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If you've read Killman Creek, then you know the significance of that book's conclusion and how it essentially wrapped up the central story line of the first two books. With strong characters and a good fanbase, of course the author doesn't want to stop there. But now we need a new story to grow out of that. We need a reason for Gwen Proctor - badass mother of two - to go from being on the run to solving her own crimes. Which was always the natural direction for this series to go in.

In order to do that, we have this book. This book is, unfortunately, the filler between two plot points. It clings unnecessarily to old plot lines that should have been put to rest. It introduces some new mysteries that serve only to get Gwen where she needs to be. Virtually nothing happens for the first hundred pages (approx. 1/3 of the book), and little progression is made even in the second hundred pages. It isn't until the last third of the book that the story gets itself in gear. None of this is helped by the fact that I don't find Sam very interesting, so his subplot here left me unmoved.

It's not bad, as such, it's just not as strong as the previous books. I suspect more goodness is to follow in the fourth book now that we've got where we need to be. I still ended up quite enjoying parts of this one because of the aforementioned exploration of internet stalking and the "court of public opinion". These feature heavily in the series, and the author looks at how terrifying it is that we no longer need a court trial and prison. The court of public opinion can punish someone and ruin their life just as effectively, truth be damned.

It also explores some interesting and socially-relevant concepts like privacy in the Internet age. Sharing of information plays a huge part in the plot, as well as other techie aspects like manipulating images/video. These conversations keep the slower parts intriguing.

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A weak point in the series but I still have high hopes for the next installment.

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## Wolfhunter River Synopsis

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Can this book be read as a standalone? I mean, I think you could read it and follow along well enough, as the author does a fabulous job of recapping events from the prior two novels, but you'd be doing yourself a disservice at best. The fact that there is so much backstory provided for these characters in the previous stories is only part of the reason; Caine has done such a fabulous job of requiring an investment in her characters that my jaw was literally on the floor during some of the plot twists and reveals in Wolfhunter River. The vein of intimacy I now feel with these characters makes some of the conflicts only that much more painful; the emotion runs deep here folks, much more deep than in its prequels.

I really don't want to get into plot specifics, (&lt;--- Honestly, why do I keep saying this in reviews? Is it trademarked yet?) but I have to admit that this one had more hustle and bustle going on that the reader needs to keep straight. I loved this, because it provided me with an enjoyable challenge, and to see how certain things tied together by the end, and how some things didn't, was extremely satisfying. Gwen's personal conclusion was wonderful as well; I feel the author could choose to leave this as the final book but could just as easily see her continuing on with a new set of ideas. Highly recommended! And please, do yourself the favor of starting from the beginning. If you're a fan of audiobooks, these are EXCELLENT to listen to as well.

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Wolfhunter River proves to be a secluded, eerie town with rules all their own. It's the kind of town where the inhabitants are not keen on outsiders and they have no problems expressing their hostility. Gwen and her family find themselves putting their lives at risk to help the daughter of the deceased woman who initially called her. Soon Gwen finds herself fighting against a town of pure evil. Can they make it out of Wolfhunter River alive?

I appreciated the directional leap this book has taken as we move beyond the initial Gwen versus Melvin storyline. Gwen and Sam's relationship is tested once again in this book with the truth being bared once and for all. I look forward to seeing where they go from this point.

Gwen is an intelligent, strong, courageous and determined character. I enjoy watching her battle evil in all its forms via this series and look forward to continuing to do so with future books.

Thank you Rachel Caine, Thomas & Mercer and NetGalley for the opportunity to read and review an arc of this book. I'm already looking forward to #4! ...more

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With an incarcerated fifteen year old girl, three missing young women, and a kidnapped child, life is certainly interesting in Wolfhunter River, a backward town where everyone knows, or is related to everyone else, and outsiders aren't tolerated, let alone trusted. Gwen finds her work cut out for her, and during all this the threats to her family are escalating...

Well, I just couldn't put this book down, reading it in a day. We again feel Gwen's pain as she tries to protect her family against the odds, finding it especially tough in Wolfhunter River, where the locals close ranks against her. The angst of her teenage daughter, the growing strength of character of her young son, and the confusion her lover Sam still feels are all well portrayed. But gee, how much can one woman go through in a lifetime? Gwen deserves a break, and maybe, just maybe, she finds it in the end.

I recommend this book to all lovers of crime thrillers.

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make threats against them on a daily basis, some of them bordering on true danger. And even worse, the families of Melvin's victims continue to believe that Gwen was a part of his crimes and are determined to make her pay, even developing a documentary which they hope will finally expose what they believe to be her guilt—no matter who gets hurt in the crossfire.

One day Gwen gets a call from Marlene, a woman in a remote Tennessee town called Wolfhunter. Marlene is among those strangers who call on Gwen, asking for advice or assistance in overcoming challenges like she did. Marlene is afraid of someone, but isn't willing to divulge the reasons for her fears. Marlene asks Gwen to come to Wolfhunter but she fears it's some sort of trap. Yet when the next call from Wolfhunter comes in it's not from Marlene, it's from her teenage daughter, Vee. Marlene is dead and the primary suspect is Vee herself, even though Gwen knows it's not her daughter Marlene was afraid of.

Gwen makes the decision to help Vee out, so she heads to Wolfhunter, along with her boyfriend Sam and her children. While she knows she may be stepping into something dangerous, she has no idea of the viper's nest they'll encounter, and the ripple effects that will be felt by Marlene's murder, Vee's alleged guilt, and the simple fact of Gwen's presence in Wolfhunter. Small, rundown towns are the perfect breeding ground for evil, and as the danger intensifies, so do the crises in her own life.

*Wolfhunter River* is Rachel Caine's third book in her Stillhouse Lake series (after *Stillhouse Lake* and *Killman Creek*). Gwen Proctor is an amazing character—flawed, brave, vulnerable, fierce, and utterly protective of her children. I found the first two books in this series absolutely spectacular, tautly plotted and full of action and suspense, and they provided a disturbing view into the heart of evil and how it can spread.

I found that this book took a little longer to build up steam, and once it did, there was so much going on and so many things were tangled together that the plot even got a little muddled. It felt like in trying to build on the intensity of the first two books, Caine thought she had to triple the suspense. Fortunately, there is still a lot of character development, and we learn more about Sam's life before he and Gwen met.

This book might be more of a standalone than the first two books were, but I'd still recommend you start reading the series from the beginning. Caine sure does love to keep you guessing about how the plot will unfold! I'm not sure if she intends to keep writing about Gwen, but I hope she does, because she's definitely one of my favorite female characters of late.

If you're a fan of creepy, well-written, suspenseful thrillers, I'd encourage you to pick up this series, starting with *Stillhouse Lake*. You may find yourself wondering just how you'd react if faced with the same situations Gwen was, and whether you'd be a total badass like she is.

NetGalley and Thomas & Mercer provided me an advance copy of the book in exchange for an unbiased review. Thanks for making this available!

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The threats from hillbillies and loyal followers of her husband, her children's adaptation problems to their nightmarish lives and her unresolved problems with Sam suffocate her. As soon as she got a cry for help phone call, she finds herself being dragged along Wolfhunter River to fight against a deadly cult.

Two different stories combined meticulously. It's still disturbing, riveting and frightening. But there has less action on this book if I compare it with previous two books and there are too many repeats about Melvin's past.

The revelation about Sam was shocking and made me sad for his wounded relationship with Gwen. But I think Rachel Caine wants to write more series and she wanted to give a purpose, a new profession to Gwen with the end of the book. So she wrote this one as prequel to begin with new series which will be a crime thriller. As we can guess the cases take place in different areas will be solved by Ms Proctor.

I don't know if I want to continue reading more books of the series. Because I think it should have ended with Melvin's death.

Well as a summary, I enjoyed this one. But do I want more? Nope, I pass! ...more

OMG! A third book. Mixed emotions here. A part of me is excited to see what turn the series takes now but there is a bigger part of me that just wants Gwen to be left alone. To lead an uneventful, calm, happy life. She has had enough! Poor soul. And the children? They can't possibly survive any more psychological trauma.

## Wolfhunter River Epub

### 4 Heart Stopping Stars!!

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When Gwen gets a couple of separate phone calls from Wolfhunter River, she feels that pull. Wolfhunter River is a town in Tennessee well known for being shady. The calls are from a woman and her daughter who sound desperate and who need help badly. As if Gwen, Sam, Lanny and Connor aren't in enough trouble already.

What can I say except that Rachel Caine has done it again!! She has written a pulse pounding novel that tore through in a matter of hours! I simply love The Stillhouse Lake series and "Wolfhunter River" is no exception. These characters gut me. I love how smart, independent and able-bodied Gwen is. Lanny and Connor are both so capable and given what they've gone through, so darn intuitive! Admittedly, there was something else about this book that grabbed me and felt like a knife to the heart. Did it cut me completely? Ack! I'm not allowed to say. Though this mystery/suspense wasn't quite as good as either "Stillhouse Lake" or "Killman Creek" it was a worthy follow up for which I give it 4 Stars.

Thank you to NetGalley, Thomas Mercer and Rachel Caine for an arc of this novel in exchange for an honest review.

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This is one series you really need to read the books in order. There's so much backstory it can't be summarized at the start of this book. This book moves on as Gwen reaches out to help a young girl accused on killing her mother. The town has a weird vibe, a sort of Twilight Zone feel to it.

Once again, we see the story from everyone's POV which keeps things moving at a fast pace. I will say this book, while good, didn't draw me in as much as the first two. The plot felt more contrived, more forced. Which isn't to say I wasn't reading as fast I could to see how it was going to play out. The ending is just one wild ride!

What truly works is how the relationships of the four main characters play out in this book. We learn a lot about Sam. And it's fascinating to see how each family member reacts to his story.

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The Stillhouse Lake series is one of the most entertaining series of suspense thrillers that I've ever come across. The series picks up after the outcome of Killman Creek, where Gwen Proctor's ex husband Melvin Royal's timely demise gave her the freedom to breathe without fear of retaliation from him. Gwen, her children Lanny and Connor, and her boyfriend Sam are now back at their home in Stillhouse Lake, but the notoriety of Melvin's actions are still causing harm to the family. After finding out that the mother of one of her ex-husband's victim's has funded the production of a documentary that will try and defame and outcast Gwen, she is on high alert.

At the same time, Gwen has allowed for the police to link her with families going through similar situations—allowing her to provide insight and guidance for those who need it most. Gwen receives a call from a woman fearing for her life, and Gwen initially shrugs it off. However, this family is linked to Gwen's struggle somehow and she now needs to get involved. Gwen decides to find the woman's daughter and try to find out what is burdening this family, but will the price be worth it?

After finishing Killman Creek, I was curious to see how Rachel Caine would continue this series.

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Wolfhunter River is vastly different from its predecessors, and I think it'll be a good transitional book for a new arc in the series. I struggled with the amount of exposition in the first half of this novel, but once we got to the central plot, I really gathered interest until the end of the story. I love how relatable this family is, even with the storyline being as intense as it can be at times. Go into Wolfhunter River with an open mind, and you'll enjoy how the story takes place. The less you know about what will play out in Wolfhunter River, the better. Let the story unfold and surprise you until the very last page. ...more

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After years of being on the run and hiding Gwen and her children were tired of constantly being on the move and decide to finally settle at a home at Stillhouse Lake. This series continues their story from book to book and is best read from the beginning to get the full story on the dangers the family has faced and to get to know all the characters well. The second book, Killman Creek, picked up right where the story had left off and now Wolfhunter River has done the same.

I have followed this series from the beginning and have absolutely loved it giving the first two books five stars. I loved the way it digs deep into what happens to the family of a convicted killer bringing in the internet and media and their intrusion into their lives. The characters are likable, the story is one that has kept my attention and had me on the edge of my seat. The only reason I went with four stars this time is the story took a route I wasn't quite expecting and seemed to not take advantage of where the second ended, it was still good though just not the wow I expected.

I received an advance copy from the publisher via NetGalley.

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Poor Gwen Proctor, never to be forgiven for once being married to a serial killer. She and her children, who she fiercely defends, are drawn into a land of fright and terror, after she receives a phone call from a woman and her daughter terrified of what they seem to know, living in Wolfhunter River. There is something strange but also something alluring in the women's plea and it draws Gwen, Lanny, Connor and her boyfriend, Sam, (the brother of one of the victims of Melvin Royal), into a place that seems to be imbued with evil.

Because of the nature of the phone call she received, Gwen, her children, and Sam journey to Wolfhunter River, searching for answers, so willing to help. However, there are nasty things running through Wolfhunter River and as happenings become more dangerous, Gwen is called to look into herself and her relationships, especially that with Sam. It becomes a game of who do you trust and this game has deadly occurrences.

The Stillhouse Lake series has been a winner for me. It does hold your attention and provide a wonderful amount of thrills and chills. This book was not the strongest of the series, but it again shows the allure and charisma Rachel Caine has created in the Stillhouse Lake series. I recommend that you read this series from its start for it is one those who so enjoy well done thrillers will find enticing.

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There's so much going on in this story, especially when Gwen lands in Wolfhunter to help Marlene's daughter, Vera (Vee) who reached out to her. It was hard to distinguish between the compromised law enforcement, those that just resented Gwen because of her history and the good guys. In the midst of all this is an abducted child and three missing young women feared dead, in addition to the relentless media assaults on Gwen and her family. There's obviously something seriously wrong in this town and figuring that out is just as challenging. I had to pay close attention because the clues are all there.

I read the first two books and opted to listen to this one as this series is ideal to listen to because of the pace and action. I'm so glad I made the switch because the narrators masterfully handled the narratives of Gwen, her daughter Lanny, her son Connor and her lover Sam Cade. I especially liked the performance for Gwen as she adeptly captured the personality and steeliness of this fearsome woman. I highly recommend this format.

This next phase of life for Gwen and her family didn't disappoint and it has some powerful, painful moments with some shocking betrayals. There's nothing predictable about the story and it was beyond exciting and gnarly. At times things seemed a little convoluted but eventually made sense when I got to the outcome. It's an intricate story and you better pay close attention to the details. It's a worthy edition to this unique and exciting series.

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Full of mystery and plenty of villains, Wolfhunter River possesses many of the elements fans love about this series. The ending was action packed and the many revelations associated with both new and familiar characters were quite surprising in my opinion. However, I personally am not excited to move forward with Gwen in a new role that places her and her family at even graver risk. In the author's defense, the only alternative is to end the series which she obviously is not ready to do and I don't blame her. She has a real talent for adult domestic suspense and this segue was clearly well-thought out. I foresee readers either embracing the turn this series is taking with this pivotal book or using this as an exit point, as I am doing. Make no mistake, Wolfhunter River is not a bad book. It's good, but it will require a full buy-in from the reader from this point on and I'm sadly all tapped out.

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## Wolfhunter River Audiobook

OMG there's a third!!!!

Killman Creek SPOILER

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Canâ€™t stop thinking about that letter Gwen threw away from Melvin and that she should have read it!

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Throw in crazy stalkers, Marvin's fans, and obsessed family members of the victims and you have one heck of a story that is not only easy to fall right back into but completely enjoyable.

Not only were the characters more fleshed out but other things were revealed as well about them, their past and of course the horror that will always remain with them of what Marvin did and continues to do to them when it shouldn't even be possible.

All in all, a very pleasing, very entertaining read that kept me interested and turning the pages.

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