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Don't miss the heart-pounding prequel novella to bestselling author Cynthia Eden's new Killer Instinct series

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Look for *After the Dark*, the first in the Killer Instinct series, from HQN Books!

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Shawna says

5 stars - Suspense Prequel Novella

This prequel story has me hooked and anxious/ready for more *Killer Instinct* books!

Yvonne says

I have wanted to try books by this author for the longest time. When I saw this novella – and saw that it is a prequel to a new series – I figured it is a great way to get in on the ground floor. I figured right.

For a short story, it kept me on the edge-of-my seat until the end. This novella is filled with action, mystery, explosions, and a serial killer – all in one short book. The characters are strong, especially the heroine, Samantha. She's tough, but going through her own emotional situation. Her male counterpart, Blake, is going through his own issues. Both are trying very hard not to fall into love as partners and romance just don't mix well.

The next book will be out soon and I already have it on my wishlist.

Mei says

This is a very short story without much happening...

Alp says

4.25/5

The Gathering Dusk is a prequel novella to Killer Instinct series and it really got off to a good start. You will be introduced to An FBI profiler, Samantha Dark, and her FBI partner, Blake Gamble. By the time I finished the first few pages, I found myself already getting into the groove of this story, and turning pages non-stop to see what would happen next. I got thrills and chills as the *killer* was gradually revealed. I was particularly curious about Samantha and Blake's pasts and how long would it take for her to trust him? I can feel the romantic spark between them here and I will be pleased to see more in the sequel.

All in all, this was another great romantic suspense/thriller by Cynthia Eden. I really enjoyed this book!

Timitra says

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The Gathering Dusk is a quick, action packed, suspenseful read. It introduces partners Samantha and Blake, the sexual tension between these two is palpable and I for one cannot wait to see what happens when the tension finally reaches its breaking point. I'm definitely looking forward to reading the next book in the series.

Lauren says

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4 Stars

When FBI Profiler, Samantha Dark, and her new partner, former Navy SEAL, Blake Gamble, are targeted by a vicious killer bent on vengeance, they must put aside their simmering attraction to catch a diabolical monster before it is too late.

Prequel novellas are often problematic as the plot is underdeveloped and the characters one-dimensional. This is not the case here as Cynthia Eden has provided an excellent introduction to her new *Killer Instincts* series.

Samantha is a very intriguing heroine and the hints at her troubling past only whet the reader's appetite for more. While Blake is not as fleshed out, the possibility of something more than a partnership with Samantha is stimulating and makes one want to see how their relationship will develop.

The serial killer investigation is the focus of the book and it is a well-written thriller with a satisfying climax and resolution.

Overall, a short yet gripping gripping story and I am eager to read the full length novel, especially after the evocative cliffhanger.

Nomims says

4.25 stars

A "mise en bouche" for the rest of the serie that seems very good.

Jo says

What an excellent teaser this little novella turned out to be. I have liked Samantha Dark since the first moment we met her in *Abduction*, and the more I get to know about her, how good she is at understanding killers and darkness, the more intrigued by her I am. What happened in her past that made her so good at profiling serial killers and knowing how their minds work?

Then there's her new partner, former SEAL Blake Gamble. He seems to like playing by the rules, but intent on doing whatever it takes to keep Sam safe.

I love the powerful chemistry between these two, how both try to deny their attraction, at not crossing their professional line.

With even this short page count, Cynthia Eden managed to create gripping suspense and laying the groundwork for the next book. Which I can tell is going to be FANTASTIC! Especially if my theory about who the serial killer is turns out to be true. *rubs hands in glee* I can't wait for the next book!!!!

If you like dark and twisty romantic thrillers, Cynthia Eden is the author for you. Highly recommended.

Catherine (The Sassy Bookster) says

Reading one book by Cynthia Eden is never enough, that's how addictive her writing is and this novella is just the perfect start to an exciting series. In a few pages, Ms. Eden manages to combine suspenseful action and scorching hot chemistry into a very intense and gripping story and leaves you eager to get your hands on the next book in the series.

Samantha Dark and her new partner, Blake Gamble find themselves in the cross hairs of a killer intent on vengeance and must move fast to catch this monster before more lives are lost. This is where Samantha's unparalleled skills as a profiler comes in. She is well-suited to this work, hunting down serial killers because she understands the darkness that drives them.

Blake is left with the task of watching his partner's back, and the simmering attraction between them means that he is much vested in her welling-being and will go to any lengths to keep her safe.

These characters are very intriguing and make you want to know everything that makes them tick. Samantha especially is very intriguing and the way her mind works is amazing. I'm so glad I waited to have most of this series available before I started it because the suspense of waiting for the rest of it would surely have done me in!

Yvonne says

Oh this had me hooked from the very beginning. What a great start to a new series.
Loved it!

Sandy S says

4 stars

ABOUT THE BOOK: Release Date January 1, 2017

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REVIEW: THE GATHERING DUSK is the introductory novella in Cynthia Eden's contemporary, adult KILLER INSTINCT romantic, suspense series.

Told from several third person perspectives THE GATHERING DUSK introduces FBI profiler Samantha Dark, and former SEAL and FBI agent Blake Gamble as they search for a serial killer and his latest victim. As a profiler Samantha was able to get into the head of the person responsible for destroying so many lives, and along with her partner Blake Gamble, the couple diffused a volatile situation before it could get any worse. What ensues is Samantha's struggle with guilt and her past, and the realization that the serial killer may not have been working alone.

THE GATHERING DUSK is a very quick read; a story of suspense that reveals a little of the relationship dynamic between Samantha and Blake, as well as the friendship our heroine holds dear with former lover Dr. Cameron Latham. The premise is intriguing and sets the stage for the next installment AFTER THE DARK.

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Sabrina says

The Gathering Dusk is Cynthia Eden's prologue to her brand new Killer Instincts series. The novella introduces readers to Samantha Dark, an FBI profiler, and her partner Blake Gamble. The two team up to take down a serial killer and we're taken on their suspenseful ride with them.

This was a very short book but there was no loss of the usual suspense that I've come to expect from Ms. Eden. Secrets are hinted at but not revealed so I'm dying to start *After the Dark* so I can get all my answers.

Linda Strong says

3.5 STARS

This novella is a prequel to the author's Killer Instinct Series.

Samantha Dark is an FBI Profiler. On her first field case, she's aware of her ability to get into the mind of a killer, to find their victims, and to pull the trigger when necessary. Facing the latest serial killer to become headlines, Samantha is forced to shoot the killer to death. Fortunately, his latest victim is found alive.

Former SEAL Blake Gamble is Samantha's partner. He's a play-by-the-book enforcer and wants nothing more than to take down the bad guys and put them away.

Both have secrets and the attraction between them is heating up. And they both know the boundaries they must keep in order to maintain not only their professional partnership, but to protect the secrets they have.

Samantha is having a hard time not feeling guilty about taking a human life, but she thinks the case is over. It isn't.

This is a short story/novella of approximately 60 pages, so it's a real quick read. For such a short story, there's a lot packed into it. It's suspenseful with a surprise ending. No cliff hanger even if this is the beginning of what looks like a very good series. The characters are likable, if not secretive.

Leonor says

4.5 stars!

Ann Lorz says

I always get so excited when I know of a favorite author starting a new series. I just can't wait to see what they have new for me. Yes, for me. It's my world and they all write for me.
