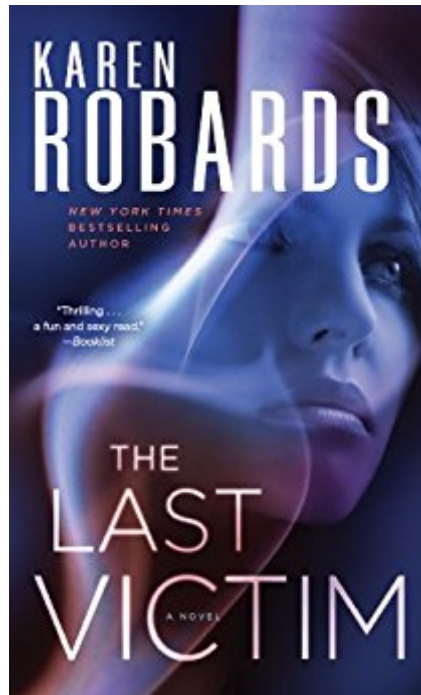


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“An exceptional storyteller . . . Leave it to [Karen] Robards to deliver the start of a series that is distinctive and unforgettable!” RT Book Reviews “A sought-after expert in criminal pathology, Dr. Charlotte Stone regularly sits face-to-face with madmen. At the age of sixteen, she herself survived a serial killer’s bloodbath. Because of the information she gave police, the Boardwalk Killer went underground, but Charlie kept her postmortem visions of the victims to herself. Years later, to protect her credibility as a psychological expert, she tells no one about these apparitions. Now a teenage girl is missing, her family slaughtered. The Boardwalk Killer—or a sick copycat with his M.O.—is back. This is the one case Charlie knows she shouldn’t go near. But she also knows that she may be the one person in the world who can stop this vicious killer, especially when she receives help from an unexpected source: The fiery spirit of a seductive bad boy who refuses to be ignored. “Excellent . . . This story is going to haunt you.” Pittsburgh Post-Gazette “Thrilling . . . a fun and sexy read.” Booklist “Tantalizing.” Library Journal “Features a preview of the next Charlotte Stone novel, *The Last Kiss Goodbye*.”

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Customer Reviews

I had no expectations before reading this first installment to a new series by Karen Robards, but I have enjoyed both her historical romances as well as her contemporary thrillers. This is definitely a new direction from what I've read of her books in the past, and I for one am thrilled. It's described as a red-hot paranormal romantic thriller and that certainly sums it up, but I would also have to add that it's unpredictable and pretty much elicited a range of emotions from sadness, to disgust, to anticipation, and surprisingly, lots of laughter. The book hooked me in with the very first sentence, "If Charlotte Stone hadn't drunk the Kool-Aid, she would have died," and I found myself settling in for a non-stop, fast paced read filled with twists and turns. Fifteen years ago at the age of seventeen, Charlie Stone was the soul surviving witness to a serial killer known as the Boardwalk Killer, who was responsible for murdering her best friend. Driven from that moment, she became a prominent psychologist specializing in profiling and deconstructing serial killers. Fifteen years later, the FBI needs Charlie's help because a new wave of killings have cropped up and either the Boardwalk Killer is back in action or there's a copycat in play. The details of the new killings terrify Charlie to the bone, but her reluctance of getting involved isn't just because it makes her an easy target for the killer to finish what he left behind, but also because of Charlie's ability. She sees the ghosts of victims of violent crime and being close to that much death can cripple Charlie's sanity. The content of the book prepared me for a gruesome, serious read, but I was pleasantly surprised by how balanced it was with humor, witty banter, and spicy sensuality.

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