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Can a thirty-one-year-old single mom, the first female deputy ever hired in her county, succeed in her unexpected appointment as county sheriff? It's a question Cass Rosier must answer not just for her fellow deputies and the citizens of Nicholas County--but also for herself. At issue: someone is killing attractive young women, and leaving them for her to find. Strangely, each is found wearing a beautiful, scarlet evening gown and look as if they have just stepped out of an expensive beauty salon. But the illusion of their beauty hides the awful truth about their tragic deaths. Who are they, and why have they ended up in Nicholas County? When Samantha (Sam) Martin, a highly successful New York attorney and Cass's best friend from childhood, suddenly shows up in town fleeing her abusive ex-husband, Cass recruits her to work on the case as a special investigator. Together Cass and Sam must deal with Sam's ex-husband, Ricky, navigate Cass's way through her budding new romance with Dr. Gary Coleman, and at the same time, unravel the many twists, turns, and intrigues they encounter while trying to solve the mystery behind Nicholas County's elusive evening gown murderer.

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Sue A. says

All the Pretty Dresses was set up with great suspense. Later it became more explicit in "how" beautiful women had been treated by this serial killer and the steps it took to catch him. The female sheriff is good at her job and knows how to use her people to get the job done. The added romance helped to take the edge-of-your seat suspense out for a breather while worrying about their safety. It hit all the angles of a great Steven Clark book. It's in a must read category.

Peggy Morton says

Good book

I enjoyed this book very much. I liked the characters and the way they worked together to figure out who the murderer was. I also liked the twist at the end. The only thing that detracted a little from the story was the spelling errors.

Amy Jones says

All The Pretty Dresses follows underdog Sheriff Cass Rosier as she nabs neighborhood pedaphiles, serial killers, and cheating husbands. Once her best friend (and recent divorcee) Sam Martin joins her, it's double the fun in a romping serial killer mystery that includes gorgeous dresses, hot and heavy love scenes and plenty of womanly sass to combat a murderer and Sam's idiotic ex-husband. Sam and Cass are smart, dignified women who put their "women's touch" into high gear to catch a murderer who sexually tortures his victims before putting their dead bodies on display in magnificent evening gowns where all the townspeople can see them. The strength, sass, and integrity of Sam and Cass is very refreshing and instead of reading love scenes that were slapped on merely to add thrills, each scene was carefully calculated to add information about the mystery and move the plot forward. The descriptions in this book are wonderfully detailed (sometimes a little TOO detailed) and create a relaxed, kick-back-your-heels adventure in a charming, backwoods Virginia town. The pacing lags a bit when Sam arrives in town, and it's frustrating how long the killer runs loose, but after the middle of the book, it ramps back into high gear as the serial killer gets more and more eager to find beautiful victims to add to his collection. The serial killer scenes put me off because of the gruesome brutality and the detailed descriptions of the killer's torture, but Steven Clark is a skilled new writer and I expect the next Sam and Cass adventure to be just as exciting.

Patricia Contreras says

Loved the story. Was a little surprised with some of the detail. Steven Clark is an exceptional person I am looking forward to the next book.

Rashmi Pant says

A serial killer is on the loose.. a new female Sheriff has to prove her mettle and a civic lawyer (coming out of a bad marriage) plays amateur investigator. All in all, while there is nothing that I can point out as wrong with the book, it failed to captivate me. I wonder therefore, if it was just my flunky mood or the book?!!

Leslie says

This book left me confused about its intended genre. Parts of it are an epic police procedural about the hunt for a serial killer. Parts are a Thomas Harris esque reveal of the serials killers actions that are quite disturbing. Then parts are heavily tinged with a Christian message; both protagonists are divorced but for the most egregious reasons. Yes the story is compelling, albeit a little far fetched. But there isn't enough of something to make it great.

The setting in rural West Virginia is all well and good but the locals are almost stereotypes and there is a scene where a teen says 'my dad would take his razor strop to me' Okay I am over 50 and I don't know anyone from my childhood who had a razor strop and I suspect that the threat of violence against a minor even in rural WV would result with a visit from CPS not a chuckle. The scene where the sheriff goes on a date and necks in a car at a drive in was silly and the details regarding the prior sheriff's problems were just bizarre. The action by the sheriff & Sam at the dance we preposterous.

Amber says

Loved this book. It kept me fully entertained wanting to know what was going to happen next. I fully recommend it. I can't wait for his next book.

Tina says

This is my first book by this author. I was very enchanted with the story. It had great ebbs and flows. I look forward to reading more of this authors work.

Martha says

I bought this book to support a local author. It was a very suspenseful book but I was shocked and disgusted by the vulgar language and unthinkable violence and perversions. Granted those things happen, but it doesn't have to be written in a book that can be purchased by just anyone. It should be in an adult bookstore. The spelling, grammar and editing were horrific. I've read books with typos but this book had so many errors on every page it was unbelievable. I've read better rough draft manuscripts. This could have been a good book without all the smut! Don't waste your time.

Evon says

I loved this book! I highly recommend it! I was sad to see it end, and hope for a sequel to this book! The characters came alive to me, and the book thoroughly kept me entertained, and waiting to see how it would end!!

Mary Nichols says**Excellent read!**

This book was exciting and kept me on the edge of my seat. Excellent who done it story. I would highly recommend.

Catherine Putsche says

This book has it all – An exceptional ingredient of suspense, mystery, and thriller all in one go. I'd challenge anyone to try and put this book down when you start to read the opening chapters – As I definitely couldn't.

Cass Rosier, is a well developed character who I felt I could instantly relate to. She is strong with a good methodological approach using her analytical and critical eye in narrowing down the when and where. She has all the qualities of a real life heroin, while struggling to establish herself in a male dominated environment.

This is crime fiction at its best and I will recommend it to everyone I know as a truly addictive read.

InD'tale Magazine says

3.5/5.0

Readers can be assured of some nail-biting moments.

Read full review in the 2016 February issue of InD'tale Magazine.

Marilyn says**Good**

the way the murders happen it seems as there are no clues untill things come to getter.the ending is all about police work.

Geof says

Terrific. Well done Steven. You have a new fan. I absolutely loved your characters and cannot wait for the next adventure.

Sorry folks, no spoilers here but I urge you to read this book. It has everything that a good thriller should have.
