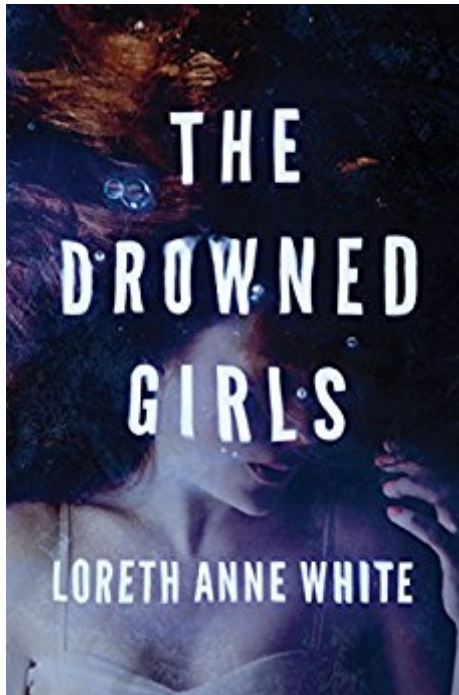




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Synopsis

He surfaced two years ago. Then he disappeared. But Detective Angie Pallorino hasn't forgotten the violent rapist who left a distinctive calling card—crosses etched into the flesh of his victims' foreheads. When a comatose Jane Doe is found in a local cemetery, sexually assaulted, mutilated, and nearly drowned, Angie is struck by the eerie similarities to her earlier unsolved rapes. Could he be back? Then the body of a drowned young woman, also bearing the marks of the serial rapist, floats up in the Gorge, and the hunt for a predator becomes a hunt for a killer. Assigned to the joint investigative task force, Angie is more than ready to prove that she has what it takes to break into the all-male homicide division. But her private life collides with her professional ambitions when she's introduced to her temporary partner, James Maddocks—a man she's met just the night before in an intense, anonymous encounter. Together, Angie and Maddocks agree to put that night behind them. But as their search for the killer intensifies, so does their mutual desire. And Angie's forays into the mind of a monster shake loose some unsettling secrets about her own past. How can she fight for the truth when it turns out her whole life is a lie?

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Customer Reviews

I just discovered this author in November, but I quickly became a fan...this is the seventh book of hers that I've read (In the Barren Ground is still my favorite). I'm glad this is the beginning of a series, because Angie is a very interesting character. On one hand, she's a competent detective, on the other hand, her personal life is a hot mess. And while some of Angie's past comes to light in this book, there are still lots of questions that I hope will be answered in subsequent books. Angie's one night stand with a random guy has big ramifications when she discovers that this guy is her new partner/superior. While I liked James a little more as the book went on, I found him a bit too judgmental (why do women get judged so much more harshly for having sex lives?) and possessive. For that matter, Angie was a little too harsh on herself in regards to her sex life. And speaking of, if explicit sex scenes bother you, be warned, there are some in this book. As for the case, it definitely kept my interest, taking lots of twists and turns: Sex trafficking, tabloid journalism, political and police corruption. The ending was pretty pulse pounding too. There were a couple of threads that wound up not going anywhere (the priest, the guy at the shelter) and they felt unfinished to me. The priest especially seemed shady. The supporting characters were great too, I look forward to more of them. I will definitely be reading the next book.

Lots of twists and turns in this book but it is one of the best books I have read in a long time. The workings of the police and how things work inside just so clear and understandable. Very intelligent. I was hooked from the first and couldn't put it down. Do not miss this book if you enjoy fast paced, intelligent and human stories. Can't wait for the next one for sure!!!!

Loreth is really gifted when it comes to weaving the plot of a suspense thriller. The twists and turns of story are guaranteed to keep you at the edge of your seat, reading on, not letting go of the book until you reach the end panting, out of breath. This particular novel contains some really graphic descriptions of crimes & crime victims, but there are also some graphic descriptions of the sweet variety that you will definitely like. I did.

I normally love, love, love Loreth Ann White's books. There's a lot to like in this story, but something in the heroine kept me from empathizing and from connecting to her. I appreciated the flawed characters and the heroine's complexity. Part of the way through I felt like I was watching an

episode of The Killing television series. That should've made me love this story because I loved The Killing. But it didn't. I found myself speed reading rather than taking in the whole thing and savoring it. That being said, I'm sure many readers will enjoy this book.

Great read. The story flows smoothly and gets you interested right from the beginning. I'm not gonna lie: I'm thrilled this is only book 1 and I immediately pre-ordered the sequel.

I like it when every paragraph of a book keeps you engaged from beginning till the end and still keeps you hanging till the very last. Excellent novel.

These characters grew on me. Initially to be immersed in Angies brokenness was hard, but they developed beautifully in this very edgy story about the dark world of crime.

Once I started this book, it was difficult to put down. It was easy to follow, and I couldn't wait to get back to it.

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