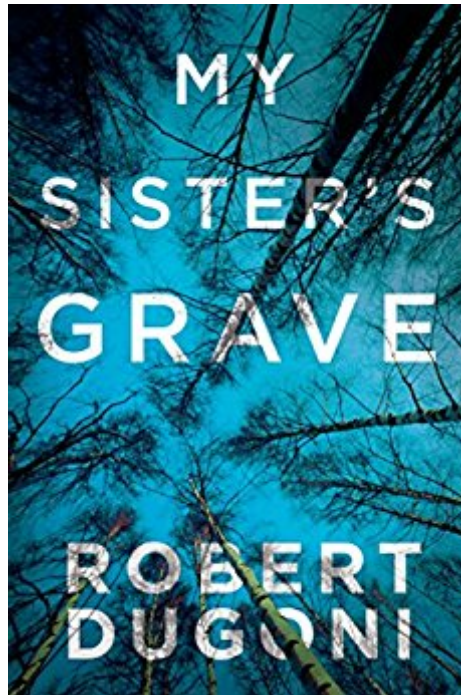




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My Sister's Grave (The Tracy Crosswhite Series Book 1)



Synopsis

Tracy Crosswhite has spent twenty years questioning the facts surrounding her sister Sarah's disappearance and the murder trial that followed. She doesn't believe that Edmund House is a convicted rapist and the man condemned for Sarah's murder is the guilty party. Motivated by the opportunity to obtain real justice, Tracy became a homicide detective with the Seattle PD and dedicated her life to tracking down killers. When Sarah's remains are finally discovered near their hometown in the northern Cascade mountains of Washington State, Tracy is determined to get the answers she's been seeking. As she searches for the real killer, she unearths dark, long-kept secrets that will forever change her relationship to her past and open the door to deadly danger.

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Customer Reviews

I'm certainly not sorry I read the book - it's interesting, fast-paced, and entertaining. I love crime drama and this definitely read like an episode of CSI or Law & Order. I also appreciated that the author manages to portray the heinous crime without being unreasonably graphic or vulgar. My biggest issue with the story is just how unbelievable it is. I realize Tracy's point is to uncover the egregious mishandling of the case, but it really pushes the level of possibility. The ending is also

pretty far-fetched, but I understand it's fiction. My problem with the ending is how fast and explosive it is compared to the overall pacing of the book. Also, the author needs to work on names and naming conventions. There are so many minor characters and when they all have names like Finlay, Finn, and Kins, it's harder to tell them apart. Also, the author flips back and forth between calling a character by their first name and last name with no apparent pattern or reasoning. It makes it particularly difficult when a character is named something like "Kelly Rosa", she comes up in about 3 scenes, and half the time she's called Kelly and half the time Rosa. I thought they were two different people. As I said, I'm not sorry I read the book and would recommend it to someone who was looking for a easy crime read. I'd also consider another book by this author, but agree with other reviewers that he needs to consider a different editor.

My Sisters Grave is a fast paced, intriguing semi detective, semi legal thriller which gives me the feeling of a crime drama I would most likely watch. I am a big fan of Law and Order and CSI so this book was easy to read and fast to go through. After spending 20 years searching for answers of her sister's death, Homicide Detective Tracy Crosswhite may have found a break or at least where her sister Sarah's body is. While hiking in a hills, a couple of hunters (and their dog) discover skeletal remains buried and partially out of the ground. This brings Tracy back to her tiny hometown of Cedar Grove in hopes of finally solving the mystery that's haunted her for the past 20 years and the one case she is determined to put to rest. The town and all its residents (excluding lawyer Dan O'Leary) believe that this case has been solved and the man responsible is in jail, Tracy having a passion for solving cold cases believes otherwise. I won't give away too much of the plot for the rest to enjoy, but overall this was a great mystery to read.

Okay, slight disclaimer in that this book does contain some language and minor sexual content. (I always feel like I have to add this, because I write for a younger audience, so I never know who follows my reviews. Be warned.) Twenty years ago, eighteen-year-old Sarah disappeared into the woods surrounding small town Cedar Grove in the Cascades. Her sister, Tracy, has never forgotten the tragedy, even becoming a detective so that she could continue to search for what had really happened. Now, they've finally discovered Sarah's body, and with the new forensic evidence presented, Tracy isn't so sure that they put the right man behind bars so very long ago. This was an excellent and well-written mystery. It went back and forth between past and present for a while, allowing the details to slowly emerge as more secrets were uncovered. Part legal drama, part mystery, I thoroughly enjoyed every moment of this intriguing story and all of the

twists and turns. After twenty years, we see the aftermath of what Sarah's disappearance had on the small town, and just how many people are rattled when Tracy wants to reopen old wounds. Plus, I loved the backdrop/setting for the story, as I love the Cascade Mountain Range. I could picture the gorgeous scenery surrounding the tale. Highly recommended.

Tracy's sister disappeared twenty years ago. She didn't think the man convicted was actually guilty and became so obsessed with figuring out who really did it that she became a homicide detective. Sarah's body was discovered and Tracy returns to the small town she left so long ago. My Sister's Grave follows the effect the discovery had on Tracy and the rest of the town. There are plenty of twists to keep the reader hanging on throughout the course of the book. There were two issues that I had with this book. The first, and lesser, is that I had trouble keeping track of some of the secondary characters. Tracy's coworkers would pop into the story and I would have trouble figuring out who they were. I'm guessing they will be more developed in the sequel but I didn't feel they added much to the book. Their presence confused me more than anything. The issue that bothered me more is something that most people outside the Forensic DNA analysis field wouldn't catch. There were multiple things during the testimony of the DNA analyst at the hearing that are not accurate. It helps the story along, but as a DNA analyst that has testified at multiple criminal court proceedings several things made me cringe. Even with these issues, I enjoyed this story again. I am looking forward to the sequel.

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