

A Cold Day in Hell by Lissa Marie Redmond

5 stars

A cold-case investigation featuring Detective Lauren Riley

At the age of thirty-eight, Lauren Riley is a twice-divorced mother of two college age daughters, working cold-case homicides. She has fought three hard trials with defence attorney Frank Violanti and won every one of them. She thinks he is a troll and despises him but now he wants to hire her as a private detective to help with the defence of his eighteen-year-old godson who has been arrested for murder. He wants her help because he knows she is very good at what she does and, more importantly, juries trust her. She agrees to help once she meets the young man and also because the arresting officer is Detective Joe Wheeler, a thug with whom she has a history. But should you trust your gut instinct in all things?

I thoroughly enjoyed the book. The story flows between the investigation into what happened on the night of the murder and a cold case that Lauren and her partner are working on – a cold case from 1992 where a mother was stabbed and left to die in the street. The police never made much progress with the case and the daughter never got answers or closure. Now Lauren is trying to help her, trying to put the past right. It is one of those books that you can read in an entire day, if you are an avid reader. The pace never slackens, the characters never disappoint and the story never wavers.

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