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Martha C. Lawrence's "remarkable first novel" (*Library Journal*), *Murder in Scorpio*, introducing psychic detective Elizabeth Chase, won her nominations for all three of America's most prestigious mystery awards, while the refreshingly down-to-earth Elizabeth was recognized as a unique and wonderful new heroine. The acclaim continued with her second mystery, *The Cold Heart of Capricorn*, with raves about this "superior shocker" (*San Diego Union-Tribune*) "that offers a truly intelligent heroine to solve it" (*Denver Post*). New Elizabeth Chase is back in an explosive new novel, packed with danger and suspense, that sends her deep within the ranks of a cultlike community that calls itself The Bliss Project.

Tom McGowan, Elizabeth's cop boyfriend, asks her to take on a case that seems to be more in her line of work than in his. The father of Tom's ex-fiancee has come to him in desperation: He fears a mysterious package he's just received means that his daughter, who has disappeared in The Bliss Project, must be dead or in terrible trouble.

Although Elizabeth is not too keen on the idea of accepting a case so close to home--she didn't even know Tom *had* an ex-fiancee, and The Bliss Project's efforts at mind control threaten to wreak havoc on her finely attuned senses--she agrees to investigate. But infiltrating a cult is no easy matter, especially one that seems to have as many secrets as this one, and soon Elizabeth finds herself in a life-and-death battle that will lead to a shocking conclusion.

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Connie Miller says

Only the second book I've read in the series, and already Lawrence has broken my heart. A very good read!

Marion Kipiani says

Number three, and my favorite, in the mystery series of PI and parapsychologist Elizabeth Chase. Elizabeth investigates the abduction of a young woman into a cult and meets individuals that match her psi capabilities. Haunting and keeps you on edge, with serious potential to tug in your heart strings, too!

Judym says

First time reading this author and I would read her again. The book is fast paced about a psychic female detective.

Cheryl A says

Elizabeth Chase is not your normal California PI - she's got an extra edge and a psychic one at that. When the main man in her life, Tom, an FBI agent, is asked by his former fiancée's father for help locating the missing women, Tom turns to Elizabeth for her insight.

Elizabeth reluctantly takes the case to locate Jen, who has joined The Bliss Project, a group with cult-like characteristic. Faced with dead ends, Elizabeth is forced to infiltrate the group. As Elizabeth is drawn further into the group, her psychic abilities may not be the only thing she's in danger of losing.

I wish I had started this series with the first novel (Murder in Scorpio). I'm okay with the psychic aspects of the novel, but the new age cult aspects put me off a bit, which made it difficult to really get into the book. Elizabeth is an engaging character, and had I started at the beginning, with more traditional cases, I might have felt more attachment to the character. Overall, the book was well done and an interesting change of pace.

Melissa says

Elizabeth Chase is hired by the father of her boyfriend's ex girlfriend. Jen has not been heard from in years - she joined The Bliss Project and disappeared. Elizabeth goes undercover and joins the 'cult' hoping to find Jen, or what happened to her. I really like Elizabeth Chase and the world she lives in (aside from the bad guys she brings down). I will definitely read the next in the series.

Cat. says

Hooo-kay. This is not the book to skip in the series. Having said that, there is really not a way to discuss this without issuing spoilers. I'll do my best, however.

Elizabeth's fiance comes to her in desperation asking her to search for his former fiancée. Yeah, just what every girl wants to do, right? The background is that the woman in question joined a cultish self-examination group called The Bliss Project years ago while engaged to Tom, before breaking their engagement. Suddenly, several packages that could only come from her, or from someone with her belongings and knowledge, have begun arriving at her father's door. He's afraid she's dead or something worse.

Despite some huge misgivings, Elizabeth goes undercover to scope out this group. What she finds is terrifying and creepy, and, like all groups that require a heavy up-front entrance fee, naturally prone to shady dealings, especially of the financial type. All well and good so far for a series mystery. She even turns up the former fiancée, only to be caught in a shootout between her boyfriend--a cop--and the leaders of the Project, who are bent on escaping prosecution. And that's where the reader realizes that if this book is skipped, the next book is going to be confusing and depressing. Yes, depressing, just like the end of this one.

Ugh. So, good writing, kept my interest, I didn't really expect the ending to be the way it was, and I guess that's a tribute to the author. But I still feel like I got sluggish. And when you're reading about a psychic, you sort of feel like you ought to have some sense of foreboding...

Pamela says

I really love this series. The main character is great, the book is fast-paced and easy to read. And the plot twist in this one was amazing. I never saw it coming.

Kimberlyn says

there are some very interesting aspects to this series

Bridget Cameron says

The third in the Elizabeth Chase Investigations series, following Murder in Scorpio and the Cold Heart of Capricorn.

Elizabeth Chase is a psychic investigator and is called on a case to investigate the whereabouts of her lover's x girlfriend, Jen Schaffer, who has been part of the cult, The Bliss Project and has been missing for 2 years. Although she gets 'bad vibes' about the project, Elizabeth must join the Bliss Project in order to find Jen, yet will she survive their brainwashing and will her life be at stake if they find out who she is?

Linda Branham Greenwell says

I LOVE Psychic mysteries! This one should be read before Ashes of Aries though

Nathan Burgoine says

A great mystery series with psychic P.I. Elizabeth Chase. This time, she's going undercover into the "Bliss Project," a group of individuals part cult, part scam, and all danger. She might come out with little left of her own mind, if she comes out at all...

Thrilling, and with one major plot change in the form of a major character, this book made me cringe, cry, and furious all at the same time as I was enjoying it to the fullest. Nab it! But start with the series beginning, "Murder in Scorpio."
