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He thought dead men told no tales...

The murders were bad enough but what Sheriff Dan Gillis couldn't understand were the newcomers to Porter's Bluff, and their eerie resemblance to people he had seen dead and buried.

He couldn't tell Janet, because even his beautiful wife was acting strangely lately. Was he imagining things? Or was something evil preying on the sleepy town of Porter's Bluff, something as shadowy as the faceless killers who roamed the land?

Dead & Buried Details

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Kelly says

My god, this sucked.

Carla says

I don't know if it was the violent transition between reading a fantastic book (Revolutionary Road) and then starting an average one (Dead and Buried) that really made me dislike this book so heavily. I found the plot cheesy and predictable, and the book failed to give me any sense of danger or suspense. I really can't recommend this book to anyone.

Jaime Contreras says

This was a neat thrilling horror novel that is based on a screenplay. Sheriff Daniel Gillis starts an accident investigation and soon is investigating serial killings and strangers in town. Honestly, this graphic tale is mesmerizing but over-the-top. The novel is in the talented hands of Chelsea Quinn Yarbro who spins a memorable horror tale. The ending will grab you by the throat.

Fishface says

This was a wonderful horror novel with an ending that really yanked the rug out from under me.

Mbickerton says

I thought this novel was a really good read, once I started it I couldn't put it down. I read it in two days. It's basically about the dead coming back to life, and a Sheriff Dan Gillis has to investigate the murders that are happening. But strange events occur which makes the book addictive to read.

Lee says

This novelization of a movie I don't recall seeing 30 some years ago, made me want to find the 'ol flick and see how the chills show up on the screen. This story of a small coastal town with a morbid secret, was a very quick, fun read. I felt like I was watching an old horror movie on a Friday night, maybe a little cheesy...but, that's OK.

Tiffany Lynn Kramer says

I would really like to be able to give this book 4 stars. The plot was carried out well, Yarbro's writing is enjoyable and the ending has a good kick to it. The thing that has stopped me from adding that extra star is the actions of the stories main character Sheriff Dan Gillis.

As the only real form of law in a small town where people are turning up murdered you would think he would want all the help he could get to keep his home safe. Yet in Gillis's mind letting others in on what is going on would bring unwanted people into his town who might upset the locals. Apparently in the town of Potter's Bluff mysterious deaths are the lesser of two evils when compared to outsiders coming in to offer aid.

With that being said Dead & Buried is a good little read and I might look into some of Yarbro's other works some day.

Leeza Whalen says

Saw this at a garage sale and read the back of the cover and thought what the heck could be interesting and keep me entertained. That is exactly what it did!

The book is about a police sheriff who starts to look into these mysterious fires that are happening around this small town he lives in. There randomly started to have visitors come as well, and the visitors are the ones the fires are happening too. However new residents start to show up and they look mysteriously like the victims...

This book had me on the edge of my seat the whole time. I really enjoyed reading it! Then when I got to the end there was a HUGE TWIST which was totally unexpected! I would highly recommend to anyone who enjoys mystery books.

LuAnn Adams says

Nice plot twist.

Ben says

One of the very few movie-to-book adaptations that actually turned out to be better than the source material. The escape from an abandoned Potter's Bluff house comes off much better in story form than it does on screen.

A.R. says

This is one of the best novelizations you'll ever read, if not the best: right up there with The Funhouse by

Dean R. Koontz (or Owen West). This brisk read is over before you know it. If there're any complaints, they are getting drowned with too many "that's" and adverbs. But this is a novelization, not an English lesson.

David Veith says

3.5. Enjoyable read, but for some reason I felt something lacking. Very fun twist ending, and since I never watched the movie I was surprised. I would recommend it, but again just felt it could have had a bit more punch, not counting the end. The writing was well done too.

Heather Sheehan benedict says

Not part of her best known St. Germaine series and not great literature, but I enjoyed the story. Interesting take on the zombie genre. I found it an interesting cross-over between the voodoo/slave zombie and the contemporary plague zombie.

Dez Nemec says

Highly recommended. I love finishing a book and sitting agape... Just wow.

BJ Rose says

In a small coastal town, where everyone knows everyone else, an unrecognized woman gets into an intensive-care room at the hospital and kills an unknown man. Oh! - and people are being doused with gasoline and set on fire! This is not a cozy mystery; it's not even a good variation on the 'Stepford Wives' theme. It was only my determination to complete a monthly challenge that kept me going to the bitter end - and really, *that's* not even a good enough reason!
