

Capturing Karma Book Reviews

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Reviewed by Geraldine Ahearn

"You need to grab a copy of this book!"

I couldn't wait to read this latest installment of the Sullivan Brothers series. I love the family, and the rapport K. M. Daughter's has created between this incredible cast of characters. Even better, I get to spend time with Matty, the psychic we saw so briefly in the second book.

This time around it's Brian's turn to solve a crime: a disappearance and possible murder of a local boy named Jake. When he's given information about the crime by Matty, a letter she claims Jake dictated to her in her head, he's skeptical to say the least. Interestingly, his brother has no problem believing in Matty, but Brian - despite the attraction he feels for her - just can't trust her "truths".

Matty is a strong heroine. She has to be. The last time she shared her "truths" with the police, her fiancé, Eric was brutally murdered because of it. She's sworn to never get involved again, to never risk anyone's life, but Jake's need calls to her. And she knows the Sullivans from her slight involvement in the case from "Beyond the Code of Conduct", so trusts them. She had no idea she'd feel the attraction she did for Brian, who's quite a ladies' man. She hasn't been interested in anyone since Eric died, and fights against this one because Brian doesn't really believe in her "truths" and they're a big part of who she is.

Brian is a sexy, fun, easy-going guy who has women falling over themselves to get his attention. He doesn't mind the occasional flirtation, but hasn't been serious about anyone

for quite some time. Until Matty. If only he could get past his skepticism about her talent, because except for that, she's the total package: smart, independent, fun, gorgeous ...

The storyline was very well done, and this time the suspense portion of the book was equally as strong as the romance. I couldn't wait to find out if Jake was alive or dead, and who had caused his disappearance. I gathered clues as the pages turned, and believed in Matty from the start. She's so incredibly earnest and clearly honest. I have to admit, it drove me a little crazy that everyone else believed her ... except Brian. How could he fall in love, really in love, with her when he refused to accept something so important to who she is?

But, Brian's a good man, a strong, loving, honest man. And Matty trusted him implicitly. I never questioned her feelings for him, and completely understood her reactions to his disbelief. She was a well-constructed character who was completely believable.

With the exception of a "truth" that Matty receives at the end of the story that leaves us hanging, I really enjoyed this book. It was wonderful to revisit the other Sullivans, and the mystery portion of the story was strong and clever. The romance was sweet, the sexual tension palpable and the ending adorable, if a little abrupt.

I'm a big fan of serial books with large casts of characters and the Sullivan Boys series is one of the most entertaining I've read in some time. Capturing Karma is the strongest of the three so far, and I'm glad I read it. If you like a good mystery with a strong dose of romance and lots of family and friends hanging around, I'm sure you'll enjoy it, too. Grab a copy of your own and give it a whirl!"

Reviewed by J. Thomas "The Long and the Short Of It Reviews" (USA)
July 26, 2010

“An Outstanding Addition to a Spectacular Series.....

While racing to get to his brother's wedding, Brian Sullivan's car is struck by another vehicle. Instantly Matilda (Matty) Connors, the woman with the hypnotic eyes who had once delivered a message from his dead brother, is quickly back in Brian's life. She has a message about the case he has been working on for the past few months. Determined not to get involved, Matty shares the message but wants nothing more than to go home and back to the veterinarian clinic where she works with her brother. The last time she officially got involved in a case, she ended up with a murdered fiance and nightmares that never go away.

Brian is the reputed ladies man in the Sullivan clan, but Matty quickly lays claim to his heart. She's quite taken with him too. The problem is that Brian isn't so sure about her

abilities, despite the fact that history has proven her to be right every time. And when it appears that Matty might be leading the investigators down the wrong path, trouble arises in their budding romance. Then once Brian fits all the pieces together, he's not sure he'll be in time to save the woman he loves.

Matty's gift is so impressive that Danny Sullivan teaches a class to the Academy about how she lead the police to the Firing Squad Rapist. Brian isn't too sure about her methods, despite his brother, fellow officer, Joe Sullivan, and half the force singing her praises. This sets up a nice source of conflict between Brian and Matty; a conflict that could have tragic circumstances.

What I've loved about The Sullivan Boys series from the beginning is that it always offers a riveting plot surrounded by complex characters you really care about. There's the job aspect for each of the Sullivan men, the big family angle with people offering all types of support and unwanted advice, and also the conflict with their romantic partner to deal with.

Even though in Capturing Karma the reader is quickly introduced to the huge Sullivan family, you're never lost. K.M. Daughters brings them in, and whether through physical characteristics or banter, you know who is who, who is married to whom, and exactly where it all falls into place. There's enough backstory that if you pick up this novel first, you won't be lost; but for a reader like me who has been with the series since the beginning, it's nice to see how each character is developing over the course of time.

I have to admit, this time, I had the villain figured out way before it was revealed. I didn't know why this person did what he/she did, but I knew he/she did it. It didn't matter, however, because the suspense came from seeing if Brian could make that final decision to accept Matty as she is and then find her in time.

Capturing Karma is another fabulous addition to a great series. I can't wait for Book 4!"

Reviewed By Cheryl C. Malandrinos "johnnycat15" (Western Mass)
July 21, 2010

“Capturing Karma-Book three of the Sullivan family series, Capturing Karma, puts veterinarian Matty Connors and homicide detective Brian Sullivan in a situation that test their beliefs in the unknown. Matty has visions and has a history of successfully using them to help the police until it all went bad four years ago. Brian does not believe in psychics, so Matty must either be scamming them or crazy. But when Brian has nothing else to go on but Matty's "truths" to find a missing person, he halfheartedly looks for her clues. When one of the "truths" appears to send them on a wild goose chase, Brian is sure

Matty is nuts, and the miss understanding threatens their potential romance. Then the pieces begin to come together for Brian, but he may be too late ...

Another great romantic suspense story featuring the crime fighting Sullivan family! Matty is a fascinating character, and the set up in this story is just ripe for major misunderstandings and betrayals. Matty swore to never go to the police again with her "truths," but she can't seem to avoid getting involved in this situation. Brian from the beginning doesn't take Matty seriously which puts her at risk when the word leaks out that she is helping the police. Brian promised not to tell anyone, and Matty can't trust someone who doesn't honor their word. It must just be chemistry between these two because there can't be a real relationship between two people who can't trust one another, can there? This story is the most emotionally volatile of the three books so far in this series; be prepared to get angry, cry, and ride a roller coaster with your emotions while reading this story. I needed to rest when I finished this book, and I loved it. But I'm eagerly awaiting the next tale in this series."

Reviewed by Stephanie B.
July 11, 2010

Capturing Karma is the third book in the series and I was pleased that this book can be read as a stand alone (however I will be going back to read the first two). Brian Sullivan is a police detective who is renowned as the good looking lucky bachelor. Matilda (Matty) Connors is a trained veterinarian who has visions which she calls "truths", which have never been wrong, and has worked in the past in assisting the police solves crimes.

Brian and Matty literally collide after she receives a truth from Jake, a local missing boy. They work together to solve the mystery while Brian has to learn to trust her visions and Matty has to learn to live with her tragic past. Together they make sparks fly and tell a wonderful story.

This mystery romance is a great read and I'd recommend it to anyone. The writing is fresh, lively and smooth flowing. Daughters created a fantastic read and I am looking forward to read other works by this author!"

Night Owl Romance Reviews TOP PICK with 4 1/2 Star Rating, July 11, 2010
Reviewed by Pat Casiello

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Although Joe and Brian believed in rock solid leads, did they have any doubts about Maddy's letter? Maddy was right about Jimmy, but was she right about Ben, and will there be a false conviction? Who killed Jodi, and why? Did Ben shoot Jake?

Why did Maddy decide to never work with the police again, and what were her recurrent nightmares about? Who was Mrs. Whitman, and what was she looking for?

Does one mother's sorrow convince Maddy to help solve another murder case? Team writers and sisters, Pat Casiello and Kathie Nee Lynch, created a Masterpiece of drama, action and sizzling romance. The setting is perfect for this chilling story, the plot directs the reader into a thriller that will keep you guessing until the end, the characters come to life, and love blossoms page-after-page.

I highly recommend this novel to all romance and suspense lovers. K.M. Daughters covered the pages in intense suspense that will leave you on the edge of your seat as mysterious pieces of a bizarre puzzle are slowly put together. Who was Eric, and who murdered him?

What was Brian searching for in Ben's trailer, and was a gun found in a boxcar of a train set? Whose body was found in the river? How long will the case remain open, and is there still a killer on the loose?

Will justice be served, and for who? Will visions, perception, and truths bring new evidence to the case?

Will the murder weapon ever be found?

Is Matty's life in danger, and will her love for Brian die? "CAPTURING KARMA: The Sullivan Boys, Book Three" is as cleverly entertaining as KISS THE GIRLS, and as thrilling as ALONG CAME A SPIDER, with Morgan Freeman.”

Reviewed by Geraldine Ahearn "Author Geri Ahearn" (Phoenix, AZ)
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