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Sloane Osborne is a paranormal realtor in the business of selling haunted houses but, in truth, she's only searching for one ghost. And her time is running out. It's the 366th day after her fiancé's death. Michael used to like putting things off for "a year and a day"—so tonight's the night. Sloane will do anything to make contact with him before the clock strikes midnight. When she gets a call to check out a home in Waukesha, Wisconsin, it's the last place she thinks Michael would contact her. Sloane is dead wrong.

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From Reader Review First Contact for online ebook

Tasha and Megan Mahoney says

verall Rate 5

Performance Rate 5

Story Rate 5

As you can tell from my rating I thought that this audio book was outstanding in both, the writing and the narration.

Michael always liked to put things off for a year and a day so sloane was ready for him that night, though she was surprised that her job as a paranormal estate agent takes her to Wisconsin on that day. What she wasn't ready for was the alarming sequence of occurrences that followed.

As Sloane follows her instincts and the evidence she is drawn into a dark, dangerous and disturbing series of events.

I started listening to this audio book and I couldn't stop until the very last word. It had my heart beating faster and me sitting on the figurative edge of my seat.

KAT de Falla and Rachel GREEN (The duo writing as Kat Green) are immensely talented authors, from the first to the last word this book holds you in its grip. This book has all the elements of a well spun tale and I am looking forward to more of their work.

Kate Tyler is a hugely skilled narrator. She brings every element of feeling to the narration and not only is it clear who she is speaking as but the emotion is expressed in every word. The storytelling part of the narration is amazing at drawing you in to the atmosphere. It will be a pleasure to listen to more of her work in the future.

I received this audiobook as part of my participation in a blog tour with Audiobookworm Promotions. The tour is being sponsored by Kat Green. The gifting of this audiobook did not affect my opinion of it.

Anniek says

Sloane is a paranormal real estate agent. She sells houses that are haunted. No one knows that she is not only searching for haunted houses to sell, but is also looking at them because she wants to find her fiancé Michael. He died in a tragic car accident. Ever since that fatal day Sloane has been waiting for him to make

an appearance. Michael always said to try out everything for 365 days and a day. On the 366th day Sloane is investigating a possible haunted house. She feels that this is her last chance to reconnect with Michael.

How great would it be to work as a paranormal real estate agent? I liked reading about Sloane and her job a lot. I have seen lots of episodes of Ghost Hunters and I found myself getting excited when Sloane was setting up her equipment. She is so brave, cool and collected. My imagination would probably go mental with the first creak of the stairs or floorboards. I admired Sloane, but at the same time my heart ached for her because she's still grieving so immensely about the loss of the love of her life.

When I saw the cover of First Contact I knew I had to read this debut novel by Kat Green, which is the alias of authors Kat de Falla and Rachel Green. They have put a lot of personal experiences in their story and this shows in well written details. First Contact grabbed me from the beginning. I even stopped reading in the evening once because I had chills running down my spine. I love it when a story scares me. This was my first experience with Kat Green, but it certainly won't be my last. I'm ready to be spooked again.

Jennifer says

I was unsure about this book when first recommended to me, I normally read romance and am not into ghost stories. The story starts with Sloane and you learn fast about how she has lost her fiancé in an accident and is searching for his ghost to make contact with him. She is sure this house will be the one, it has to be the one because it is coming up on one year and a day from the accident. Sloane is also into paranormal real estate, she goes to haunted houses to determine if they are truly haunted for the clients that are interested.

Sloane has stepped away from all of her friends since that tragic day. Except one, Jonah. Jonah is not only her paranormal research partner, he has had his first contact, but he was also the best friend to her fiancé, Michael. Jonah normally helps her find the haunted real estate and may even come with her. Not this time, though, someone else has sent her this house.

There is so much in this book, from first loves to tragedies. I don't want to ruin any of the book, but I will tell you I loved this story. It was a bit predictable, but that didn't ruin anything. There are some scenes that made me queasy, but I pushed through because I had to find out what happen in the house.

I highly recommend this book.

meghann says

I received this book in exchange for an honest review from the goodreads group Lovers of Paranormal, LOP.

I really enjoyed First Contact. Sloane is a very real character. She's been through profound loss and is struggling to pick up the pieces of her life. She's got a pretty damn cool job as a paranormal real estate agent (where do I sign up?), and it is this that leads to her to investigate a potentially haunted home in Wisconsin for an interested buyer. As she delves deeper into the mystery of the house, the situation becomes increasingly dangerous. I was not expecting just how dark things got, but I loved every minute of it. I can't

wait for book two!

Kirsten Kasper says

Just when you think you have it all figured out . . . bazinga! (For my fellow Sheldon Fans @BigBang_CBS) This paranormal mystery book is full of misleads, detours, flashbacks, and my personal favorite, sarcastic wit and humor. Author Kat Green keeps you on the on the hook by using those tricks, that will have you saying, "Oh, I see what you did there. . . ."

The personal journey that the heroine is going through, the loss of a loved one and how to move on, is universal, and one all of us can relate to on one level or another. Your emotions will run the gamut, from sympathy to fear, from anger to laughter, and then to wanting to know the character more in the next installments of the series.

The paranormal aspect is very interesting and has many facets. The heroine is discovering her abilities as she comes into her 'First Contact' with the paranormal. So we get a firsthand account of becoming a sensitive. As the house she is inspecting is filled with the spirits of murdered women, let's just say she goes from beginner to advanced very quickly, as she has to solve their murders to set them free!

Author Kat Green has put out an amazing read in their debut novel, I highly recommend that you buy this book and come back and look for Book 2. I know I will be checking for news of their next release on their Facebook page under Author Kat Green and their Twitter account @hauntsforsale

This book would make a great stocking stuffer for your loved one who likes a little scary with their mystery reading! #christmas2014 #stockingstuffer

Allen says

I found this book at the library in a display of Wisconsin authors.

This is not normally what I read but I did find it to be a good start to the Sloane Osborne series

The book is about a Sloane a paranormal realtor that investigates alleged haunt houses, apparently this is what the cool kids are doing purchasing haunted houses as status symbols.

She was engaged to be married but her fiancée died in a car accident, she has been living a reclusive lifestyle ever since. She knows that Micheal's ghost will contact her within 366 days but that deadline is fast approaching. (pun intended)

The current house she is trying to sell at first yields some good results but then she realizes that she is in way over her head.

Heather says

I received a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review. Lop or Lovers of Paranormal

Sloane has an interesting job. She is a paranormal real estate agent. Though the only ghost she really wants

to find is Michael, her dead fiance. When she finally finds him he says she must leave the house immediately! But Sloane has been waiting for this time with Michael and she can't leave him yet.

I fell in love with this story. I read it in two sittings (it would've been one but I have a baby). I couldn't wait to see what was going to come next! I liked Sloane alot. She was so in love and determination was admirable. I'd probably be a little like her. Michael was a sweet book boyfriend...even if he was a dead one. I just found out that there is going to be a book two which I am very happy about. I can't wait for more!

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Katie O'Sullivan says

In this debut paranormal mystery, Kat Green gives us an appealing but flawed heroine with a unique profession - she's a realtor who specializes in haunted houses. What a cool premise!

Sloane Osborne lost her fiancé in a car accident a year before the story opens. A year and a day, to be precise, as that specific timing was significant in their relationship. As a part time ghost hunter, Sloane figures Michael will finally make contact with her on the year plus a day anniversary of his death, and needs a haunted house to make contact with him. She flies to Wisconsin to certify and broker a haunted sale, and gets more than she bargained for.

Michael makes contact - but so do all the ghosts of the girls who mysteriously disappeared and died in this house, except there's no record or evidence of any of it. Sloane calls her old ghost hunting partner, and Michael's best friend, who also happens to work for the FBI. Jonah flies out to help her, and protect her from her insatiable curiosity, but can he keep her safe?

The ghosts are creepy, the bad guys ooze with slimy evilness, and the haunted house scenes had me both riveted and repulsed. Green does an excellent job with both her villains and the creepy factor of the restless spirits. I enjoyed the main character's voice and spunk, even as I got annoyed by some of her dumb choices. When someone tells you not to go into that haunted house alone, listen to him! Horror movie cliché, but oh so true!

While I really liked the premise and the story, I felt confused by some of the editorial choices. The back story was woven into the novel in sometimes confusing flashbacks, and at other times it felt like key bits of information might have ended up on the cutting room floor. There are several wrong word choices and misspellings that should have been caught before publication as they marred otherwise riveting scenes. The prior relationship between Sloane and Jonah wasn't adequately explored and Sloane is just a little too fond of using metaphors.

All in all, I enjoyed this book as a fast-paced, engaging thrill ride. I look forward to the next book in the series, and hope the editorial issues will be overcome by then.

Denise says

** I received this book in exchange for an honest review. Lovers of Paranormal, LoP**

'First Contact' pulled me in from the beginning and did not let go. I could not put this book down. The storyline was thrilling. I loved how the story played out. The characters were an awesome cast of personalities. Sloane got in above her head a little, but she is an amazing lead. I loved her strength. A few twists were thrown in that had me gripping my reading device like crazy. The authors did a fabulous job on writing a great paranormal thriller. This book is a good add to your tbr list.

Susan Matthews says

First Contact (Haunts for Sale).

It was a very good read. One can know who done it rather soon but it still holds one's interest.

Linda says

I don't read ghost stories, quite frankly because they give me cold shivers. I didn't exactly sleep with the lights on when I read First Contact, but the book is chilling while at the same time having a lovely love plot woven cleverly through the story. I bought this book because it came highly recommended by a friend who devours books in short order as a must read. From the first time he walked on stage, I was hoping Joshua would get the girl. I'm not going to divulge whether he did or not, but I think you'll like the characters and enjoy them as much as I did. Sloane, the heroine, stepped off the page into reality (if you can call her chosen profession reality) immediately and kept the pages turning until the end and way too late most nights when I'd surface from the story and realize it was time for bed. Even the ghosts "come alive" and become moving forces in this tale of misguided love and madness. Take a deep breath and jump into First Contact. You'll finish it in a short time because you can't stop reading -- even if the hair at your napes ripples and a shiver leaps down your spine! I look forward to reading more of Kat Green's well-plotted and well-written novels. Next!

Nichole says

I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review (Lovers of Paranormal). I love the idea of a paranormal real estate agent! This was a really good book. I felt sorry for all that Sloane lost, but what she gained was even better in my opinion. I actually liked that the book was short, just because it was drawn out. Short and sweet, and I really enjoyed it.

The Drowsy Bookworm says

A "thriller" masquerading as a ghost story with a misleading blurb, not-at-all scary ghosts and an obvious twist involving the perpetrators that you see coming from a mile away. The romance subplot is obvious as well. Could've been scarier, better, darker. Listened with the Audible romance package

Pamela says

I have one beef with the novella. I know that the normal reader wouldn't understand what equipment for a paranormal investigation is called and what it is used for, but I didn't care too much for the info dump at the beginning about it when Sloane does her investigation of the house. But once the info dump is done and the first paranormal activity happens, the thrills and chills sucked me into the book. It is not just a horror book with romance, but 'a serial killer who done it,' too. The novella has intrigued me enough to want to read the next book in the series when it comes out.

Read the rest of the review at I Smell Sheep Reviews: <http://www.ismellsheep.com/2014/10/bo...>

Melanie says

5*s

Absolutely loved this!

Review posted here...

<http://bookpassionforlife.blogspot.co...>

I absolutely loved this book and devoured it in one sitting!

As the synopsis tells us – Sloane Osbourne became a paranormal real estate agent so that she could search for the ghost of her dead fiancé Michael. He had a thing where he would say put it off for a year and a day, so Sloane has a good feeling he will come through for her tonight, exactly a year and a day later and what better way to come through than a haunted house that has a potential buyer and Sloane is on the case. Once there she goes about her business with her paranormal detecting kit and waits..... then the banging starts.....then comes the cries for water..... then comes Michael and he tells her she needs to leave NOW!!! But does Sloane leave? No, she wants more time with Michael but what she uncovers could give her time with him.....permanently!

This book was just brill, I connected to Sloane straight away because she was grieving but being proactive about it by trying to hunt down Michael's ghost. You can tell that she loved him a lot and that is what was driving her on her mission to make contact and the 'year and a day' rule was cute. In the beginning when she's explaining how she came to be travelling to the potential haunted house, my suspicion was aroused straight away; I understand why she wanted to do it and that her focus on Michael was the driving force but alarm bells started ringing straight away. When she makes contact on the first night and is given her warning she did exactly as I would have – delved right into it. The story that followed was an edge of the seat ride, very atmospheric and you could easily picture yourself as Sloane, sitting, waiting in the dark for contact, exploring the house with her detecting technology, finding a strange basement with a chair facing an unusually clean incinerator, hearing voices & banging and being scared beyond anything but knowing she needs to be right where she is if she hopes Michael will come through. She enlists the help of Michaels best friend who is not only sensitive to ghosts and has seen them but is also on the FBI payroll, he drops everything to get to Sloane because we all know something is not right which is furthermore proven when we meet the former owner of the house. As she starts to investigate we see that the house has a more sinister history than we thought but will its secrets be revealed? I also liked how as we go through the story that we get flashbacks to Sloane's happy times with Michael which brought some insight into their relationship but also lightened up a very spooky story. You could be forgiven for thinking that this is going to be a typical love tragedy where one of the couple has died and needs to deal with unfinished business.....you would be wrong though. What this book is, is a whole lot more – filled with mystery, intrigue and suspense – and it would make an excellent movie. I urge you to give this book a read and be just as surprised as me by how

great it is!
