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Known (A Bone Secrets Novel Book 5)



Synopsis

A Wall Street Journal bestseller After a brutal snowstorm in the Cascade Mountains, Chris Jacobs discovers two things he never expected to see: the charred shell of a cabin, and Gianna Trask and her sixteen-year-old daughter huddled in an SUV, having barely escaped from their burning vacation rental. Still scarred from a childhood ordeal, Chris knows there's something sinister about the scene—it's the stench of burned flesh. Forced to wait out the blizzard in their rescuer's retreat, medical examiner Gianna Trask wonders if her hidden past has finally caught up with her. When a body is found in the destroyed cabin's ashes and a forest ranger is brutally murdered, both Gianna and Chris must confront their secrets if they want to escape the violent threat lurking outside. In the fifth book in the Bone Secrets series, Kendra Elliot leads readers on a dangerous, twisting journey of two lives forever changed by a fiery snowstorm in the mountains.

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Customer Reviews

*An excellent romantic suspense by author Kendra Elliot, in book 5 of this thrilling series. Although it is a series, each book can be read as a stand alone with no cliffhangers.....After a horrid snow storm and coming across the ruins of a charred cabin in the wintry Cascade Mountains, Chris Jacobs was not only stunned to find a sick woman and her sixteen-year old daughter huddled in their SUV but shocked beyond belief when he noticed a foul odor of burned flesh inside the cabin itself. What he was seeing not only brought back painful memories from his past but he was reminded of the sadistic serial killer "The Ghostman" who tortured him for months and witnessed all his classmates being brutally murdered years ago, and in that moment, the memory put him into instant survival mode. After she and her daughter almost died in the fire and nearly froze to death during the night, medical examiner Gianna Trask was never so grateful to be rescued by a total stranger calling himself Chris, but when he told her of his suspicions that she was possibly being targeted by an unknown assailant, she refused to believe it. Noticing the tracks in the snow leading to and from the cabin, Chris knew without a doubt that someone wanted her dead but who? And why? After witnessing the brutal murder of a forest Ranger, Gianna not only realized she was safe by staying with her rescuer but she knew deep inside that Chris was right and she was reminded of her haunted and sinister past which was bound to surface after all. Who shot the Ranger? Whose body was it she discovered inside the cabin? Consumed with the fear of flames, smoke, the frigid temperatures and cold-blooded murder, Gianna knew if she ever expected to live through another night along with her daughter, she would have to put her whole trust and life into the hands of Chris Jacobs and rely on his survival skills. Deciding to leave the confines of Chris's cabin their only means of shelter they are not only determined to seek help by trying to reach safety but Chris and Gianna realize they both shared a similar past with their very own sinister scars, insecurities and demons. When the body count rises, sparks of desire intensifies between them while an evil and deadly killer intends to make Gianna his next victim by committing rape and murder before the night is over!....an exciting thriller!....thank you..

I enjoyed this tale of two people, Chris and Gianna, both with damaged pasts, coming together when a killer targets Gianna. This book had a lot of tropes I like, such as the stranded in a snowstorm, the scarred/wounded hero, the intriguing suspense plot, and it was competently written. I liked that Chris was a solitary loner; quiet, tense, and a little grumpy. He had scars from when he'd been kidnapped by a serial killer as a child, both internal and external. He was very capable and deadly. My one complaint was that his very serious, dramatic background as a child played no part

in the current mystery. I would have liked that to have more impact on the current plot, because while it played a part in his character backstory, it felt like a very dramatic part of the narrative not to use more. I think, though, that this same plot may have been explored a little more in a previous book I haven't read, which based on this book is about Chris's biological brother and his adopted sister. (As far as I can tell it's not creepy, though). I was also a bit disappointed that Gianna's role as a medical examiner never came into play. She never even went to work on the page. It was, again, a shame to waste such an interesting profession, which could have been very relevant and useful in a suspense plot. Another thing I didn't like - but this is totally personal preference - was the scenes from the villain's POV. I'm just generally not a fan of this, as it rarely adds to the overall story. The villain should be scary from the POV of the hero and heroine. We shouldn't need to be privy to his thoughts in order to feel afraid of him. I listened to this in audio. I thought the narrator was fine - I'd heard her narrate a different book, and she's solid. However, and this isn't something that's the narrator's fault, just something I noticed I think because I was listening to this book not reading it: the author overused 'stated' A LOT. As in, 'he stated/she stated'. It drove me nuts. I finally understand the advice to writers about not overusing words other than 'said'. Overall, I would recommend this to people who like more low-key heroes with their suspense, and an intriguing mystery or two to go along with it.

It was an okay read. Pace was ok. It does not lead you to climaxes like some books which you can't put down. Good enough to while away a lazy afternoon. Does not have annoying typos like some e-books. Not much twist to the plot in the sense that the villain is not someone the protagonist knows. One cannot guess who it is or why he is after them until the author tells us. Spoilers: How the father managed to get the information on the thumb drive was never explained. A bit unbelievable considering he was mentally impaired. At the end, also unbelievable that Chris and Michael, both civilians, were the lead persons with the police to catch the villain in the Caribbeans. Seriously? Chris is an IT guy and Michael is a journalist.

I absolutely fell in LOVE with "A Bone Secrets" series! I love how you brought the previous characters from each of the previous books into the newest book....I hope that there are others coming! For those who haven't read these yet...You should check them out!

Love the way this book finished everyone's story from the series. I will miss all of these characters. Great story line and suspense. Hadn't realized when I got the first book that they were romantic

suspense. As I said the suspense story was great. I just skipped over the graphic (and I feel unnecessary) sex scenes.. Still I would recommend this book to suspense fans..

LOVE,LOVE, LOVE this series!Could not wait for Chris's story and it was all I was hoping for and so much more.Chris, Gianna, Violet - all amazing characters!The suspense and build up to the end had me ignoring all else and just concentrating on the turning of those pages.No one does Romantic Suspense better than Kendra Elliot. Must Buy author for me!!!!

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