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Black Opal (Peri Jean Mace Ghost Thrillers Book 2)



Synopsis

A magical gemstone. A haunted plantation house. A murderer on the loose. Destiny and ghosts can really ruin a road trip. Peri Jean Mace travels to Louisiana's plantation country to catch her two-timing boyfriend with his pants down. A car wreck later, she's stuck in a house full of strangers solving a decades-old murder mystery. But when Peri Jean finds a necklace that enhances her supernatural abilities, she unearths secrets a murderer thought forever buried. Now a target herself, Peri Jean is in a race against a stone-cold killer masquerading as a regular person. Can Peri Jean figure out the truth in time? Black Opal is book two in the Peri Jean Mace Ghost Thriller series. If you like your Urban Fantasy with ghosts, family secrets, and a gutsy heroine, you'll love Black Opal. Buy Black Opal today and take a wild ride with Peri Jean Mace.

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Customer Reviews

The gritty yet lovable Peri Jean Mace is back in this second installment of Catie Rhodes's Peri Jean Mace Ghost Thrillers series. But this time, her ability is gone hi-def. In this fast-paced, well-contrived story, our favorite East Texas "sixth senser" is back and thrust into a whole new mystery revolving around her love interest's family. A curse more than a gift, her power to detect the dead is "in stereo" thanks to a talisman from the past, forcing Peri Jean to put aside the fear and shame associated with her ability and use it to solve a decades-old murder. In classic Peri Jean style, she does what she can to help, following clues left by the dead, while dealing with her own real-life issues: the failing health of a beloved family member, a new boyfriend, his ex. I love that throughout it all, the author makes certain that Peri Jean stays true to herself no matter where she is or what she's doing or who she's around. I know this is terrible, but I kind of hope she never stops smoking. I became a huge fan of Peri in the first book of this series, and I was relieved to find her unchanged in this book. I do wish that the story had been longer, the mystery less straightforward (this one I actually did figure out before it was revealed), but those were my only druthers. I finished this book in record time because I couldn't put it down. As I've come to expect from Ms. Rhodes, this tale was well-edited, realistic (even in its fiction), and just a fun, entertaining read. I was offered a free copy for an honest review, but I had already purchased this book because I enjoyed the first one so much.

This was much better than the first one, maybe bc it is a paired down version at about 1/2 of the first. Not nearly the same amount of redundancy but I have to say I am not a fan of Peri Jean as some seem to be. She thinks she is tougher than she is and seems to think chain smoking is an attractive trait. Here's a hint, its not. It just emphasizes her truly weak personality. If she were a man I would refer to the Napoleon or little man's disease. That being said I generally like the stories even though the 'bad guy' has been obvious from early on in each one so far. I just hope the author makes Peri Jean a little bit more likable in the next one with less of the crazy temper.

This was a short book, which was unexpected after reading the first story. But it was pretty tight and well written. A few plot points I would have liked filled in, but overall an enjoyable read. I "purchased" the first book for free. I was curious about where the story went, with the characters, but hesitated to buy the second book. I'm glad I took the chance. This story helped build up the characters and develop a couple of them a little more fully. And I liked learning about Dean's family. They were rich,

but they were still human. It was a fast read.

This was so amazing on so many levels. Great characters, great mystery and a great big hot mess. Peri is on her way to Deans family home to new Orleans. He left his wallet at home by mistake. She is way beyond pissed because she found damning evidence he is lying to her. Once she arrives she realizes he's been hiding other things from her as well. His family is wealthy beyond reason. He has been in the company of his exwife and he forgot to mention a dead, missing sister. Peri has met her already. This where all the fun begins. Lots of family secrets and insecurities are revealed along the way. This was just as funny and thrilling as the first book. I look forward to Peri's next foray into the unknown.

I am really enjoying this series! I will be ordering a few more books from it shortly! This is an excellent read and a wonderful WHODONIT Mystery! You don't know the answers til the end! It's a well written and very imaginative writer! I really love the paranormal influences and the personal drama involved in the book! It's a tale with many twists and turns and I had a hard time putting it down! Well Done!

Anyone who is a fan of southern mysteries should enjoy this series. Ms. Rhodes has a distinct talent for describing small town life and sensibilities and incorporating them into her stories. The characters feel as real and genuine as your next door neighbor. It's easy to get drawn into the story and cheer for and cringe at Peri Jean as she learns to come to grips with her very special tie to the supernatural.

The most surprising thing was how this book held my attention. I didn't want to put it down. I needed to know how it was going to end before I went to sleep. And to think if it hadn't been for Book Bub (free book), I would have never known about this author. I got the first book free then I purchased the other four after reading the first one.

I read Forever Road last year and really enjoyed it, especially Peri Jean and Dean's relationship. And I liked seeing that expanded on in this novella. Even if they were both having to deal with their issues. And I hated Lisette. "I am Lisette David-Turgeon-Carter. I was Dean's wife for about fifteen years." - yeah, I knew she was a so&so right then. "Let's get away from the house before you let loose on me." - He already knows her so well after just six months. "What else could happen to

make this tip worse?" - A question you really should never ask yourself. Something worse always happens. I felt so bad for Dean, between Shayne's disappearance/death and Lisette's infidelity and overall nastiness. No wonder he's so serious. I loved that they worked things out without a lot of unnecessary misunderstandings & she was able to get herself out of trouble in the end. I look forward to reading more about these two.

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