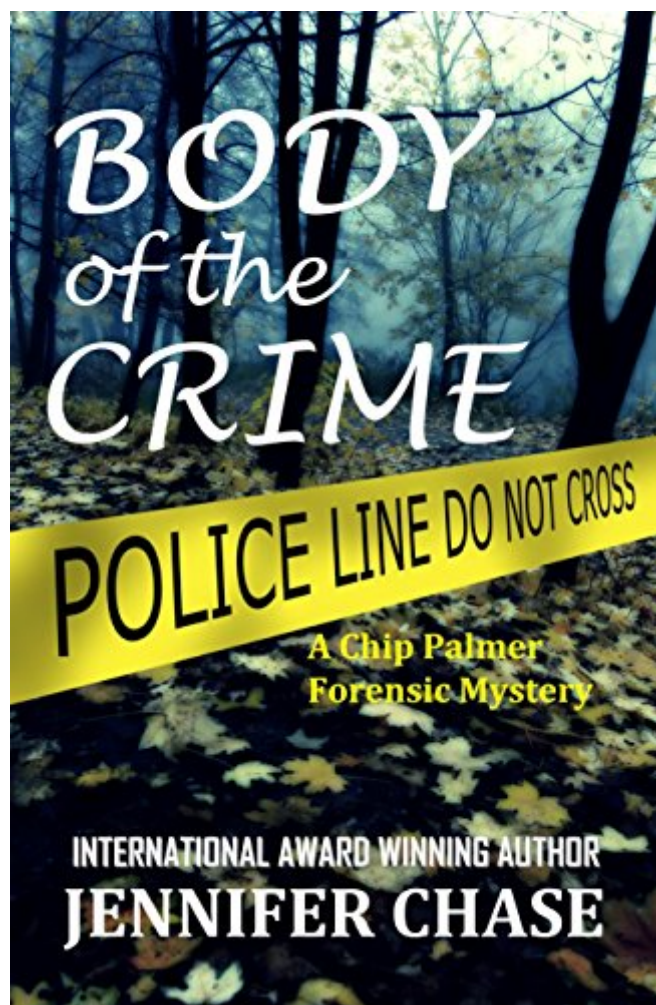


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Body Of The Crime: A Chip Palmer Forensic Mystery



Synopsis

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From the multi award-winning author of the Emily Stone Thriller Series, comes a new kind of forensic hero: Three grisly murders linked to five old cold cases, dubbed the Flower Girl Murders, pushes detectives to their limit to find a clever and extremely brutal serial killer, leaving a California town demanding justice. The District Attorney's Serial Special Task Force retains the help of the reclusive Dr. Chip Palmer, a forensic expert and criminal profiler, to steer them in the right direction. Palmer is known for his astute academic interpretations of serial and predatory crimes, along with his unconventional tactics that goes against general police procedures. He is partnered with the tough and beautiful D.A. Inspector Kate Rawlins, a homicide detective transplanted from Phoenix, and the chemistry ignites between the team--both good and deadly. The Flower Girl Murders leaves three homicides, five cold cases, two seasoned detectives, three suspects, and one serial killer calling all the shots. The investigation must rely on one eccentric forensic scientist to unravel the clues to solve the case. But at what cost?

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Customer Reviews

I was very excited to read *Body of the Crime: A Chip Palmer Forensic Mystery* because I really enjoyed reading *Silent Partner: A California Police K9 Story* by Jennifer Chase. Now that I've finished reading *Body of Crime* I can tell you that this is one fantastic story. In this book we meet forensic expert Dr. Chip Palmer who is partnered up with D.A. Inspector Kate Rawlins to help solve the Flower Girl Murders. Young women in California are being preyed upon by a particularly vicious serial killer and it's up to Chip and Kate to track down the killer. I don't want to give away details about the storyline because interested readers really need to purchase this book and take the journey with these compelling characters for themselves. I was so captivated by this suspenseful and action filled book that once I started reading it I had a hard time putting it down. Jennifer Chase's character development in this book is exceptional and through her writing she brought Dr. Chip Palmer and Kate Rawlins to life for me. I highly recommend this book to fans of crime dramas or psychological thrillers. *Body of Crime* is a five star read and I can't wait to read more books by this very talented author in the future.

Body of Crime offers chilling insight into the mind of a demented serial killer. With elements of horror throughout, this novel will keep you right on the edge of your seat until the very end. The author has a commanding style that is both sensitive to the characters, but also to the reader. The pacing is amazing and I found myself eagerly turning each page to get a step closer to the killer, hoping the detectives would find the next clue or learn a new lead. It is clear the author has done the research there is a clear knowledge of how investigations are carried out. The author also highlights the political aspects of a case as well as the procedural ones. We've got a DA who is pressured by the media and so on, and that pressure and urgency trickles all the way down to the detectives working the case. The characters are excellent, Chip Palmer is a brilliant with forensics and brings his keen insights and experiences to the table. Kate is a brave, cunning detective who will stop short of nothing to catch the murderer. The amount of detail the author is able to include made this novel especially authentic and gave it a genuine, honest feel. I loved this crime caper and highly recommend it!

Jennifer Chase, author of the book *Body of the Crime*, has a great sense of expressing her creativity in words, titles, scenes, and character-development. Perhaps this talent is ingrained in her from her unique qualities that set her apart from other authors of this genre would be her experience as a criminologist. When your work is your livelihood, writing stories becomes a part of what you

live. Can a hero be a forensic expert? According to Chase, the answer is a resounding "Yes." The protagonist, "Chip Palmer," is the forensic expert that can profile unlike his peers---however, with Chip, there are no limitations. As he partners with "Kate Rawlins," sparks fly in all different directions. A great book for readers of crime dramas and psychological thrillers.

I barely made it through this book. It is one of the most poorly written books I have ever come across. The plot was OK, but the poor grammar, syntax and phrasing made it almost impossible to read. I would guess that an editor was not employed on this project. I'm surprised that this was approved as a Kindle Unlimited selection.

This is my first book by this author and it will not be my last! The story line is amazing, as well as the characters. These characters are believable, very believable. Going into the head of a serial killer is only part of this story. There is more than one thing going on here and you can follow them all without confusion. I am now going onto another of this amazing author's work.

The plot isn't bad, but the book is a pain to read. Almost every other sentence manages to, in some way, violate the syntax of English grammar. You can't house anything "in" drawer pulls. At best, the shiny pulls might indicate the existence of drawers in which items were housed. There are, repeatedly, plural pronouns referring back to singular nouns. The whole thing calls for a good editor with a red pen.

Many big holes in the plot. All major events in the book were highly unrealistic and defy logic. For example, the mob hit man had to murder and torture to uncover the home of the forensic scientist, while the detective's estranged husband was able to follow the detective and the scientist seemingly effortlessly. The mob hit man, a "hulking" murderous psycho, just breezed thru a small rural town and gather all kinds of info and committed horrendous crimes with no one noticing. The writing is nice, but the writer needs to do more research and analysis to make good mysteries.

I really enjoyed this book! The main character, Dr. Alexander Palmer, or Chip as he likes to be called, is a forensic scientist. He's a bit of a nerd and a loner. His lifestyle is what makes him unusual. He has two drivers who take him wherever he needs to go. Whether picking him up or dropping him off, he never lets them do either at his actual residence. Instead, he has them drop

him off a couple of miles away or he meets them at a gas station. Because of his testimony in several trials he's received threats against him. So he doesn't want anyone to know precisely where he lives. He gets dropped off then hikes through the woods until he reaches the opening to a tunnel he's had dug underground. It's lighted with concrete walls and leads directly into his bathroom. This way no one sees him coming or going. In this story, he's working with Kate Rawlins, a detective assigned to the case by the prosecutor's office. They are investigating several homicides. The victims are all young women with long dark hair. The killer dresses the top half of their bodies neatly, washing and combing their hair. The bottom half he leaves nude and viciously mutilated. In each case the victim is posed holding a flower. Thus the name The Flower Girl Murders. Kate is strong and independent and doesn't really want to work with Chip. At first she finds him annoying at times but the more they're around each other she begins to soften. She was once in an abusive relationship but got out of it. Now her ex is back and threatening her again. To further complicate matters, Chip has a hit man looking for him. Chip testified against the guy's boss who was found guilty and imprisoned. This was a good start to the new series. It was highly entertaining. I read it in one sitting. Didn't want to put it down. Definitely recommend.

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