contact with a killer.

Seven, I felt bad for her and I'm glad that she got her revenge but felt that her life is ruined because no one would listen to the kids. At first I thought she was overreacting in her need for revenge but after reading this book and reflecting back on the first book, she gets my deepest sympathy. She was stuck and she had no one that could save her or get her out. Her bitterness and anger is expected and she's entitled to feel however she wants because those who could have done something didn't listen to the pleas and cries for help from the children. Those who did try to do something about their suspicions died in the process. Those who didn't know and had no way of knowing what was going on had no reason to suspect trusted friends and family of hurting children in a hospital. I'm not sure if the author has plans for Seven having her own book but if she did I would definitely read it. (view spoiler) This book didn't do anything special for me but I loved seeing Amelia again and the story of Seven who I hope we will see sometime in the future with her own story where she can find happiness and a new life. The creepy ending did grab my attention and it gets me even more excited to finally read Amelia's story after the next.

JMV says

3 1/2 stars. Typical love story entwined with a really good continuing murder msytrey.

Danielle Spencer says

Even better than the first book

Exciting, page turning, violent, disturbing, emotional and moderately sexual. Definitely worth spending a

couple of hours with Nick on a Sunday afternoon!!

Mary Manson says

Just as Good as Book1

I knew the Slaughter Creek Novels were a series when I purchased them. Usually novels that make a series have the same main characters and the storylines do overlap a little. But, this series is different and I love how it is written. The Book 2 plot was a continuation of the Book 1 plot. Different parts of the plot have been solved in each book while adding new twists and turns to be solved in the next book in the series. New characters are also added. Ms. Herron's writing style is excellent, her characters are very realistic and the storyline flows smoothly. The books are a grab you by the throat from Page 1 of Book 1 and I can tell you that they won't let me go until the last page of the last book in the series!!

Suzie Johnson says

Not for the faint hearted

Though the best of the series so far, this book deals with past child abuse. It does not go into deep detail, but may be disturbing to some.

The psychological thriller title still fits! I had to read it straight through. Can't wait to read the third book---as soon as it downloads.
