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Quiet Killing (Promise McNeal Mysteries Book 2)



Synopsis

THEN EVIL COMES KNOCKINGâ |Amateur North Carolina sleuth (and psychic) Promise McNeal just can't seem to get a good night's sleepâ "someoneâ 's always haunting her dreams. Lately it's been her great grandfather, January McNeal, and who disobeys their great grandfather?So she delves back into family history, but when she finds grave robbery in there, she has second thoughts. Then evil comes knocking. First someone burns her barn, then the contractor she hires to rebuild it is murdered, nearly at her back door. More fires lead her to a mysterious abandoned child who seems an unlikely arsonist. And an even more unlikely murderer. Meanwhile her flirtation with sexy fiddler Daniel has blossomed into a full-blown love affair, a good thing since she can use his help (and that of his semi-Goth daughter Susan) when the child disappears in freezing weather. So a rescueâ 's afoot, as well as a race towards the kind of secret that makes people kill.North Carolina ambience, a dash of romance, and a rollicking chase through history make this cozy mystery sing!The fiftyish Promise is an attractive new female sleuth whoâ 's sure to appeal to fans of cozies, especially those by Julia Spencer-Fleming and Louise Penny, and those with a light sprinkling of psychic suspense; admirers of amateur sleuths and their close sisters female private investigators; readers of supernatural suspense and psychic detective fiction of all sorts; and especially to fans of other great North Carolina mystery authors like Margaret Maron, Barbara Neely, Elizabeth Daniels Squire, and Vicki Lane.This is the SECOND Promise McNeal mystery.

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Customer Reviews

This is another interest holder that's just right. This is a story that holds the interest from page two and keeps going to the end. I read my kindle mysteries last thing at night and when I get less sleep it was a really book, too good to wait another day to finish.

This second Western NC mountains, Promise McNeal mystery is complete with a mysterious acrobatic child, a crotchety old neighbor that you love to hate, a murder (of course), and a loyal friend who is right there in the thick of things, helping to solve all the mysterious turns of events. Ms. James, once again, has delivered a wonderfully intricate and satisfying read. She has a great knack for bringing a work of fiction to the real world while still allowing us to believe in the mystical. I enjoyed how the main character, Promise, lets us in on her unapologetic thought processes from time to time. These "asides" make her feel like a person we could know. I'm looking forward to Morgan James' next book in this series.

Another fabulous book in the Promise McNeal Mysteries. The locale descriptions are so real and evocative that I'm longing to visit the Southern American States at some time in the future. The loveable characters from Quiet the Dead are back to charm us with their unique characters. The mystery aspect is captivating, and is portrayed without resorting to brutally violent descriptions. Unfortunately the many small typos etc. mar what is otherwise a perfect offering.

Yesterday today & tomorrow weaves staunch Promise, Susan & Daniel through treachery, courage, forgiveness, & hope. Daniel's & Susan's love bring Promise through discoveries & turmoil, danger, changes, and new hope. Murder, & zealotry, change, abuse, danger, & greed become a blue grass song lightened with Winnie the Pooh humorous rescues as caught up in poetry as by the beauty of a North Carolina ballad. It is all about getting to the truth so the spirits of the quick & the dead can go on. Darned good author!

Quiet Killing was well-written and fun to read. It was light and entertaining, but not shallow. The characters were well-developed, and I look forward to meeting them again. I gave it only four stars

because it's not what I consider literature. I'll definitely look for other books by Morgan James.

Well written and enjoyable read. There were a few minor grammatical errors, but not many and they did not disrupt the flow of the book. The characters motivations made sense... although sometimes I wondered how Promise could connect seemingly disparate dots so well. I liked the connection to the past and Promise's ancestors... and her struggle to come to terms with their actions and her realization finally that she should not feel ashamed for them. I got this book for free during a promotion at ... now to read book #1 and research whether the author is writing book #3.

Since I'm older, I really enjoy books where the heroine is older. This mystery is so good. Promise and her experiences are great. The premise that spirits can roam the earth til set free keeps you reading to the end.

Morgan James has written another wonderful and engaging mystery set in the mountains of Western North Carolina, and starring Promise McNeal- the transplantee from Atlanta city life. Once again the richly rendered characters fascinate the reader with their depth and detail- James is a careful observer of human nature, with all its foibles and complexities. The mystery quickly unfolds and the reader is wrapped up in a world of strange dreams from long-dead ancestors, a mysterious little girl, and questions about what can be found at the top of a mountain laurel-enshrouded hilltop. I felt like I was there with Promise at one point in the story, hiking up a lonely mountain trail and feeling the moist forest air. Let's see, James' last book "Quiet the Dead" had a water images, and this book is replete with those of fire. Could the next Promise books have earth and air on offer?

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