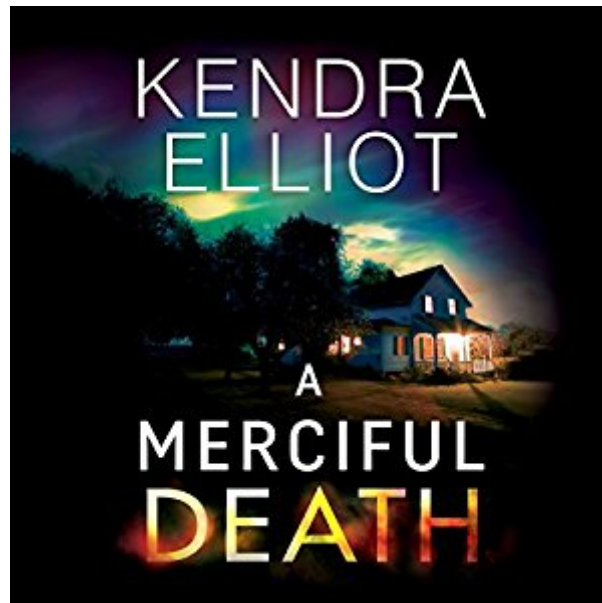




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A Merciful Death: Mercy Kilpatrick, Book 1



Synopsis

FBI special agent Mercy Kilpatrick has been waiting her whole life for disaster to strike. A prepper since childhood, Mercy grew up living off the land - and off the grid - in rural Eagle's Nest, Oregon. Until a shocking tragedy tore her family apart and forced her to leave home. Now a predator known as the cave man is targeting the survivalists in her hometown, murdering them in their homes, stealing huge numbers of weapons, and creating federal suspicion of a possible domestic terrorism event. But the crime scene details are eerily familiar to an unsolved mystery from Mercy's past. Sent by the FBI to assist local law enforcement, Mercy returns to Eagle's Nest to face the family who shunned her while maintaining the facade of a law-abiding citizen. There, she meets police chief Truman Daly, whose uncle was the cave man's latest victim. He sees the survivalist side of her that she desperately tries to hide, but if she lets him get close enough to learn her secret, she might not survive the fallout...

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Customer Reviews

I felt like this book was just ok. It was actually very depressing. The town was depressing, family that doesn't act like family, the thing with the sister, the thing with the brother. I didn't dislike Mercy, but I didn't love her either. Her character just didn't stand out. I don't know how to explain it. Not standoffish but something. I guess it's because of the way she was raised. I can understand that, but I still didn't like it or warm up to her. Unfortunately, there was no loving in this book except a couple of little kisses. The thing with Levi made no sense to me. He seemed bright so his secret

seemed ridiculous. The stuff with Rose was hard to take and it was way too much!!! Good grief it was WAY too much. Grrr, it's hard writing this without spoilers but the story seem to fall apart during this time because of the Levi issue. It just didn't make sense that there are things that he knows, yet waits hours to say anything. Anyway I didn't care for it. I will probably give the next book a try just because I usually love this author's books. Right now I feel like I need to go read something to get myself out of this depressing mood.

The author was doing fine, introducing her characters and their backgrounds and developing a decent whodunit. Then all her main characters, including cops and FBI agents (for pete's sake) developed stomach issues and weak knees every time something even vaguely surprising or threatening occurred. From the halfway point on virtually every chapter had someone with "knees turned to jello" or instant acid reflux of some sort. That, combined with the bodice ripping style of writing about the increasing romantic involvement of the two main characters, made for an unintentionally humorous ending.

This is a great story plot with many diversions which add to the depth of story and character development. Not many people realize the good intentions of preppers, and it's refreshing to see this family view with its pros and cons as the background for character development. I couldn't wait to purchase the next book and am enjoying it just as much. Hurry and finish #3, Ms. Elliott...please.

I was skeptical at the description as most "prepper" books are full of strange anti this or that. I was very surprised that the prepper side was only part of her background and core personality but did not dominate the plot. Having been a survivalist in the early 80s and now just lean lightly toward prepper I found this twist interesting but not over the top. The only problem is having immediately read the second and third book I now have to wait who knows how long for the fourth.

Stumbled on this book and its author, and I was pleasantly surprised. An especially good deal at just a few dollars! I'm from the country, so I understood the gun-toting, anti government, hillbilly mentality of the folks in Eagle's Nest. I enjoyed the writing style and slow character building. The romance between main characters was sweet and fairly realistic. I hope the next book gets a little steamier and goes deeper into that love story. I agree with another reviewer that the weakest part of the book is finding out who "dunnit" and why. I was looking for a larger twist! I read only a few

chapters every night and had to keep reminding myself where I left off during that part. The best thing about the book is the strong, independent voice of Mercy -- a woman who is successful in her own write but still struggles with her past and the fears that can hold you back.

This is an outstanding read. The characters are strong and wonderful. There is mystery and suspense. There is romance and tenderness. There is family strife and small town real life stuff. I know the geographic area where the story takes place so I enjoyed it a lot. I can recommend this book.

FBI agent Mercy Kilpatrick has gone back to her hometown of Eagles Nest to investigate the murder of 3 survivalists and the theft of their weapons caches. She left home when she was 18, estranged from her prepped family, and has never been back. . Mercy is working with local police chief Truman Daly. One of the murder victims was Trumans Uncle. Evidence at the current crime scenes possibly connects to the murder of 2 teens before Mercy left town. This is the start of a new stories and it is a great beginning. The plot is great and keeps you in suspense all the way thru the book. There is an great cast of characters, some will hopefully be featured in future books in the series. There is some romance in the book but it mostly a suspense novel. The book is set in a small town and the author gives you a glimpse of what life is like living in a small town. I am looking forward to the next book in the series. Thank you to net galley for an advanced readers copy.

Great read after I struggled through a depressing start. I put it aside at first. Started reading and enjoying the new Lisa Scottoline release, then decided to pick up where I left off with Merciful Death. Was a good decision as the author developed a truly remarkable insight into a culture of people unknown to me before..."preppers". Kendra Elliot is a new favorite author of mine along with Lisa Scottoline and her Rosato & DiNunzio series.

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