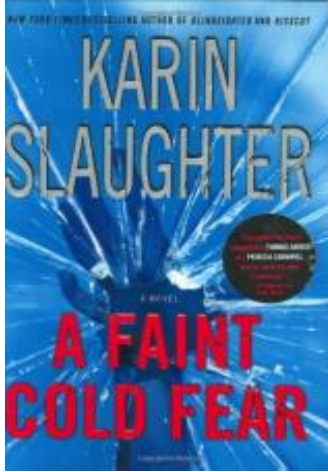


A Faint Cold Fear

by Karin Slaughter



About the Book

Sara Linton, medical examiner in the small town of Heartsdale, GA, is called out to an apparent suicide on the local college campus. The mutilated body provides little in the way of clues -- and the college authorities are eager to avoid a scandal -- but for Sara and police chief Jeffrey Tolliver, things don't add up.

Two more suspicious suicides follow, and a young woman is brutally attacked. For Sara, the violence strikes far too close to home. And as Jeffrey pursues the sadistic killer, he discovers that ex-police detective Lena Adams, now a security guard on campus, may be in possession of crucial information. But, bruised and angered by her expulsion from the force, Lena seems to be barely capable of protecting herself, let alone saving the next victim.

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Discussion Guide

Author Karin Slaughter recently sat down with her editor at William Morrow to discuss her latest novel, and how she approaches her novels. The **interview** raised a number of topics to spark great discussion. Here are a few:

1. Karin Slaughter is an avid reader, and there are many writers who have inspired her work. Which authors have inspired your life, or your passion for reading? Do you find you concentrate on reading in certain genres based on specific authors? If so, who are those authors, and why?
2. Sara Linton, one of the main characters in the Grant County series is both a pediatrician and medical examiner. What does that say about the character?

3. Slaughter is able to bring realistic forensic discovery to the page in her novels. Today there are many television shows which deal with forensic analysis and detecting. Do you find yourself fascinated by this type of forensic analysis? Do you prefer reading about forensics, or seeing it on television?

4. In her interview, Karin Slaughter talks about what she likes most and least about writing, and being an author. What are your notions about the writer's life? Understanding the highs and lows of a writer's life, is it something you would ever choose to pursue?

Author Bio

Karin Slaughter is one of the world's most popular storytellers. She is the author of more than 20 instant *New York Times* bestselling novels, including the Edgar-nominated COP TOWN and stand-alone novels PRETTY GIRLS, THE GOOD DAUGHTER and PIECES OF HER. She is published in 120 countries with more than 40 million copies sold across the globe.

"Pieces of Her" is a #1 Netflix original series starring Toni Collette, and "Will Trent," based on her Will Trent series, is on ABC (and streaming on Hulu in the U.S. and Disney+ internationally). FALSE WITNESS and THE GOOD DAUGHTER are in development for television.

Slaughter is the founder of the Save the Libraries project --- a nonprofit organization established to support libraries and library programming. A native of Georgia, she lives in Atlanta.

Critical Praise

Combines the best elements of a noir thriller and the Southern Gothic tradition complete with a brooding atmosphere.

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