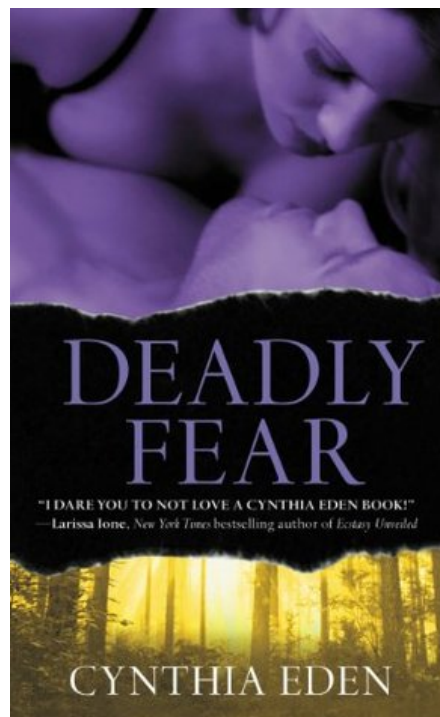




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TWO BRILLIANT AGENTS

FBI Special Agent Monica Davenport has made a career out of profiling serial killers. But getting inside the twisted minds of the cruel and the sadistic has taken its toll: She's walled herself off from the world. Yet Monica can't ignore fellow agent Luke Dante, the only man who ever broke through her defenses.

ONE DREAM TEAM

Luke has the unique ability to put victims at ease . . . professionally, he and Monica made a perfect team. Now they're reunited to catch a murderer who uses his victims' deepest, darkest fears for sport - but their investigative skills aren't enough. Luke and Monica will have to face the secrets from their past, the ones that terrify them the most, if they are to have a future together.

But can they catch a killer whose weapon is . . .

DEADLY FEAR

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DW says

Deadly Fear was so worth five stars. I absolutely loved everything about this romantic suspense. It gave me everything that I needed!!

- 1) Romance ✓?
- 2) Suspense ✓?
- 3) Sexy FBI agent ✓?
- 4) Badass Heroine ✓?
- 5) Serial killers ✓?

I will definitely be continuing this series!!!

Jessica's Totally Over The Top Book Obsession says

5 "What scares you?" Stars

****Spoilers****

"I don't want to play your stupid games!" she snapped. "Innocent people are dying so you can—" "Is anyone ever really innocent? Jones wasn't, but I still offered him a chance. Maybe I'm getting soft." What? Laughter. "Maybe I'm not." "Listen, you—" "I guess you were innocent once though, weren't you, Davenport? But that was so long ago..." Bastard. How did he know? How? "You're like me, aren't you? Deep down, underneath the skin?" And she could almost hear pleasure in that grated voice. "No, I'm not." "We'll see. I'm watching you, Davenport. Learning all about you." Softer now. "And I think I know—" "What?" Her fingers were about to break the phone. "What is it that you know?" "What scares you."-Monica on the phone with the killer

HOLY SHIT. Deadly Fear was a wild, creep ride. I was in the mood for a good romantic suspense and did I ever get that with this book. Cynthia Eden brought her A game. I was hooked from page one and I was on the edge of my seat the whole time. Action packed, sexy, exciting, and at times dark this book was everything I love in romantic suspense reads. I really enjoyed myself and couldn't put this book down until I finished it. Who needs to eat or sleep not this bitch! The problem I tend to find with a lot of the romantic suspense I read are they are either too light on the romance side, to the point of having no romance at all or they are weak on the plot but there is tons of sex. That or they are really predictable and I can see everything coming a mile away. Not with this one. It was the perfect balance of action and sexy time. The plot was strong and I had no clue who the killer was til a few minutes before the main couple did.

"You got scared," he charged, the words he'd wanted to throw at her for too long firing out. "I got too close, didn't I? And you had to fucking run."-Luke

“The past is over, Dante.” They’d been over this before, when he’d made the mistake of tracking her down. Serious mistake. “We’re professionals, we can—” “Pretend we never had sex? Pretend we didn’t nearly tear each other apart because we were so fucking hungry those nights?”-Monica and Luke

Luke was so damn sexy and all alpha. He just oozed sexy appeal. He was strong, smart, protective, and caring. Everything you would want in an FBI agent. He had the hero thing down pat. Having watched his mom be beat to death by her lover he was always trying to save and protect women. I love how he was with Monica. He wanted her and he let her know but he didn't beg after her. A man's got to have pride after all.

He yanked on his jeans and rose. Because he was watching her—what else was new?—he caught the swift glance she tossed him and he saw the way her gaze dropped to his chest. Luke couldn’t help it. He had to flex, just a little. A man had his pride.-Luke

Monica was a totally intriguing character. She was kidnapped by a serial killer as a teen. She was his only surviving victim. But she didn't come out of that ordeal untouched. Because she has seen evil up close and been touched by it, she is able to get into a killers mind making her one of the best serial killer profilers in the FBI. Monica was brave, smart, and totally kicked ass. She had major walls up because of what she lived through, but it was understandable. Monica was all about control. She didn't want to feel helpless or like a victim. I loved that Monica was a fighter.

“Get dressed,” Monica said, then she rubbed the back of her hand over her mouth. Luke stiffened. No, she didn’t just— “The case... the deputy has something we need to see.” She swung away from him. Luke grabbed her arm and swung her right back around to face him. “What are you—” He kissed her. Hard. Fast. When his head lifted, he glared at her. “Don’t wipe me away again, baby.”-Monica and Luke

“Don’t make me need you more.”-Monica

Monica and Luke together OMG they were so hot. The sexual tension in this book was strong. I felt like Monica and Luke had explosive chemistry. The sexy time in this book was raw, hungry and so yummy. Luke and Monica both liked it fast, hard, down and dirty. But it wasn't all just sex. I felt their love too. Their relationship had a great build to it. The plot of this book was amazing. I loved how it kept me guessing til the end. Cynthia Eden didn't go light on the bad guy. The killer was evil and creepy. She didn't shy away from the dark side of murder either. Being inside the killer's mind and watching him kill or in Sam and Luke cases torture was spine chilling to read. Sam, Kenton, and Hyde were all interesting and likable secondary characters. Especially Sam. I want her to get her HEA after all she lived through. I loved how Sam fought even though she was scared when she was kidnapped and tortured. She was brave and tried to fight. I am so glad I bought this series and I can't wait to read the next one.

“You’re it for me, Monica. I’ve known it from the first time I kissed you.” -Luke

NMmomof4 says

3.75 Stars

Overall Opinion: This was pretty good! I am not a huge fan of suspenseful romance books because I usually

struggle with the balance between the suspense and the romance, but I was in the mood for one. I think Cynthia Eden does a good job at that balance! She keeps me engaged with the suspense and also provides me enough steam and romance to keep me engaged in their relationship as well! BUT -- I would have liked some more about how they were before. We get implications and mentions of their past, but I wanted to understand it more! I really like the build up part in a relationship, and because they already had done that when the story started it seemed like something was missing. I get it -- we didn't really have time to dwell on that, but it just kind of bothered me. Another thing is the lack of a HEA. I know this is the beginning of a series, so maybe we'll get more about them later -- but why not a glimpse into their future? I know these two beefs I have come from the romance reader in me, and this is a suspense book as well...so maybe I just need to let them go ?????

Brief Summary of the Storyline: This is Monica and Luke's story. They met and had a hot fling at FBI training, so when they are reunited to be on a serial killer profiling team they are both unprepared for the feelings they still have for one another. There is a serial killer in a small town, and Luke's is the new guy in the team that is assigned to accompany Monica to try to catch him. Old feelings return, some sexy times happen, big secrets are revealed, and all the while there is a serial killer on the loose...and they get a HFN ending.

POV: This alternated between focusing mainly on Monica and Luke in 3rd person narrative, but it did focus on some side characters and the killer as well.

Overall Pace of Story: Good. I never skimmed, and I thought it flowed well.

Instalove: No, but feelings were already present when the story begins.

H rating: 4 stars. Luke. I liked him. I appreciated how he cared for the h and didn't have troubles expressing that.

h rating: 4 stars. Monica. I liked her. I liked how she was so strong and smart in crazy situations.

Sadness level: Low, no tissues needed

Push/Pull: Yes (view spoiler)

Heat level: Good. They have some good tension, chemistry, and scenes -- but not so much it takes away from the story.

Descriptive sex: Yes

OW/OM drama: No

Sex scene with OW or OM: No

Cheating: No

Separation: Not during the book (view spoiler)

Possible Triggers: Yes (view spoiler)

Closure: This did have closure on the case and they shared their "ilys", but I wanted more closure with the couple -- maybe even an epilogue with them together down the line?! I would call this a HFN ending.

Safety: This one should be Safe for most safety gang readers
(view spoiler)

Allison ♥?Will Never Conquer Her TBR♥? says

This book is what scared me! Nah, it wasn't that bad.....really. Did I have a feeling of déjà vu with Silence of the Lambs in the back of my head? Yes. I think I would've lost it if American Girl by Tom Petty broke out on the radio.... It DOES give you that spooky feeling.

Monica is a master at getting in the head of serial killers. She has experience.....she was the victim of endless torture at the hands of a serial killer. If she didn't know how to get in their heads, she'd be dead. Dead like all the other victims of the Romeo killer. Being rescued brought her freedom but she remains a tough shell of ICE that nobody can breach. Nobody will bring her defenses down. She's an accomplished FBI Special Agent and very few people know she's the lone survivor of the Romeo serial killer 16 years ago.

The one person who came close to breaking through her shell was Luke Dante. It's been years since they had their hot and heavy love affair but when things got too "close" for her, when she sensed her walls crumbling, she fled. Little did Monica know that fellow FBI agent would be the one assigned with her to investigate a new series of killings in Jasper, Louisiana. She still aches for this man but something about him makes her feel weak. She can't feel weak.....

When Luke walks into the briefing room and sets eyes on Monica, he knows things aren't resolved between them. When things got hot, she ran. He's not letting her get away again. He's had women in his bed since her but none have compared to the all-consuming passion they shared.

Sex aside, they've got a killer to find. A killer who thrives on FEAR..... He finds out his victim's biggest fears and recreates the scene of terror for them before slowly killing them.....

One by one, victims appear. The killer is getting ballsy. But when the killer appears to be showing an interest and knowledge in Monica's secret with the Romeo killer, her fear itself starts to settle in. How does the killer know who she is? Is he choosing her as his next victim? Even Luke doesn't know who she really is. How can they catch a killer while she hides her secret past from her partner?

I thought I had it....I thought I knew the killer. I was so excited I figured it out. I WAS WRONG. This book is serious edge of your seat suspense and thriller stuff. It's not honestly my usual type of read but I enjoyed it thoroughly. The writing was perfect. Nothing was given away. She gives you enough clues where you think you've got the killer identified, and BAM, wrong. One really freaky part was the alternating POV between the characters. You even get in the head of the KILLER. You try but you still can't seem to figure out who he is. But his POV makes you realize just how sick and twisted he is.....and it causes you, the reader, to FEAR.

There is a bit of a love story also in the storyline but it's definitely in the shadows. The scenes between Luke and Monica are intense and hot when they come together but I didn't focus near as much on the love story as the suspense in finding the killer before he hits again.

Thanks Blacky for a great book recommendation!

Kathleen says

WOW!WOW!WOW! What a book! This book was a 5 star from page 1. It grabbed me and just took control, lol! I have chills running up and down my arms this book was that good of a read for me. Can hardly wait for book 2, Deadly Heat to come out in February 2011. I'll be reading it the moment I have it in my hands.

I have to thank AJ and all my other buddies here at goodreads for making such great reviews on this book. Without those this book might have sat and I might never had read it.

Crystal~BIG book addict~ says

What scares you?

Well, for one, the serial killer in this awesome book did! As I was reading this book I was trying to figure out who it was and guess what, I WAS WRONG! Totally threw me! I loved it!!

We start out meeting Monica or Ice as some call her. She is one of the top FBI profilers and is all about the job. She doesn't let anyone close and has closed herself off from emotion. She was the victim of her own nightmare in her teens.

Enter Luke Dante. He is new to the team in the SSD (Serial Services Division) where his specialty is the victims. This division focuses on finding and apprehending serial killers. Luke and Monica already have a history together from the Academy. He was the one man who was able to melt some of that ice that Monica

tries to cover her heart in. They burned up the sheets and of course she got scared that she would actually start feeling something for him so she ran.

Monica and Luke are called to investigate a possible serial killer. Working so close together, Luke decides that he isn't going to let her run from him again and slowly starts to melt the ice again.

The serial killer takes an interest in Monica and starts playing games with her. What is Monica's biggest fear? The killer figures out what his victims biggest fears are and then that is how they he kills them. Creepy right?

Luke isn't going to let anything happen to her but when the killer starts getting close, will they be able to save each other?

This was a great read with tons of mystery and suspense and steam. It was well written and I will definitely be continuing on with this series.

Shawna says

5+ stars – Romantic Suspense

WOW! Fan-freaking-tastic! There's a new powerhouse talent in romantic suspense, and her name is Cynthia Eden. As brilliantly written, crafted, and executed and *creeptastically* chilling as a Karen Rose novel with some similarities to Kylie Brant's *Mindhunters* series and Leslie Parrish's *Black CATs* series, but with much better developed romance and *verrry* steamy love scenes, **Deadly Fear** had everything I love in a romantic suspense thriller and kept me completely riveted from beginning to end.

Special Agent Luke Dante is the newest member of the FBI's elite Serial Services Division, a unique, specialized task force dedicated to apprehending all types of serials: rapists, killers, kidnappers. For his first assignment, Luke's given a case of a possible serial killer in small town Jasper, Mississippi and paired with the SSD's lead profiler, Special Agent Monica Davenport. Monica is Luke's former partner from his FBI training days at Quantico and also happens to be his ex-lover, the woman who got away whom he's never been able to forget. Luke and Monica made the perfect professional team, with her profiling the killers by getting inside their warped minds and him understanding the victims, but their sexual relationship came to an abrupt end when Monica feared Luke was getting too close to discovering her secrets and ran.

Now, working together to bring down a sadistic serial killer who makes his victims suffer their darkest fears, while fighting a mutual attraction that's as explosive and dangerous as ever, their partnership is put to the ultimate test. When the killer's game turns personal and he snares Monica in his twisted web, threatening to unearth the past, will Luke be able to break through her walls and defenses to save them both before it's too late?

I seriously can't say enough about how much I loved this phenomenal read. Monica and Luke are intriguing, remarkable, and strong yet vulnerable characters, and I loved their deep emotional connection, magnetic chemistry, electric sexual tension, and searing passion. (Don't feel bad Monica, I wouldn't have been able to resist Luke Dante for a single minute, either!)

I love Karen Rose for chilling suspense, but I've always been slightly disappointed by the level of romance in her books. Eden's **Deadly Fear** is one of the best romantic suspense thrillers that I've read with an intricately, intelligently constructed plot and eerie, gripping suspense combined perfectly with a strong, emotional romantic element and scorching hot love scenes.

So if you're a fan of dark romantic suspense, Karen Rose, Leslie Parrish, Kylie Brant, Shannon K. Butcher's Love You to Death and like romance that's on the steamy side, don't miss this amazing read! I'd say Cynthia Eden's venture from paranormal romance into the romantic suspense genre is a definite, winning success. Now I can't wait for the next books in her addictive *Deadly* series, *Deadly Heat* in Feb'2011 and *Deadly Lies* in Mar'2011, to come out! *Big 5 stars!*

Lyndy Ann ? says

Deadly Fear had me gripped from the first page.

FBI Special Agent Monica Davenport is a part of the Serial Services Division team aka SSD they hunt serial killers. They have a new addition to the team Special Agent Luke Dante, Luke and Monica have a history they were lovers years ago.

They are currently hunting a serial killer that targets women and killing them using their deepest, darkest fears. Can the team work together with the local authorities to find the killer before he targets one of their own?

Monica has a secret that only her boss knows, she is a survivor of an horrific ordeal something that happened to her when she was a teenager she does not let anyone get too close to her but Luke is slowly breaking through her walls, they spend their days working the case and the nights tearing each other's clothes off having hot passionate sex. Do these two have a chance at a future together? Will they share each other's dark secrets?

This had me gripped with all the murders the suspense of would they be rescued in time and trying to figure out who the killer was (I was correct). I loved the dynamics of the team Hyde the caring boss, Kenton the flirt, Samantha the computer geek, Monica the serial killer mind reader and now Luke the protector.

I cannot wait to read the other two books in the Deadly series, I will be reading them SOON while this is fresh in my mind as I want to discover more about Kenton and Samantha.

I am going to start reading more Cynthia Eden in between my romances as she has the perfect mix of suspense and romance.

Mo says

Blood and death - now that was what she understood

First time reading this author but it certainly won't be the last. This was a bit of a rollercoaster with bodies showing up and we hadn't a clue who to blame. Left me guessing to the very end.

Tall, muscled, with bright emerald eyes and sun-streaked blond hair, Dante was a southern boy with charm and a dimple in his chin

But if one thing had been drilled into him in those profile classes at the Academy, it was that even dead victims could talk. You just had to know how to hear them

**Sex with her hadn't been as good as before.
It had been better. They'd barely touched and he'd been about to explode in his jeans**

**Louisiana.
Home was where death waited**

I won't say too much about the book but it had the perfect blend of romance and suspense for me. Yes, they had a history. Yes, she did not want to pursue a relationship but the attraction was too strong and soon the ice began to thaw....

Auntee says

Really quite good. I know a lot of reviewers compare this to a Karen Rose book, and I can definitely see the similarities. This was an expertly plotted thriller about a female FBI profiler's race to stop a serial killer, and it drove me crazy trying to figure out who the serial killer could be. I bounced back and forth between a few suspects, but discounted the obvious choice because I thought the author kind of made it a little too plain who she *wanted* you to think it would be. But when the killer's identity was finally revealed and the reasons for why he was the killer, it was a nice surprise and certainly made sense.

Now why not a 5 star read? Well, I couldn't help comparing in to a Karen Rose book (who I consider the undisputed queen of the diabolical, psycho crazy character), and I thought this serial killer (who tortured his victims with their greatest fears) came up a little short. Not to say that what he did wasn't sickening, scary, and demented, but I didn't feel as *scared* and *horrified* as I expected. Maybe it's because the author didn't get into the minds of the victims as much as KR does--we were largely *told* what happened to them, we didn't see it happen (except for one case) and get into the minds of the victims when it did. We didn't get to experience their horror and fear. The one time that we did, I thought "yes, this is how it should be written" and I could *feel* this character's fear. So I think this story fell just a wee bit short for me in the fear factor.

If it fell short in the fear factor, it certainly made up for it in the romance department. I loved the relationship between the uber smart, beautiful FBI profiler Monica Davenport (who had her own secrets and fears) and her love interest, FBI agent Lucas Dante. I loved how the protective Lucas was able to get past the icy walls that the alpha Monica had surrounding her heart, her feelings, and her whole life. Their sex scenes were scrumptious. Lucas was to die for. My only complaint (or should I say wish) was that I would've liked to have seen some scenes (maybe some flashbacks) about when they met at the Academy at Quantico. We were told a bit about their past, but I would've preferred some actual scenes complete with dialogue, just so I could get a better feel for their relationship. I think it would've helped me to better connect with the characters. As it was written, I really didn't emotionally connect with them until I was over halfway through the book, when the author started to reveal more bits and pieces about the characters' backgrounds.

This was an excellent start to a new series, with a real nail-biter ending, and the last 100 pages were un-put-downable! I enjoyed meeting all the supporting characters, and look forward to fellow agent Kenton Lake's story (Deadly Heat), and especially agent Samantha's story (Deadly Lies). If you like a romantic suspense in the style of Karen Rose, but with more romance, give this series a shot. 4 stars

Check out <http://www.hachettebookgroup.com/feat...> for a look at some extra features about this series, including a prequel to "Deadly Fear", a deleted scene, agent profiles, case files, and a Q & A with the author.

Karla says

5 Stars!! This book was AWESOME!!

This was my first Cynthia Eden, and I was blown away. I was immediately drawn in. Very creepy and it plays on your greatest fears. What scares you? Serial killer, sex and mayhem...romantic suspense at its best. Loved the style of writing with all the expressed thoughts from the characters. I could almost see their facial expressions as they're thinking, remembering, and processing the information...like a movie in my head. Monica and Luke, two people with haunted pasts, re-connecting after years apart, can they get it right this

time? Stand back and watch the fireworks!

Thanks for the rec Kathleen...it's on to Deadly Heat!

Kristen says

4 1/2 Intense Stars

Wow! What a thrilling, disturbing, and intense read! This is my first book by Cynthia Eden and it certainly won't be my last.

I don't often read romantic suspense as I prefer more romance than is commonly offered in this sub-genre. That said, there are a few authors I've found that can give me the powerful romance I crave coupled with an intense, heart stopping suspense. Ms. Eden has fallen into this category. Her book had the perfect blend of action, edgy suspense, and mouthwatering romance. I loved it.

Deadly Fear was fast paced and a bit creepy. The characterizations were richly developed and the romance passionate. The two main leads, Monica and Luke, were a great couple and I really enjoyed their second chance at romance storyline. As for the villain(s), I was definitely freaked out, which is what I look for in a good suspenseful/ thriller-ish romance.

If you're looking for a romantic suspense/thriller with an intense plot, superb characterizations, and a strong romance...this one's for you.

Blacky *Romance Addict* says

What a book. OMG.

Best suspense I have read so far, seriously amazing with brilliant writing!

Huge, huge, huuuuuuuge rec!!!!

It was superb!

I was gripping my reader like a lunatic, I am lucky I don't bite my nails cause I wouldn't have any by now :DD

There is always something happening, but the best of it is, I didn't see almost half of it coming! One this was

especially a shock and boy, I'm glad this author isn't lovey-dovey with the suspense part, it just makes it more real!

And the worst part for me was, I had to stop reading at the scene when they find out who the bad guy is! I almost died, that part was intense and brilliant!

The writing

Yes it is, but obviously not for Cynthia Eden.

The woman is amazing!

OMG I loved every page here, even the twisted POV from the killer!

I think that shows just how brilliant the writing is, because I usually don't enjoy this type of thing :D

The case is complicated, lots of twists and unexpected events, and I have to admit, I did not guess who the killer might be.

The characters are so complicated and dark, even the good guys, and I love it!!

I still can't get over the fact that I love something like that LOL

The killer's POV.

OMG. Creepy. Awful.

The way he kills.

Sick. Scary :(I kinda read those parts with my hand in front of my eyes :D

One was particularly horrific :(

But!

That just adds to the book, if you can believe it!

I hated the POV, hated! But then, it made me more scared about the MCs, about the case, about the next victim, it made it all that much more intense!

The romance

“Sometimes you want to feel alive. When you see death so much, you just... want to feel alive again.” Being with her had always made him feel alive. Running fast and hot and free. He opened the door and the squeak of the hinges seemed way too loud. “If you wanna feel

alive, you know where to find me.”

Just like everything else in the book, even the romance was intense.

You won't get any mushiness with the MCs, only emotions, attraction, lust and darkness.

It was amazing to read about them, even though sometimes difficult, especially with her past and everything :(

They are perfect for each other, I just love how they interact through the book, it is all filled with so much sexual tension, and when the sex happens... Amazing :)

I just have to say one thing for the end.

This book will go to my best of the best, but not to my favorites.

It is amazing, such a brilliant book, but I KNOW I will never read it again. It is too intense, and one go through this was enough for me.

BUT it is still one of the best books I have ever read so it has to go to my best of the best :)

So, to every suspense and thriller fan out there, this is a MUST READ!

Hell, even for those of you who aren't, give it a shot because it's worth it!

Duchess Nicole says

Fantastic romantic suspense! The perfect blend of evil mystery villain, intense FBI action, and hot, Hot, HOT sexual tension.

MY SYNOPSIS

Monica Davenport has a past that is finally catching up with her in more ways than one. No stranger to serial killers, she joined the FBI's special group of hunters after her own run in with a sadistic killer while in her teens. She spent some time with the sicko, and now has an inside track into what drives someone like that. She's become an integral part of the elite SSD. When another man from her past joins the same team, Monica is in danger of losing herself to the one man who ever got under her skin and found the real Monica.

Luke Davenport never forgot the beautiful but secretive woman that he had a brief affair with years before. So when he sees her on the other side of the table at his introductory meeting to the SSD, he makes a decision that he won't let her walk away with no explanation again. When the two are sent to a remote southern town to hunt down a suspected serial killer together, the sexual tension is off the charts, but they don't have a lot of time to spend on each other. Because now the killer is hunting FBI agents.

MY THOUGHTS

This is my first Cynthia Eden book, and what a surprise it was! The woman is a natural, and this book in a word: INTENSE!! The killer is truly evil...this guy likes to see the fear in the eyes of his prey...he feeds off terror. He digs into his victim's past and figures out what they fear most in the world...then he uses that information to kill them in a way that is literally out of their very own nightmares. That's true evil there...no rhyme or reason to why he does it in this manner. And that's scary, because many serials don't really see their victims as people. But this guys HAS to...he kills them in very personal manners, and he has to understand them as well.

The romance between Luke and Monica sizzles. I'm a sucker for unrequited love stories, but there tends to be few books that have a valid reason for a breakup. More often than not, I roll my eyes at the contrived manner in which an author goes about separating two people who are obviously meant to be together. Not so in this case. Cynthia Eden tells a believable story, dredging up the past in such a way that makes the reader empathize with Monica's lonely life. Luke is her perfect counterpart, neither too alpha to set aside the natural tendency of men in his position to take over in the place of a female, nor too beta that he lets her strong personality overshadow his masculinity. They have a great push and pull with each other, and their romance was believable and totally sexy.

And then she instills an incredible sense of urgency in the reader. I swear, I was bouncing up and down in my seat, leaning forward and trying to hurry he agents along. HURRY, HURRY!! She's gonna DIIIIEEEE!! But let me tell you, Eden isn't loyal to her secondary characters. This isn't a save everyone type novel. At one point, I had my hand over my mouth in shock, and I kept thinking that something would change what I knew was getting ready to happen.

Rhonda says

I really liked this book. However, I found it difficult to connect with the characters until I was almost 3/4 way through the book, and then I just liked them. I was a little put off by the timing of the sex scenes, and because of this I didn't get that warm tingly feeling!! LOL. (The scenes were well written.) I also felt that Luke was lacking a little, *ducks* I mean he manned up when it came to the bedroom, but he didn't really do much until then. He just seemed like a lost Horn Dog following Monica around waiting on the next chance to jump in the sack with her.

I guess it's only fair that I say what I did like about this book. I really liked the story / plot ect. Toward the end I felt like I was in one of those Toyota's speeding along the highway with no brakes...HA HA!! I liked Monica once I found a connection to her. I liked this book and I will be reading the next ones in this series!!

I wasn't very impressed by Eden's characterization. I need to love them or hate them, just as long as I feel something. It took a long time to "like" them.

I hope no one was offended by my Toyota comment...I own a Toyota Myself, and I love it!! LOL