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3.5 Stars

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That ends in a catastrophe and more lives are lost as a direct result. And then Nevins joins in the killing fest, so we have bodies everywhere and it's up to Stark and Waterman to figure out what's what.

I've read several of Gregg Olsen's books .. mostly his true crime.. so I was just a tad disappointed in this one. The characters seem a little overblown. There are many background characters to keep track of and at times it's like trying to move through sludge. The story line is alright .. just not terribly mysterious or suspenseful.

And to top it off, there is a cliff hanger that will be taken up in his next book JUST TRY TO STOP MEsometime in 2016.

My thanks to the author / Kensington Books / NetGalley who furnished a digital copy in exchange for an honest, unbiased review. ...more

Now That She's Back In The Atmosphere

It has been a really long time since I have read anything by Mr. Olsen. So when I had the chance to read this book I jumped instantly on the chance without a second thought. The Prologue hooked me right away. Then after that the story was fine. Just I kept reading. It was not until I was about twenty two chapters in that I was wondering when the story was going to start. What I mean by this is that Brenda was the only person of any real interest. Everyone else including Birdy and Kendall bored me. It has been a really long time since I have read anything by Mr. Olsen. So when I had the chance to read this book I jumped instantly on the chance without a second thought. The Prologue hooked me right away. Then after that the story was fine. Just I kept reading. It was not until I was about twenty two chapters in that I was wondering when the story was going to start. What I mean by this is that Brenda was the only person of any real interest. Everyone else including Birdy and Kendall bored me and unimpressed me. Plus all of the other secondary characters got on my nerves. After a while longer of reading this book, I jumped to the ending, which was so, so.

I am saddened by this book. Not the author's best showing. Luckily I have read other books by this author and so I know just how good of an writer Mr. Olsen is. ...more

This is the middle book in a trilogy, but fortunately for me, could be read as a standalone. Having said that, I will go back and read/listen to the first one in this serial killer trilogy. Serial killer Brenda Nevins, escapes from prison, with the help of Warden Janie Thomas. Detective Kendall Stark and Forensic Pathologist, Birdy Waterman are assumed to be targets. As this is going on, Stark is assigned to help a reality television show featuring a psychic and disgraced cop solve a local cold case. This is the middle book in a trilogy, but fortunately for me, could be read as a standalone. Having said that, I will go back and read/listen to the first one in this serial killer trilogy. Serial killer Brenda Nevins, escapes from prison, with the help of Warden Janie Thomas. Detective Kendall Stark and Forensic Pathologist, Birdy Waterman are assumed to be targets. As this is going on, Stark is assigned to help a reality television show featuring a psychic and disgraced cop solve a local cold case. Kendall is overwhelmed with work and with her deteriorating circumstances at home. Frustrated on both fronts, Kendall uses her dogged determination to try to solve the cases and right the wrongs.

This book has a fast paced plot, good side story and great characters. Kendall Stark and Native American Birdy Waterman are a great team. They are supreme problem solvers. There was a line in the book that describes Birdy very accurately. When Birdy has a body on the table she "prays for them and promises to find out what happened." Kendall is just as determined to solve the case. I enjoyed the unmasking of the reality show and the characters involved in that, it gave credence to that storyline for me. I had some issues with parts of this story though. I did not like how Kendall fell apart when dealing with Brenda (the serial killer). She provoked her, whether on purpose or unintentionally and that was a bit disconcerting. I also dislike abrupt and cliffhanger type endings. I know I will have to read the next book to find out what happens, but will read book 1 first. ...more

Now That She's Gone Florida Georgia Line

Now That She's Gone (Waterman and Stark #2), by Gregg Olsen looked really interesting from the book's blurb. This is the 2nd book in the Waterman & Stark series, having read the first book, I was really excited when I was approved for a copy from NetGalley.

Unfortunately I found the book to be a very bland & mediocre mystery. It just felt like so much was missing (like depth of the story, more suspense, mystery, more descriptive murders, more connection between the murders and there pl Now That She's Gone (Waterman and Stark #2), by Gregg Olsen looked really interesting from the book's blurb. This is the 2nd book in the Waterman & Stark series, having read the first book, I was really excited when I was approved for a copy from NetGalley.

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I found I really didn't like many of the characters, and I had a hard time believing in the role that Kendall was in, she just wasn't convincing for me. The relationships between characters in the book were so thin, I wanted more connection, they just felt flat and one dimensional. I wanted Brenda to be a creepier villain; I wanted her acts to be so despicable that I knew why I was hating her. In fact just as the Brenda Nevins storyline picks up and there's a possibility that the book might improve (view spoiler)[the book abruptly ends in a truck stop (hide spoiler)] the reader is left with a surprise! I guess I just wanted / expected more than the author was able to give me.

I received a copy of this book from NetGalley on behalf of Kensington Books/Pinnacle for an honest review.

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For me this was a 2.75 star read which I'll round up to three stars

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The writing is really good and like I said with all the suspense it really keeps your attention. Highly recommended.

Disclaimer:

I received a complimentary copy of the book in exchange for an honest review.

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Now That She's Gone Gregg Olsen

I find the Waterman and Stark stories as a new partnership in the serial mystery series that is an enjoyable read. In this book Kendall and Birdie are trying to stay one step ahead of a serial killer "Brenda Nevins" who has turned an otherwise exemplary warden of her penitentiary into her accomplice. As she leaves a trail of bodies and calls taunting Kendall and Birdie the story widens as she remains on the loose. In the meantime Kendall has been ordered to appear on a physic's television show for a case of a missing teen from several years ago and try to explain why her department could not solve this case even though she was not a member of their force at that time. Great read. I would like to thank the publisher and Net Galley for the chance to read this ARC. ...more

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I won't say much more about the story line because I don't want to give away any spoilers. However, I will say there was a lot of drama on the reality actors part that over and above what was needed.

The story was pretty well written. I liked how the detective knew a lot of stuff and did not let on to the reality actors that she knew the difference. The whole story of what did happen four years ago does come out and boy is it messed up.

The story definitely kept me interested as there were no really slow parts in it and I was certainly perplexed as to what really did happen four years ago. As for the serial killer, she really didn't keep me interested. She was like a ghostly witch who appears once in a while trying to scare you, but everyone

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ignores her. Maybe her role is better written in the other books. As she was just really fluff in this one for me.

Thanks Kensington Books and Net Galley for providing me with this free e-galley in exchange for an honest review. I would recommend the book and I would definitely read more of his books, no matter my seemingly negative comments above, as I didn't mean for them to be negative.

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Now That She's Gone Destiny's Child

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With a fast paced plot and great characters such as the team of Detective Kendall Stark and Forensic Pathologist Birdy Waterman, Now That She's Gone was a thrilling read, but not a very surprising one. Both the cold case and the active one had endings that were telegraphed, taking away much of the impact of the story. Besides the lack of an explosive reveal, the abrupt ending left me with the feeling that the book was somewhat unfinished. The biggest problem that I had with Kendall was how she lost her composure and sank to serial killer Brenda's level. A police officer would never use the kind of derogatory language Kendall used on the phone with Brenda, especially when she knew it would provoke her. Also, knowing that she and Birdy were being targeted, you would think that precautions would have been taken to insure their safety and that of their families. Now That She's Gone might appeal to readers who like police procedural novels that are not full of mystery or intrigue. ...more

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One of the interesting dilemmas in the book is the fact that no one is what he or she seems on the surface. It seems that most people have some dark piece that is hidden from others, even the ones who supposedly know them the most. It made me wonder if all people have a public face that hides something within. This trait was even seen with Brenda Nevin's mother whose home was meticulous on the outside, but a smelly and filthy mess inside.

This book is a winner and is quite readable. It moves along quickly with many twists and turns. I highly recommend this book. ...more

Now That She's Gone Lyrics

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Olsen pens another winner with a chilling novel featuring a woman serial killer. I am officially hooked on his books and have to read all of them now. Kendall Stark and Birdy Waterman make a dynamic team. Anticipating the next book and what's in store for us as readers gives me goose bumps. The cliffhanger ending had me shrieking in frustration because I want the next book now. Sigh!

Now That She's Gone Lyrics Destiny's Child

Predictable. Skip it.

This was my first read in Author Gregg Olsen's Waterman & Stark Thriller Series and I loved it. I have always been a Gregg Olsen fan of his true crime books and I just started reading his fiction books this year. He is such a skilled author that I have to keep reminding myself that what I am reading is fiction since what he writes is so believable. I cannot wait to read the rest of the books in this series. I highly recommend this book to anyone who loves a good thriller.

Now That She's Gone Lyrics Fgl

Book 2 was a good read, but enjoyed Book one of the series better. The Serial Killer is still at large, so onto the FINALE...

I wish I had known this was a sequel, it would have explained so much. Things make more sense that I know now. Not that it changes the fact that this was a real chore to read. No, sirree, nothing will change that. I had big problems with the fact that this book comprised of some of the flattest, most boring, one dimensional characters I have ever had the misfortune of reading about. Not only are they bland and boring, they are uneven. There are few things that annoy me as much as character incon I wish I had known this was a sequel, it would have explained so much. Things make more sense that I know now. Not that it changes the fact that this was a real chore to read. No, sirree, nothing will change that. I had big problems with the fact that this book comprised of some of the flattest, most boring, one dimensional characters I have ever had the misfortune of reading about. Not only are they bland and boring, they are uneven. There are few things that annoy me as much as character inconsistencies, and Olsen's characters are riddled with them, which is just unacceptable. I got this book to read about the promised serial killer. Come on, that psyche is something that has always fascinated me. A female one? We get so little of that, so much potential. Nope, not what I got. I got a plain, silly Brenda Nevins with her fake boobs and immensely lacking character. She was lame, she did not scare me or fascinate me at all, which was a real pity. I so wanted more. I felt not one ounce of fear or urgency at any single part of this book. When I come to read a crime thriller, I expect those aspects to be present, and I was sorely disappointed to not have them feature here. I feel that there was no backstory for anything that happened in this novel, though I am unsure as to whether or not that is because I missed the last one. Indeed, if that is the reason, Olsen should have given us enough material to move us along in this one and not leave the reader feeling bewildered and confused within the first two chapters. I found that there were absolutely no characters that I liked or wanted to back and support at all, which is not really what you want from a story. I also found the plot lines to be exceptionally forced. I know this review is harsh, and it really is not what I envisioned, and not what I wanted to write, but the book really just did nothing for me, and then just ended, leaving me hanging with nothing wrapping up, and I cannot stand that in a book. I cannot recommend this book, especially not to those who enjoy thrillers, and expect a page turner, gore, a serious story, and an antagonist and protagonist that will draw you in. ...more

Now That She's Back From That Soul Vacation Lyrics

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Narcissism is the key word for this thriller and it comes in all kinds using everything in its power to make itself known. That being said, this is a free for all when it comes to anything goes. Kendall's character brings it home in pursuit of righting a wrong and having faith that it can be right.

A real page turner with twists and turns and cliff hanger! Looking forward to the next installment!

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This book starts off quite confusing with lots of characters and flitting around a bit but once we meet Kendall it seems to settle down. I loved the character of Kendall and found her very personable as was

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Birdy. The serial killer story kind of took a back burner to the case of Katy who was missing presumed dead. The awful tv crew were very well characterized as I couldn't stand a single one of them! I've read books by Gregg Olsen before (I particularly like the Emily Kenyon series) but didn't feel this was one of his best and it didn't tempt me into reading the first in this series. I may read any follow ups depending on whether I find the plot a little more interesting than this one. I received a copy of the book via netgalley in return for an unbiased review. ...more

Now That She's Had The Old Bull

Now That She's Gone is the second book in Gregg Olsen's Waterman and Stark series. It continues where the first book left off (so I'd suggest reading book 1 first). I have listened to the audio books for this series and think they are really good.

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Additionally, since this is a series, the author also weaves in personal stories of Waterman and Stark. The first book had more of Birdie Waterman's life and troubles, and this book has mostly Kendall Stark's. I think these stories help the reader feel closer to the 2 women, and also keep you interested, hence waiting for the next book in the series.

Good book, good narrator, and good mystery make a very enjoyable book. ...more

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Gregg Olsen has written another good solid novel with intriguing characters, twists and turns that took

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me on an enjoyable journey of mystery, crime, suspense and the challenge of trying to figure it all out before he told me.

When I read the ending it left the door wide open for book #3 and to my delight it appears Brenda Nevins will be back full force in this one. Keeping my fingers crossed as I look forward to another Waterman and Stark (and much more of Nevins).

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