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Working her first homicide case, rookie cop Emily Thompson comes face-to-face with a twisted serial killer who, determined to make her his greatest trophy, forces her into a nightmarish realm of unspeakable horror where she makes a shocking discovery that is linked to her own past.

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Marti says

this is definitely an action filled suspense story, very nicely done by shane gericke, and i see that his main character, emily thompson also stars in the next book. we have a serial killer, which this homiidice rookie gets to track down, along with the rest of the people in the squad. there is a method in the killer's madness, which emily figures out.

Kim says

Emily Thompson is a rookie Chicago cop with good instincts and major attitude. Emily is targeted by a serial killer who is killing people based on a set of board games her family played when she was a child. This is Shane Gericke's first novel and while it shows a lot of promise it just fell short. The plot was too far fetched but his instincts on the action was right on. The book kept me riveted to the action but the dialog needs a lot of work as well as the basic plot points. I will definitely give this author another try but sadly this book is not one I can recommend.

Brenda says

I read this book from front to back in 3 hours flat. That was how good this book was. I love the character of Emily, she is someone who acts like someone I'd be friends with. Now on to the second book of the series.

Shane Gericke, get your butt busy writing more of these books!!

Jackie says

Brady and Emily grew up on the Southwest Side of Chicago. Both are only children; while Emily's family is kind and nurturing, Brady's family is extremely dysfunctional led by a dad who physically abuses both Brady and his mom. His mother chooses to ignore the damage that the abuse is inflicting on her son. As Brady presents the three classic signs of a serial killer, his deluded mind blames Emily for his family's demise and his cruel actions. Coupled with his insanity and madness, he never forgives Emily for not including him in her tenth birthday 'game day' party. He pays her back with 'birthday presents' for each of her significant birthdays, leaving clues with these gruesome presents that correspond to her favorite childhood board games. It is through these birthday presents that this serial killer makes his deadly mark. Even though readers know from the onset who the serial killer is, we don't know when or where he will strike, or what persona he will take on. Rookie cop Emily now lives and works in Naperville, IL. Using an hourly countdown to Emily's 40th birthday, the sequential clues are obvious to Emily and her co-workers, the Naperville Police Department, but do they make sense of them before it is too late? The book has plenty of references to sites in Naperville, which makes the story come to life for residents of Chicago's western suburbs. A fast-paced, sit-on-the-edge-of-your-chair thriller, you will not be able to put it down. Be prepared to stay up all night, because if the race to the end doesn't get you, the images of cruel torture inflicted by

Brady will haunt your dreams.

Kat says

I really enjoyed this book. It is one of my favorite genres and was written well. It kept me on the edge of my seat and I wanted to read it at every free moment. I read it going to sleep, if I woke in the middle of the night, and when I woke up early. It was very engaging and suspenseful.

The only minor problem I had was probably due to the fact I read it on my Kindle. I did not always notice when we switched from one set of characters to the other. Kindle editions are notorious for this so once I became aware of it, I didn't get frustrated.

The best thrillers are the ones that are completely plausible and this one was very creepily plausible. It is part of a series but also a standalone book. I am eager to read the other two books in the series after my brief respite to something less intense.

Steve says

I enjoyed this very much. It is very fast paced, and kept my interest from the start.

I started this while waiting for a dentist appointment, and finished the next day upon getting home from work.

Kept me guessing up to the last few chapters.

This was a good surprise, as I have never read anything by this author before. It just looked interesting when I was looking on amazon.com for a free book to download to my Kindle Touch.

Will be reading more of this author's work, for sure.

I am including a link to the author's website, for information about him and his other works:
<http://www.shanegericke.com/> .

MB says

3 stars for good plotting and outstanding pacing. The ticking clock keeps the reader glued to the page. The past/present jumps were handled well, and necessary to the story. The flashback were done so well, not overly long, really gave more and more insight into what was happening in the present.

Believability? Not so much. Some plot points were just glossed over too fast. I couldn't believe the police

would jump to the conclusion of "serial killer" quite so fast. And the only solution they ever came up with was the exact right one, to problems large and small.

The identity of the killer was broadcast so loudly and clearly to the reader that I lost faith in the investigators for not picking up on it.

For me, the romance element was all soft and soapy and gooshy. Again, stretched credibility past the breaking point for me.

But, the tight pacing kept me reading the book till the end.

Corky says

This was an awesome thriller! New author for me, debut novel. In addition to the plot and characters being interesting, the setting is Naperville IL. As an IL suburban native, I recognized almost all of the locations mentioned in the book. In fact, I used to take my son to Grandma Sally's on Odgen Ave in Naperville for pancakes when he was just a little boy!

Cathy says

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April says

There was lots of action and the book was fast-paced. Unfortunately, the violence went to far for my liking, especially the scenes describing animal torture. At one point, near the end, I almost stopped reading because the scene described was too disturbing.

I also never had a doubt as to the real identity of the killer so the reveal was not at all exciting to me.

Overall, I probably wouldn't read another book by this author.

Carla J says

This was a great idea for a book. It centers around a serial killer who kills his victims to mimic children's games like Operation and Monopoly. These particular games also feature one cop Emily Thompson who loved those games as a child. The problem is that I figured out who the killer was about 1/3 of the way through the book.

Paula says

I love Crime suspense drama. I don't know why. I was blown away by *Blown Away*. I am not sure where I got this book. I thought it was a free Nook Book but I can't find it as a Nook book on Barnes and Nobel site so I am going to say I got it somewhere else.

I loved this book from the moment I picked it up until the very last sentence. I will admit there were a couple of places where I was wondering what exactly was going on but for the most part it flowed nicely. The characters were well developed. And the suspense lasted right up until the last moment. I did figure out towards the end who the killer was....but sorry I won't tell. You'll just have to read it yourself.

Jeannie Walker says

Rookie Cop Emily Thompson has accomplished her ambition. She has become a homicide detective and has the opportunity to investigate and hopefully catch a brutal murderer. I am not sure if the murderer she is after is a sociopath or psychopath - but this serial killer madman takes the life of his victims in a grisly way. As I turned the pages - it becomes apparent that Emily may be the trophy kill that the killer is planning to murder. Being a crime victim myself, I hope you check out this novel and find out about the deadly games that this sadistic, lunatic killer is playing.

"Blown Away" is a fiction, but unfortunately there are psychos roaming cities and towns that are just like this. I hope none of you ever have to playing a deadly game like the one portrayed in this fable. Be careful and watch your back, my dear friends - you are too valuable for anything other than good things to happen to you.

Jeannie Walker - Award Winning Author - "Fighting the Devil" - A True Story of Consuming Passion, Deadly Poison, and Murder

Lindsey says

if you like reading, skip this book. there's little to enjoy here.

basically, Emily has been targeted by a serial killer. the narrative kept bouncing back and forth between present day and the Emily's childhood - because the reason behind all of the murders is linked to way back

then.

the killer is a bed-wetting little boy, a victim of child-abuse (very detailed child-abuse), a killer of animals and a setter of fires - who grows up to become a monster.

predictable, not enjoyable, dark, and nightmarish. bleh

Jan says

Bias alert! Shane is a good friend, and I really enjoyed his first novel. Reason for only 3 stars is because I've also read the second novel, and it is even better! Edge of your seat police procedural!!
