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Terror stalks a small Virginia town.

FBI rising star, criminal profiler Evelyn Baine, knows how to think like a serial killer. But she's never chased anyone like the Bakersville Burier, who hunts young women and displays them, half-buried, deep in the woods. As the body count climbs, Evelyn's relentless pursuit of the killer puts her career - and her life - at risk. And the evil lurking in the Burier's mind may be more than even she can unravel.

Terror is closer than she thinks.

The Bakersville Burier knows he's got an FBI profiler on his trail. He knows who she is and where to find her. And he's biding his time, because he's planned a special punishment for Evelyn. She may have tracked other killers, but he vows to make this her last chase. This time it's her turn to be hunted!

Hunted Details

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Andrea says

I picked this book as one of my friends was reading this book and caught my eye.great read hooked like reading serial killers books.evelyn the profiler was on the case when found female bodies,didnt expect she was taken by the serial killer and desperately trying to find who the killer was, and getting into the person's mind.really enjoyed her book and put her follow up book on my list to read.

Cheryl says

I waivered about reading this book several times but then when I say and read a glowing review by one of my fellow reader friends, I thought ok, I have to read this book. So reading the review and the fact that this book is in my favorite genre, I did not give a second thought to picking it up to read. The book started out good. The cops find the bodies of several women who had been buried in the ground. It set up the story. It was even explained as a little as to why the killer buried the women. The next scene was intense with Evelyn getting kidnapped and fighting her way to freedom. Then the action stopped and the story began. It seemed to move slow without much more happening from the killer or the police. In fact, it seemed like the only one giving any input was Evelyn. Everyone else was unforgettable. I got to chapter six and nothing new was happening in the story. It even was a struggle to get to chapter six. I was reading like 1 chapter at a time or trying to finish at least 1 chapter at a time. I finally could go no longer and have to put this book down.

Katrina Epperson says

This is a debut for Elizabeth Heiter. She brings us a FBI thriller that doesn't disappoint on any level. After the first few sentences, I was hooked. She brings us well developed characters that are not always perfect; their flaws make them human and accessible to the reader.

Evelyn Baine is a criminal profiler with the BAU (Behavior Analysis Unit) with the FBI in Virginia. She did not experience the idea childhood growing up and as a result tends to keep her feelings locked inside. Evelyn experienced a trauma in her childhood that haunts her to this day and is what lead her to become a profiler. She moved to this position about a year ago and has made quiet an impression on the other agents. She is excellent at her job and has the ability to get into the suspects head which makes her sort of scary. She has been assigned a new case in Bakersville, which is a nearby town. Two female bodies were found in the woods by the property owner. Evelyn heads out to the crime scene so she can start a profile for the police. Of course, she meet resistance with the local law enforcement officers, this is nothing new though.

The autopsies reveal that both women have been tortured and raped. That is bad enough, but when the bodies are found, they are buried up to their neck with only their heads exposed. She develops a profile and preventative measures for the local police to use. The chief of police is skeptical of her abilities as a profiler and in particularly her role in this case. With the body count rising and finding herself back in the position of having to prove her profile is correct, Evelyn becomes deeply invested in solving these murders to the point of obsession. Her determination not only puts her career in jeopardy, but also her life. Suddenly instead of being the hunter, she becomes the hunted.

If you like reading mysteries by authors like Catherine Coulter, you will love this book. I am looking forward to the next book "Vanished" which will be release Jan. 2015.

Linda Strong says

Evelyn Baine is a criminal profiler with the FBI. The job is her life. She was raised by her now elderly grandmother, as her mother was an abusive alcoholic. What has steered her throughout her life was the abduction of her best friend when she was 12 years old.

Evelyn is hunting evil personified. He abducts women, tortures them, and then buries them vertically with only their heads showing above ground.

After being called in to put together a profile, she is , herself, targeted but Evelyn is not a Federal Agent for nothing. She maneuvers and escapes, but as he has injected her with some kind of drug, all she can remember is his blue eyes.

The suspense part of this book begins with several men, mostly other agents or law enforcement personnel, who all have blue eyes and are attracted to Evelyn. Of course, there are such things as contacts, so it's really difficult in discovering who-dun-it.

At first I thought this was a Romantic Suspense but there is very little romance until the very end (no sex) and lots and lots of suspense and action.

I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book. I love the character of Evelyn. She has trust issues and takes herself far too seriously, but her inner self wants what most of us want .. to be normal and live a normal life. Being almost the only woman working among a bunch of men, most of them older, maybe wiser, she is determined to prove that she can hold her own.

This is first of a series. The next one is Vanished .. and the 3rd one, not slated to be out until later this year, is Seized. I already have Vanished ordered ... that should take care of my recommendation.

Judy Collins says

Elizabeth Heiter introduces her suspenseful debut **HUNTED**, #1 Profiler, a new series and FBI criminal profiler, Evelyn Baine—one tough cookie!

Evelyn Baine is with the BAU (Behavior Analysis Unit) with the FBI and gets called in for an assignment in a small Virginia town. She is not a rookie anymore and she has earned her spot; however, she is the youngest in the group.

She is sent to a small town in Bakersville, Virginia where women are being tortured and raped and buried up to their neck with heads exposed. Being a profiler, she has to deal with the local authorities and their resistance--which is always trying, especially in small towns, when they do not like outsiders.

Evelyn becomes almost obsessed with solving the murders; however, this time, instead of being the hunter,

she becomes the hunted.

A gripping debut—I actually read *Vanished* first #2 Profiler; was so intrigued, purchased the audio to find out more about Evelyn—smart, dedicated and driven. *Janina Edwards* delivered a suspenseful tension filled performance.

Heiter does an outstanding job with the crime scene, office politics, cop procedures, and delivers fast paced action. The Bakersville Burier was evil personified! What sets the thriller apart is the main protagonist—Evelyn –you will root for her.

Highly recommend *Hunted*, *Vanished* and *Seized!* *An author to follow.*

Shelley says

Source InterLibrary Loan

Genre Mystery, Thriller

Rating 3.5-4

My Thoughts

Hunted is the first installment in The Profiler series by author Elizabeth Heiter. The Profiler series follows FBI Special Agent Evelyn Baine of the Behavioral Analysis Unit (BAU). Evelyn has an impressive record of closing cases that are assigned to her. She is currently the youngest agent in the BAU, which causes some resentments, and friction between her and other agents, but especially her boss Dan Moore. As I learned by reading the third book in the series, *Hunted*, Evelyn has spent the past 17 years totally focused on being the best she can possibly be.

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Harlequin Books says

The Profiler series starter

Carol - Reading Writing and Riesling says

My View:

Unbelievably good – this is my kind of read!

What a fantastic FBI procedural from debut author Elizabeth Heiter. I loved this book- the pace, the characters, the plot, the twists, the action, the tension...I loved it all.

Evelyn Baine is a great female protagonist – smart, dedicated, resourceful, a wonderful FBI profiler with a personal history that steers her life - personal and professional. Heiter sets a great crime scene and the office banter and politics adds a further dimension to the narrative. I can see a TV show waiting to explode onto our screens.

Heiter gets all the essential elements of a great crime read spot on. I cannot wait for her next book...due out in the New Year, “Vanished” which follows an important story line in Hunted.

Karen Rock says

Fans of Tana French and Gillian Flynn will love Elizabeth Heiter's HUNTED! This taut suspense thriller kept me on the edge of my seat and flipping pages as fast as my eyes could race over the lines. The clever plot was full of twists and turns and had a great deal of authentic detail about the work of FBI profilers. I felt immersed in the world of local and federal detectives and their work to unravel the identity of a masterful serial killer. Evelyn Baines, the novel's heroine, is a fascinating, nuanced character with a haunting past that's driven her to bring the most despicable criminals to justice. I love that she's a biracial character as we don't see enough women of color in novels! She's brave, tough, professional, brilliant, and gifted at her job. She's a match for the insane genius's she hunts, such as the killer in this novel whose gruesome murders paralyze the local community with fear. Heiter also gives us the killer's point of view from time to time and it's gripping reading to get inside the head of a murderer. The book is never predictable and kept me guessing throughout. If you love well-written, action-backed, intelligent suspense novels, you've found a great one here! Heiter is a rising star and I can't wait to read her next novel in The Profiler series!

Diane says

A very good read by a new author. This is Elizabeth Heiter's first book and well worth the read. Her main character is a troubled soul - a profiler with the BAU of the FBI. A bit of a creep factor starts things out, a bit of background, and then immersion into the story. A serial killer has emerged in a small town where everyone knows everyone's business and everyone knows everyone - or do they? The main character, "Evelyn Baine" is in her first year of profiling and has been very successful, but is not really being respected for her skills - yet. A lot of her background is given throughout the novel - at times I found that tedious, but I understand what they author was doing - laying out the ground work for what is to come. Evelyn is in the serial killer's sights and she knows it!

A little bit of romance starting to develop in this first book and from the sounds of it will continue to grow into the next book - which isn't being released until 2015!!!!

Do I recommend this book, certainly it is well worth the read.

Two thumbs up and 4 stars!

Elizabeth of Silver's Reviews says

Haunted, hunted, completed.

The Bakersville Burier definitely gave Evelyn Baine, an FBI profiler, a run for the money. The BAKBURY case as it was called and as he was called was a master at abducting his victims as well as avoiding the police. The Bakersville Burier had a grudge against women and a background that made him dangerous along with a background that fed his horrible desire to hurt.

HUNTED will keep you turning the pages as the "hunted" and the "hunter" keep eluding each other. HUNTED is an excellent thriller and a great debut novel for Ms. Heiter.

HUNTED kept me awake reading to find out what happened and also kept me awake with every light on because of the fright factor.

You will love Evelyn but want to tell her to lighten up and take care of her personal life as well as her professional life. Evelyn had a piece of herself in every murderer she profiled because of something that happened in her own life when she was younger.

I haven't read a thriller for a while and enjoyed the chase and the tension of HUNTED. You will be tempted to leave the lights on as you read and look behind you and around you when you are out. There is also a sweet romance hidden in all of this terror.

HUNTED is a book you will want to read if you like to delve into a criminal's past and try to figure out what caused him to want to murder and harm others.

Don't miss reading HUNTED. 4/5

This book was given to me free of charge and without compensation by the publisher in return for an honest review.

Shelly Bell says

Loved it! Suspenseful until the end. I can't wait to read more about Evelyn and what happened to Cassie. And Kyle...

TheGeekyBlogger says

Read for Fun (Physical Copy)

Overall Rating: DNF

Why the DNF: I was really sad to put this one down because the Thriller part was super well done. I did flip to the back to see how it all turned out. The problem was, the angst was super high and it kind of ruined the

characters for me. It was like a super melodramatic Criminal Minds episode and that just doesn't work for me. The writing was excellent and the story flow was good. So if you like drama in your thrillers then I really think this will work for you.

How far I made it: 150 pages (yes I was trying really hard to push through)

Jane Stewart says

Weak on character motivations, but it kept my interest.

This is a solid police procedural about FBI profiler Evelyn searching for a serial killer. We slowly discover clues during the book - which I like. It's not a tell all at the end.

A lot of the tension in the story is from cops and other FBI agents who don't want Evelyn working on the case. She frequently goes off alone to investigate which angers them. She puts herself in danger going off alone. She does not have a partner because she's a profiler.

I would have liked more done with character motivations for several characters. For example: I'm not sure what is going on with Evelyn's boss Dan. He appears not to like her. She thinks he doesn't trust her. But something changed about him later.

Since this is a Harlequin, I should mention there is no development of a romantic relationship, although there is a coworker would like that. There is a happy ending for the good guys.

DATA:

Narrative mode: 3rd person. Story length: 355 pages. Swearing language: strong. Sexual content: none. Setting: current day mostly virginia and Washington D.C. area. Copyright: 2014. Genre: suspense thriller.

Laura Rash says

If you love Allison Brennan or Laura Griffin then you'll love Elizabeth Heiter!! This was an amazing debut book & I'm already wanting the next book in the series, Vanished!!
