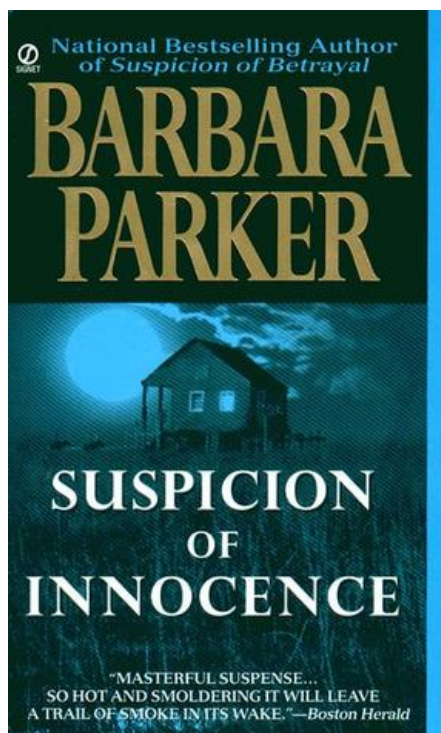




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Set in steamy South Florida, this powerful legal thriller is "a real find for those who love taut, highly literate yarns" (Tony Hillerman). An attorney with enough problems of her own, Gail sifts through her murdered sister's past and discovers a maze of horrifying questions.

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Sandy Bartles says

Suspicion of innocence

I bought a copy of this book years ago, when it first came out, and I have read each consecutive book in this series. I wish the author would write more Gail Connor and Anthony Quintana books.

The author began getting my attention at the first page and the tension increased with each page thereafter. Gail Connor and Anthony Quintana, as lawyers, make the perfect adversaries. I enjoyed watching them grow closer as things fell apart in Gail's personal life. I loved how he was there for her and she for him.

I highly recommend this book.

I was given a copy of this book by NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

Carol Carmichael says

Thoroughly enjoyable read.

Kellie says

My neighbor gave me a box of paperbacks to do with as I see fit. I was so excited to have a ton of "candy" to read when my bookshelves were empty. Ahhhh this book sucked. Really there is no way around it. The characters were so blah. The main character was so unlikeable I about tossed the book several times. I simply did not care what happened to the self centered beeyotch. Not one to give up, at least the mystery element picked up about half way thru the book. But even that is a stretch. Avoid at all costs. Spend your time on something much better.

Ronald Keeler says

This is almost a generic murder mystery, but it is interesting in its presentation. There is a surprise ending, which I, of course, will not reveal. Somewhere around halfway through the book, I made a correct guess as to the killer, but I had no idea until the end as to the motive. There were enough minor mysteries as the book progressed to keep reader interest alive as various theories, suspects, and motives were adopted and discarded.

I first read the Kindle sample. In the first chapter Jimmy Panther, a Native American is working as a tour guide piloting a boat in the Florida Everglades. His Scandinavian passengers happen to see an object in the water which turns out to be a body. Jimmy recognizes the body. That was well written enough to make me want to buy the book.

Immediately in chapter two we are introduced to Gail, a high powered attorney so devoted to her occupation

that her marriage is falling apart, she has problems with her mother, doesn't particularly like her chosen profession, and has problems with her entire family except for sister, Renee. The sister was the body in the water.

Then we have the Cuban connection; after all, it is Florida. Cubans are suspect because they are sneaky and Cuban. There is the possibility of drug involvement on the part of the Cubans, because they are Cuban. All the Cubans in the book, with the exception of the grandfather patriarch, are sex magnets for almost every female in the book, maybe because they are Cuban.

This is a comfortable read; I chose it as a break from more serious reading. Reading this as like running a leisurely 5K race. Not challenging, but satisfying.

Linda says

This book was a murder mystery through the eyes of an attorney and the families of those involved. I enjoyed this book from beginning to end. Even though I thought I'd figured out the ending about three quarters of the way through there was another twist at the end that totally took me by surprise

This was a quick read that you won't want to put down once you begin.

Cindy says

I'm making my way through a whole bunch of free kobo book club books and this was one of them. Having formerly worked in a library, I knew this author's work took up like a shelf of space, so I felt reassured that it wouldn't be complete garbage. I was not wrong. It's not a bad read at all. Gail Connor is a lawyer (yay) and it's pretty obvious from the get go that she's going to be suspected of causing her sister's death. While there seemed to be many side stories and useless characters, don't be alarmed. Barbara Parker ties up her loose ends. I don't have much else to say. You won't be blown away by this book and you're not going to recommend it to ten friends, but it's an easy read for times when you don't want to think too much. Which is a lot of the time, I'm afraid.

Scilla says

Gail Connor is an up and coming attorney in Miami. Her work has caused a rift in her marriage. Her younger sister, Renee is found in the Everglades with slices in her wrists. Gail has also been estranged with her sister, but tries to help her mother with the funeral and estate. She finds an interesting Indian mask in her sister's apartment which soon has an important place all that happens. She soon finds out that homicide is investigating her sister's death and her husband has been having a platonic relationship with her sister. She meets a handsome alluring Cuban adversary in court, and has to work out many difficult situations with her family and love life.

Kallia says

What an excellent and exciting novel! Can't wait to start the sequel.

By about halfway through I had a guess as to who the killer was, and ended up being right. But the story is written with enough twists and turns that you aren't 100% sure until the very last page.

Perhaps the most enjoyable aspect of the novel is the relationship between Gail and Anthony. I found myself reading through as quickly as I could, hoping for Anthony to pop up again.

Overall, a fun and easy mystery with just enough of a payoff to keep it worthwhile.

Jack Heath says

Synopsis: set in south Florida. An attorney, Gail Connor, sifts through her murdered sister's past and begins to ask questions.

? Gramy ? says

This was a novel about the intense circumstances brought upon Gail Connor when her estranged sister is found dead (possibly murdered) immediately after a party they both attended at their mother's home, leaving her utterly confused about her complicated feelings about their past together, her present circumstances, and her unknown future. She is especially concerned about her newly developed relationship with Anthony Guintana, a well-known Cuban criminal attorney. There was no lack of suspects in this mystery. There was a constant congruity between the progression of the events that unfolded to lead you to the final curtain for this part of Gail's journey through life. It was an interesting read and enticed me to read more of her books. That's when I discovered this was #1 in a series!

Connie says

This was very slow at the beginning but started speeding up towards about page 100. The story seems similar to another story that I had read, but the ending was quite different. It takes place in Miami and was about a murder and her sister was accused of the crime. The sisters never really got along and the police felt she had motive to slash her sister's wrists even though there was no clear evidence to this.

I am glad that I didn't give up on this book and would like to read the rest in the series. I enjoyed getting to know Anthony Quintana too. He was a small part of this book, but I can see where he could become a star in books to come. He was very interesting if not a little mysterious.

Barbara ★ says

Bleh....This was my mother's favorite author/series and I just can't imagine why. The plot is uninteresting and bland; a typical day in the life story of a female lawyer who is accused of murdering her sister. This book developed exactly as I expected. There were zero surprises and it just plodded along. I guess back in 1994, when it was written, it might not have been so cliched and unoriginal but today in 2012, I've read this story a hundred times and this one doesn't do anything new and different. Heck it took over 3/4 of the book before I even got interested and decided that I actually liked the heroine. Though the whole Miami/Cuba thing totally turned me off. I have this thing about people living in American speaking our language and this book just hit me the wrong way right from the beginning.

Mary Brown says

Just know there is a good series, makes me happy. I really like the characters in this book.

Hillary says

This book follows a litigation lawyer named Gail Connor and she has been working so hard at her law firm and is on the verge of a partnership. She has a successful work life but her personal life, like her marriage, is falling apart. One day her younger sister, Renee, is found dead with her wrists slashed and originally they think this is a suicide but upon further investigation the police believe that someone murdered Renee and they think that Gail did it. Growing up and especially as adults Gail and Renee did not have a good relationship because Gail thought that Renee needed to grow up and stop acting immature. Gail meets one of the best criminal lawyers, Anthony Quintana, and hopes to find out what truly happened to her younger sister.

This book is amazing and it's been one of my favorite books since I first read it back in 2007. I mean, this book isn't perfect or anything. One of the things that I didn't like about it was I felt that some parts of this book were slow and I don't know if it's because this is a reread for me but I found myself skimming over some sections (mostly the parts where Gail was trying to find information of Jimmy Panther's mask). Other than that I loved this book! One of the things that I love the most is how real the characters are in this book. Gail is a flawed character that made mistakes but she is persistent and smart and tries to do her best. Her marriage to Dave is flawed as well and as the book progresses we can see how it got to that point. One of my favorite parts is Gail's character development/growth in terms of her relationship with her younger sister, Renee. At first Gail doesn't like her sister and sometimes has these feelings that she is ashamed to feel. As the book progresses we see Gail confront these feelings and she starts to make sense of who her sister was and who she was trying to become. My last favorite part, I promise, is Anthony Quintana. I love him as a character and possible love interest because he is somewhat mysterious and very charming. I can't wait to see how Gail and Anthony's relationship progresses in the rest of the books.

Margarette says

The story is about a young attorney, whose sister is killed. The younger sister having been a thorn in her side her entire life gives the local police reason to suspect her of the killing. She starts her own investigation as to what and with whom her sister was associating and discovers she has several nefarious friends. together a good plot and character development made this an interesting and good read.

