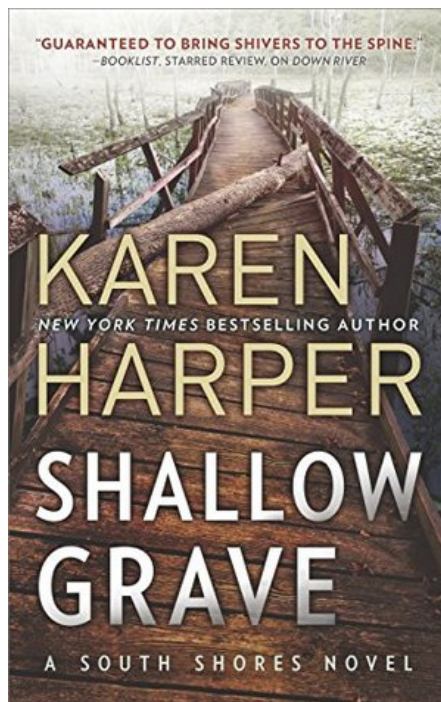




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The truth won't stay buried forever...

It's been four months since forensic psychologist Claire Britten last crossed paths with danger. Finally feeling she can catch her breath, together with her partner, criminal lawyer Nick Markwood, Claire has settled into a new role, volunteering with a support group for children stressed by domestic violence. But a leisurely field trip to a wildlife sanctuary turns deadly, leaving Claire to question whether the death was an accident, suicide—or something far more sinister.

Nick gets the South Shores team on the case, hunting down anyone with a potential grudge against the sanctuary. But their investigation turns wild when other attacks come too close to home. With a hostile predator on the loose, Nick and Claire will have to race to unbury the truth before a killer wipes them from the endangered-species list for good.

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Mustang says

Claire and Nick are in a new home with Lexie and all seems to be going well. Claire and her sister, Darcy runs an abuse children's group and decides to take them to a local small Zoo. But an unthinkable tragedy strikes and the children has to be rushed home. Sinister dead animals keep showing up a Nick and Claire's house and Nick brings in South Shores to investigate. This book runs full throttle to the very end. A great read.

Linda Strong says

This is an excellent addition to this series, Although 4th in line, it reads well as a stand-alone. However, I always recommend starting from the beginning.

Nick and Claire are in their new home, a few months after their last almost deadly encounter. Supposedly things are back to "normal" but unfortunately that doesn't last near long enough.

Claire volunteers with a support group for children affected by domestic violence. The kids are taken on a field trip to a wildlife sanctuary where they have acquired a Siberian tiger. But this turns deadly as the owner of the sanctuary is mauled and killed by the tiger while still caged.

Accident? Suicide? Murder?

Nick gets his investigative team to start hunting down anyone with a grudge against the sanctuary ... a competitor, animal rights protesters perhaps, even the tiger's former owner is suspect here.

But it gets really dangerous when other wildlife is found on Nick and Claire's acreage.... a vicious snake with its throat slashed, a large gator killed elsewhere and dumped literally in their front yard.

With a hostile predator on the loose, Nick and Claire will have to race to unearth the truth before a killer wipes them from the endangered-species list for good.

There's lot of action, although the beginning was a little slow. The suspense is palpable in certain areas. There's a lot of the slaying of different species of animals. The story premise is compelling and kept me rapidly turning pages to see what would happen next.

Many thanks to the author / Harlequin - Mira / Netgalley for the digital copy of SHALLOW GRAVE. Opinions expressed here are unbiased and entirely my own.

Donna Barrett says

I love Claire, Nick, and Lexi. This was great read. Lots of excitement, mystery and romance worked in. So happy that it worked out for Tiberia. I Love bug cats. They are so beautiful. Dangerous but oh so pretty. The

person behind the Killing caught me off guard, but I like the fact that the intrigue lasted until the end.

Patricia Romero says

Nick and Claire are in their new home with Claire's daughter, Lexie and hoping they will finally get in to a somewhat normal routine. With Claire pregnant with their first child, Nick would love nothing better than for her to just stay home.

Along with her sister, Claire forms a group for kids of domestic or traumatic violence. On their outing to the BAA zoo, run by Claire's ex-husband's girlfriend. But when a man dies, killed by one of the animals, it's beginning to look as if Claire and Nick are once again in danger.

With suspicious characters on all sides and dead animals in the pool, this won't be an easy one for them to figure out!

What a good series and a good book! The characters were all very well-developed and the story line is fast paced. I would love to read another one!

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Shay Williams says

I was so happy when I saw that Ms. Harper had put out another book in her South Shores series! This is a series that I have been following from the beginning because I love the characters. And there is quite the cast which is why I do recommend starting this series from the beginning. Now that I states that, I do need to let it be known that SHALLOW GRAVE can be read as a stand alone book but you will be missing a lot of history of the characters that is brought up occasionally.

SHALLOW GRAVE does start off slow enough that I did start wondering if this series had perhaps lost its spark but I am happy to report it isn't so. The tension and pacing does pick up quite nicely by chapter three and by the next chapter, I was invested (reinvested) in the characters and the mystery to the point that I ended up staying up a bit late on a work night.

Overall, I would say that I enjoyed the book and it was a very good object lesson to myself to give a book more time to develop. The ending satisfied my curiosity yet I still have more questions that will hopefully be answered in the next book. I do think that my readers who enjoy romantic suspense would like this book especially if they have been following the series.

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Kate Vale says

A title in the South Shores series, in which we follow forensic psychologist Claire Britten and her husband, criminal lawyer Nick Markwood. Claire is a volunteer with a support group devoted to helping children who

have witnessed or been the victims of domestic violence. While escorting the children in a wildlife sanctuary, she is shocked at the death of one of the keepers of a big cat. Is it suicide or murder? To make things even worse, the owner of the wildlife sanctuary is convinced that a neighboring resort that offers hunts for high-end adventure-seekers is intent on buying out the owner. Is this death and several other unsettling events, like the discovery of a dead gator in Claire's and Nick's backyard pool, related?

I had to wait until almost the end to understand the significance of the title, which kept me on the edge of my seat until the last page. Don't read this book without several lights being on.

Kat says

Oh my gosh. Karen Harper has a great series in South Shores. Claire and Nick are back with a new mystery. I enjoy the South Shores series because of the relationship between Claire and Nick. I love the chemistry and how they work together. I worried that after three books with them the series might start to lose something or slump, but no way. Shallow Grave is a wonderful addition to the series it is full of fast-paced action and the pages just keep turning. I didn't want to put it down. I really have enjoyed this series especially after I read Kick Back by Chelsea Cain, which is no longer being published as a series, so thank you Karen Harper for filling this void. I recommend this series to anyone who loves mysteries, crime, and suspense. Thank you to #Netgalley and Harlequin for the E-arc copy of this novel. #ShallowGrave

Darlene Torday says

I haven't read the 3 books before this one but it didn't matter as the author was able to give me, the reader, enough information on the characters. It kept me guessing on who did what and I did manage to figure out enough to know who the bad guys were before the end of the book.

Miriam says

The fourth book in the "South Shores" series features endangered animals, a zoo, a hunting preserve, and a murder by a tiger, or did he kill the zoo owner? That's the mystery of course. And without a doubt, Nick and his forensic psychologist Claire and daughter Lexi are following the clues. Add in Claire's ex Jace and his fiancé and the rest of Nick's personal employees, and you have a very intense thriller.

I like that Karen Harper is building the characters, adding back story and ramping up the interconnection of all the characters.

If you haven't read the other books in the series, it's okay, Harper fills in the gaps, but this episode is better if you know all the players.

Look for another review in the Ohioana Library Quarterly <http://www.ohioana.org>

Love2Read?HEAs? {Anne} says

Rated 4.8 Stars

Jean Ann Gump says

Very good book, it draws you right in from the first page,

This book is full of suspense as well as people who really care about each other. It includes little known facts about the exotic animals as well, that adds to the interest in the book

Linda Smatzny says

This story is set in Florida around the Naples area. The main characters are Claire Britten and her husband, Nick Markwood. Claire and Nick and a group of children including Claire's daughter, Lexie, are visiting a small petting zoo when a horrible accident happens. One of the owners is killed and no one is sure what happens although it appears he was killed when feeding a tiger. Claire and Nick become involved and then things begin to happen to them. The book is full of danger. It was a quick easy read.

Patsy says

Didn't finish

It's been four months since forensic psychologist Claire Britten last crossed paths with danger. Finally feeling she can catch her breath, together with her partner, criminal lawyer Nick Markwood, Claire has settled into a new role, volunteering with a support group for children stressed by domestic violence. But a leisurely field trip

Maureen Timerman says

A book not for the faint of heart, but then none of the books in this series have been, and this one is going to keep you guessing and holding your breath right to the end.

We are back with Nick and Claire, and of course, precocious Lexie, and the extended family, and now we are settled down with a new home and a baby on the way, life is back to normal, right?

With tender hearted Claire, life will never be normal, and this is a story that she might not make it to the end, with the evil that is lurking in the background.

A book not to be missed and you will be quickly page-turning as the story gets better and better, enjoy!

I received this book through Net Galley and the Publisher Harlequin, and was not required to give a positive review.

Kendall says

Ugh... sigh. I have such a hard time with not finishing books. DNF at 35 percent. I was having such a hard time with following all of the characters. There were too many too quickly in the beginning and I just could not follow the story at all. I was not feeling it and could not connect.

Thank you to Netgalley and Harlequin for the advanced arc.
