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If you love gritty suspense thrillers, you really must give Karin Slaughter a try. The forensics, the police work, etc are all exceptionally well done, and her characters are fantastic. I'm copying the rest below from my review of *Fallen*, the eleventh book in the series. For anyone who is interested in checking out this series, please note that it's important to read them in order since the author wrote two separate series that eventually merge. Here's the order in which they should be read:

Grant County Series: *Blindsighted*, *Kisscut*, *A Faint, Cold Fear*, *Indelible*, *Faithless*, *Beyond Reach*, *Will Trent* Series. These two books can be read in order concurrently with the above, but read them before you read the third batch.

Triptych Series: *Fractured*, *Georgia*. Series merging of two sets of characters: *Undone*, *Broken*, *Fallen*, *Fair*. Warning that they are fairly violent and occasionally gruesome, so they are definitely not for the faint of heart. But if you enjoy this sort of thing, you're in for a really fun time. *D Well* after reading *BLINDSIGHTED* I now consider myself to be a full-blown *KARIN SLAUGHTER* fan. This is only the second book I have read by her and the first book in her Grant County Series which I thoroughly enjoyed. So this definitely will not be my last and I think that I will probably find myself binge-reading the rest of the books in this series. *BLINDSIGHTED* by *KARIN SLAUGHTER* is a gritty, edgy, engrossing, and suspenseful mystery thriller that had me interested enough to turn those pages as fast as I could. Trigger warning as this author does go into some graphic detail that might be disturbing for some. The novel kept me interested and guessing with the right amount of clues as the

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mystery gradually unfolded to the very exciting ending Although, there was nothing real surprising with the reveal it is the storyline and the way that the author delivers this story is what grabbed my attention and made this book such a good read for me To sum it all up it was an entertaining, disturbing, exciting, tense, fast paced, and a quick read with a very satisfying ending Highly recommend Review written and posted on our themed book blog Two Sisters Lost In A Coulee Reading.<https://twosisterslostinacoulee.com>Coulee a term applied rather loosely to different landforms, all of which refer to a kind of valley. There s something to be said for rereading a book you loved immensely While I obviously knew who did it this go around, it was really a special experience that allowed me to soak up the wonderful characters and marinate in all the feels from these fine southern folks that I haven t spent time with in many moons Clearly the first go around I was focused on picking up clues and solving the crime, but this time felt different it was laid back and easygoing Gone was the urgent, rushed sense of devouring the book not that there s anything wrong with urgently devouring books , and I was able to experience things from a completely new perspective Maybe as I grow older I appreciate the fine details, the exquisite style of writing, and the author s talented way of drawing me completely into the story, but I found myself just as gripped by the plot without any of the tension or pressure to fly through and move on to the next one.Obviously the central case was graphic, both violently and sexually, so it won t be for everyone, but I was so pleased that it remained a concrete 5 stars for me without all the flashy twists blowing my mind from the first go around If you are looking for top notch characterization in your crime thrillers, you really can t do any better than Karin Slaughter It s like the woman lives in a different world than we do and sees things I overlook on a daily basis the tiny details are what really set these stories apart from others in the genre I know so many people are die hard fans of the Will Trent series, but if you skipped ahead without reading Grant County first I urgently insist that you backtrack and take the time to experience where it all started There s a tight knit feel in these first 6 books that I have yet to find anywhere else, which is one of many reasons why this series will be one of my all time favorites Sara Jeffrey my favorite

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couple ever A reread for me, but with all these arcs piling up around me I felt I needed to pick up a book that is sentimental and just for me, one with no expectations that I already know I love I m really pumped to start this series from the beginning again, as it s one of my all time favorites, and I m hoping to write a proper review this go around. I am torn on this one and I am erring on the side of giving the author the benefit of the doubt as it was her first book It definitely felt like a first effort Not that I could do better if I was to try So, 3 stars for Blindsighted. The plot was riveting and held my interest At times, it was very extreme if fictional violence against women bothers you STAY AWAY , but if you can handle the extreme, the details make it all the suspenseful. I felt a bit like some of the plot elements and twists were forced Even though it is supposed to be a mystery until the end, and while I didn t know why it all happened until the end, I felt like the way it was written the who was pretty obvious early on. Looks like this was released in 2001 and some of the elements are definitely specific to the time period Music choices, mention of having something on tape, etc Just kind of an interesting side note. I am looking forward to trying another as I am sure she hones her craft as she goes on But, again, this is not too bad of a first effort. The First Grant County Novel, From The No Bestseller The Sleepy Town Of Heartsdale, Georgia, Is Jolted Into Panic When Sara Linton, Paediatrician And Medical Examiner, Finds Sibyl Adams Dead In The Local Diner As Well As Being Viciously Raped, Sibyl Has Been Cut Two Deep Knife Wounds Form A Lethal Cross Over Her Stomach But It S Only Once Sara Starts To Perform The Post Mortem That The Full Extent Of The Killer S Brutality Becomes Clear Police Chief Jeffrey Tolliver Sara S Ex Husband Is In Charge Of The Investigation, And When A Second Victim Is Found, Crucified, Only A Few Days Later, Both Jeffrey And Sara Have To Face The Fact That Sibyl S Murder Wasn T A One Off Attack What They Re Dealing With Is A Seasoned Sexual Predator A Violent Serial Killer Blindsighted by Karin Slaughter is a 2015 Harper publication This is the first book in the Grant County series, which was originally published way back in 2002 I have read this book before, a long time ago, before Goodreads had even launched However, I decided to start the Grant County series over, despite having read a few of them already It s a

long story, but basically, I got some of the Grant County books mixed up with the Will Trent series, which caused a great deal of confusion, for me, which is something I did a lot until GR came along to help me organize my books and before I received valuable hints and suggestions from other readers So, although I know how things work out for some of the characters in future installments, I want to understand the full story, and refresh my memory about a few things before I continue with the Trent series Sara is a pediatrician and works part time as a coroner The part time work puts her directly in contact with her ex husband, Jeffrey, a man she has a complicated history with and with whom she still carries a torch But, when Jeffrey's deputy, Lena, loses her sister in a very violent way, it stirs up bad memories for Sara and forces her to work up close and personal with her Jeffrey while they try to put a killer behind bars This is a very gritty crime thriller with some pretty gruesome and lurid descriptions, which is certainly not for the faint of heart There's also some fantastic personal interactions, some of which nearly choked me up Wow I had forgotten how good this book was It has perfect pacing, well timed twists, and in depth characterizations that are very rare for a first in a series novel, and of course, let's not forget that stunning shocker at the end Although this book was written fifteen years ago, it stands up well to the test of time and blew me away, even knowing all I know now So, if you have started the Will Trent series without reading this series first, I still recommend picking these up If you haven't read Will Trent yet, I STRONGLY urge you to read the Grant County books first because it will really help you understand the backstories that crossover into the Trent series later 4.5 stars This was good There are some graphic parts but you can skim it. Blindsighted Karin Slaughter's first Sara Linton novel And the publishers announce First there was Patricia Cornwell THEN there was Kathy Reichs NOW GET READY FOR KARIN SLAUGHTER Karin Slaughter Welcome to Grant County, Georgia Don't look for it on a Georgia map It isn't there And in this fictional County, there's a fictional town It's a small town called Heartsdale, somewhere around Madison, but before you hit Augusta. Eddie Linton and Daughters is a plumbing company in town But it should be Linton and Daughter Tessa works with her father Sara grew up and went to medical school and

became a pediatrician After medical school Sara returns home and takes over the town medical clinic The nearest hospital is in Augusta She married Jeff Tolliver, the County Sheriff, but divorced him after he cheated on her with the town sign painter Life s complicated when your Ex is the Sheriff and you re not only the town s pediatrician, but also the County Coroner You bump into your Ex a lot than you might like Actually, Jeff wouldn t mind patching things up After all, he only had that affair because he wanted Sara to need him as much as he needed her Uh huh What Could this be a new genre Crimance Sara definitely doesn t want Jeff back in her life She s dated the town pharmacist, Jeb, off and on It hasn t been anything serious Sara really doesn t have the time. Things turn nasty when Sara has lunch with her sister Tessa down at Pete s Diner She steps into the bathroom to wash her hands and finds herself in the middle of a crime scene Sybil Adams is sitting on the john Someone has carved a cross into her Sybil dies in convulsions in Sara s arms as she bleeds out on the bathroom floor. From whence does the title come Why, from Belladonna from the Italian meaning beautiful woman Traditionally the plant was used to cause dilation of the pupils to make a woman appear seductive Use too much of the stuff, you become so sensitive to light you can see nothing, and it s a powerful hallucinogenic, causing paralysis, loss of memory, and convulsions Belladonna Sybil was blind Hmmmin Roman mythology Sybil was a Seeress Well, maybe it was just a coincidental choice and not an attempt at irony She was a professor at the small college She was also a lesbian Was it a hate crime More conflict rises because her sister Lena is one of Sheriff Tolliver s Detectives She s out to find her own justice for her sister s death. Sara s autopsy reveals that Sybil was also raped and sodomized A second victim is found draped across Sarah s car She had been crucified in x form, and repeatedly raped and sodomized She was also stabbed Sara prevents her death by cracking her chest and massaging her heart When this young woman begins to tell of her experience, Jeff realizes he s got an escalating serial rapist killer on his hands. Slaughter relentlessly turns up the pace when Jeff s detective Lena, Sybil s sister is the next woman to disappear Slaughter has the ability to keep you flipping the pages to see what happens next. Could Sara be the next victim, Jeff worries Can he find his

missing detective *Blindsighted* is a decent series debut Karin Slaughter has sold a gazillion books The book blurbs glow. BUT I wish I could have liked this book The herrings herein are very, very, red There s the homophobic doper And a ridiculous stab at an incident of token racism, when some townsmen assume that an aged black man musta dun it OH, PLEASE C MON I anticipated the identity of the perp long before the end While on the surface of things, Sara appears proficient in her forensic skills, she is a pediatrician, not a pathologist If Sara ever makes it to court, it wouldn t be pretty Oh Dang Spoiler alert If the perp never survives, you don t have to worry about witness qualification And, by the way, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation has a death investigation division with either four to five regional laboratories staffed with pathologists Georgia uses a Medical Examiner System The Coroner calls for an autopsy, but bodies are transported to the labs for the autopsies Now, I do understand that six Georgia counties are not covered by GBI, so considering Grant County is fictional anyway, well, heck this is a work of fiction Interestingly, Slaughter also refers to Sara as a medical examiner in one paragraph in which she also calls her a coroner. I m jaded Twenty eight years in a District Attorney s Office will do that to you If you think I m too hard in my assessment of Karin Slaughter, don t get me started on John Grisham D.A does NOT stand for dumb ass, Mr Grisham One thing I must acknowledge Karin Slaughter has the dynamics of rape and men who rape down with great accuracy For the dialogue, pacing, and that knowledge, I give this 3.5 our of five stars. Having said all that, of course I already have the second book in the series I admit I like it when the good guys win. This was not my first book by Slaughter I read this book after reading *Cop town* and *Pretty Girls* and now I am hooked Slaughter has quickly become one of my favorite mystery writers She is a gritty and intelligent writer I love the research she puts into her books Having a background in Forensics, I really appreciate her books and the research she puts into this. In *Blindsighted*, a professor is found murdered in a restaurant Her Murder hits very close to home to Sara, who is the town s Pediatrician and Coroner It is also Sara who discovers the body The professor turns out to be the twin sister of a police officer who works for Sara s ex husband, Jeffrey. Will

Sara's past holds the key to solving this case. What will happen between her and her ex-husband Jeffrey? As stated above, I love Slaughter's attention to detail. I love the police work involved, the investigations, the forensics, even the autopsies are well done in this book. But mostly, I love the relationships between the characters. I love the love story between Sara and Jeffrey. Just enough is told to make me like them both. To get me involved in their history and continued story. Plus, well, there is a killer on the loose. Who is it? Will there be victims? Will the police save the day? I'll never tell. Pick up this book and read it already, see of my reviews at www.openbookpost.com. 4.5 stars.

Blindsighted is the debut novel by Karin Slaughter, first published in 2001. Sara Linton, the paediatrician and medical examiner in the little town of Hearsdale, Georgia, makes a shocking discovery in the local diner. She finds Sybil Adams dead, apart from being viciously raped, two deep knife wounds have been carved across her stomach. When a few days later a second victim is found crucified, Sara and chief of police Jeffrey Tolliver find themselves dealing with an experienced sexual predator, a serial killer.

I read my first Karin Slaughter novel, *The Good Daughter*, earlier this year and was amazed at how much I loved her writing. I decided to go right back to the very beginning of her work so I could enjoy the full experience of reading *The Grant County* series from the start. Once I was familiar with the characters in the first couple of chapters, I quickly settled into the intensity, once again, of discovering who the predator was. I definitely won't win any detective awards as I never saw the ending coming at all. Towards the end, the suspense built quickly and I found I couldn't put the book down. My heart was racing with all the soon-to-be revelations. You know, reading Karin Slaughter's work, you are going to have to deal with a fair bit of graphic and gruesome descriptions. This actually didn't bother me as I appreciated all the research the author must have undertaken in her detail of the autopsy descriptions. Her descriptive writing really is quite special as she really has a knack of describing images that remain with you long after you finish the last page. I'm very much looking forward to continuing on with the *Grant County* Series. For a debut novel, Karin Slaughter's *Blindsighted* is very impressive and definitely one I would recommend.

A small town.
A brutal murder.
A violent killer...



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