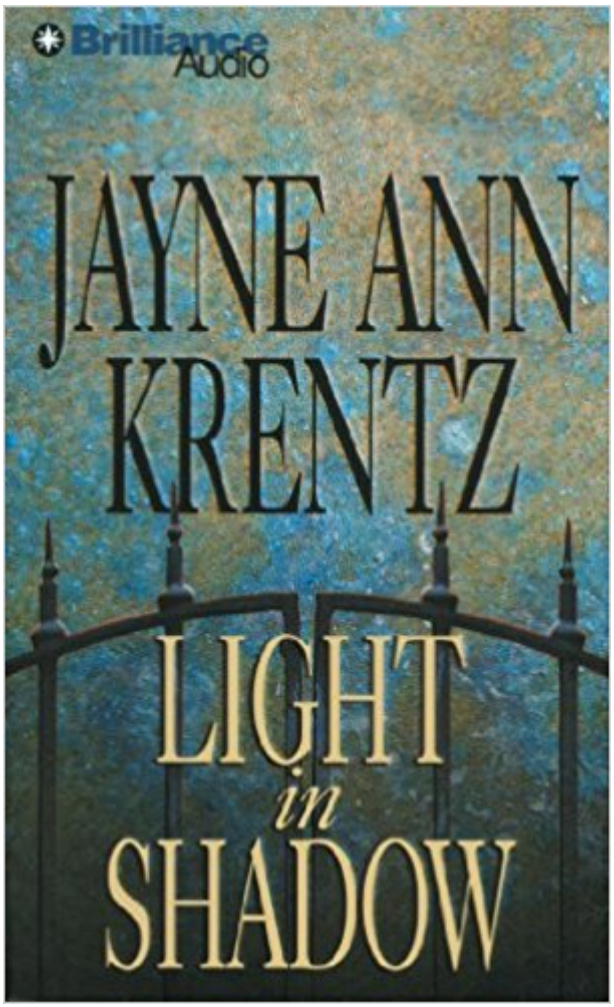
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Synopsis

Zoe Luce is a successful interior designer in the Arizona town of Whispering Springs who’s developed an unusual career specialty - helping recently divorced clients redesign their homes, to help them forget about the past and start anew. But Zoe knows that some things can’t be covered up with a new coat of paint. And when she senses that one of her clients may be hiding a dark secret, she enlists P.I. Ethan Truax to find the truth. Working together, they solve the mystery...and barely escape with their lives. But Ethan’s exquisite detection skills are starting to backfire on Zoe: she never wanted to let him find out about her former life; she never wanted to reveal her powerful, inexplicable gift for sensing the history hidden with a house’s walls; she never wanted him to know that "Zoe Luce" doesn’t really exist. She never wanted to fall in love with him. Now, no matter how much she resists, Ethan may be her only hope - because the people she’s been running from have found her. And just when Zoe dares to dream of a normal life and a future with the man she loves, her own past starts to shadow her every step - and threatens to take her back into a nightmare.

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Customer Reviews

Hiding behind an expensive, black-market-created identity, Zoe Luce has built a successful interior design business in Whispering Springs, Arizona, and hopes that she has just as successfully buried her past. She can’t ignore her unique psychic abilities, however, and when she walks into a new client’s bedroom and hears the walls scream and moan, she knows something terrible has happened in the house. Did her client murder his wife? She’s determined to find out, but investigating a possible murder is beyond her expertise, so Zoe turns to Ethan Truax, a private

detective new to the small Arizona community. Solving the murder of the businessman's wife is a piece of cake for Ethan compared to the complicated enigma that he finds in Zoe. Mysterious nightmares haunt her and when a would-be blackmailer is found dead, Zoe's past inexorably collides with her new life, threatening their dreams of a future together. Author Jayne Ann Krentz is at the top of her form in Light in Shadow, a nonstop roller coaster ride of thrills and chills. Romance, suspense, humor, and danger challenge an intriguing cast of characters and blend seamlessly in a plot that twists, turns, and surprises. --Lois Faye Dyer --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

If Krentz's newest thriller doesn't send your pulse racing, dial your cardiologist's number. With more than 30 bestsellers under her belt, Krentz (Smoke in Mirrors; Uneasy Alliance) is primed for another roaring success with this rewarding romantic thriller. Zoe Luce is the premier interior decorator in Whispering Springs, Ariz., hampered by one severe handicap; when she enters a room in which a murder or other violent act has taken place, she can sense the pain and rage echoing from the walls. When her uncanny ability leads her to suspect that a local businessman has murdered his wife, she finds herself unexpectedly allied with Ethan Truax, Whispering Springs's newest private investigator. Both have suffered losses in the past, but just when it looks as if true love may be in the offing, Ethan discovers that Zoe is not who she pretends to be. She knows things she shouldn't, operates under a black market-issued identity and wakes screaming from nightmares about a mysterious place she calls Xanadu. Krentz's storytelling shines with authenticity and dramatic intensity: no opportunity for a thrill is missed, and her characters are skillfully crafted. Tightly written and packed with twists and shockers at every turn, this top-notch thriller keeps readers on the edge of their seats till the explosive ending. Doubleday Book Club, Rhapsody main selection; BOMC, Mystery Guild alternate selection. Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I read the hard copy from friend's library, a long time ago when it first come out. And loved the sequel Truth or Dare. There were both amazing.It book is about two Ethan a very Jaded detective who moves into town with his sister in law and her young boys after the murder of Ethan's younger Drew. He meet his first client a woman called Zoe who asks him to investigate the disappearance of a client's wife. It turns out that Zoe is going to be a repeat client. Zoe it turns out escaped from a mental asylum, with her friend Arcadia who was also in the same asylum as her and helped her to escape. We met other characters who will be integrated into the story line and the group. Ethan then

precessed to marry Zoe to protect her from her family as well as the asylum that is being paid to keep her under lock and key.

Zoe Luce has gone to great lengths to appear as normal as possible. She changed her name and moved to Whispering Springs, AZ to make a fresh start and leave all who knew her behind. However, it is hard to appear normal when walls start screaming at her in her new client's bedroom. Zoe has always had sensitivity to rooms where great emotions were felt and she knows that something terrible happened in that room. She has a sinking suspicion that her new client killed his wife in that room. Zoe isn't sure what to do so she hires Ethan Truax, the new private investigator in town to find her client's wife, but Ethan is suspicious of Zoe and is determined to find out more about her.Ethan knows that Zoe is not what she seems, especially after he finds her client's wife buried in the backyard, but he cannot seem to break through her shell - until Zoe gets a blackmail note. When Ethan finds out that Zoe was imprisoned in a mental hospital by her dead husband's family, he knows that he has to protect her. He is not sure why, but it is just something that he does. When his brother was murdered, he lost his career, his third wife, everything to bring his rich and powerful killers to justice - and it was worth it. Ethan, too, is starting over and he thinks that he has found the fresh start that he wants in Zoe. However, Zoe and Ethan are way too stubborn and afraid to share their hopes and dreams with each other. Will they admit their love before more lives are ruined?I enjoyed this book more than I have enjoyed a Jayne Ann Krentz book in a while. I really felt that Krentz was making an effort to differentiate her characters from other books that she had written and not do the stereotypical quirky heroine with stoic, incommunicative hero. I really liked Zoe and found her to be quite normal (aside from the screaming walls thing) and Ethan was much more in tune with himself than most of the other heroes out there. My only complaint was that there were a lot of side plots going on in the book and Krentz didn't have time to follow up on all of them in a satisfactory fashion. I think that it would have been better for this book to have been split into two so that the characters and the plot could have been more developed. Still, if you enjoy Krentz, I think you will like this one and it is worth your time to check it out from the library or buy from a used bookstore.

JAK has been one of my favourite writers for nearly two decades. Even in her earliest works you see the diamond brilliance that has put her at the top. However, I was disappointed in some of her recent works. Then she came powering back with the marvellous "Summer in Eclipse Bay" and was SO perfect!! So when "Smoke and Mirrors" came...I went hum....so so but could have been better -

much beter. Worse, was her Amanda Quick’s "Don’t Look Back" so dreadfully dull, that I wanted to howl. Swore I would stop buying her in hardback! And immediately turned around and could not resist buying "Light in Shadow". It just sounded so good....and it IS!!JAK is back in top form providing a warm, humourous, loving mystery that I just could not put down!! It is billed as "A Whispering Springs Novel" so we can except two more I am presuming, and I shall be first in line for the sequels.In this mystery, JAK gives us a Zoe Luce an interior decorator with a special touch: she can "feel emotions" within a room. Currently, she is decorating a house for a new ex-husband, who claims he wants a redo after his wife left him. However, the instant Zoe steps into the bedroom and see the missing bed and shower curtains in the bathroom, she knows he killed his wife. What to do. Zoe cannot go to the police for two reasons:.... She has to do something, so she finds the add for Ethan Truax, a private detective in the town. Sam Spade he is not. He is just coming off his bad third marriage, a failed business and rebuilding his life and career.Truax does what Zoe hires him to do, find the missing wife - dead or alive - but that is just the tip of the iceberg.It’s typical JAK yeah, but its JAK at her best, so her fans will dance with job as another of her memorial gems!!Bring on more Whispering Springs novel....Zoe and Ethan steal your heart!!

Thought I had read all of Jayne Ann Krentz’s books, apparently I missed this one. This is light reading for me, but once in awhile I need the change of pace as my reading tastes have gotten grittier. Even though this is one of Ms. Krentz’s earlier offerings I thoroughly enjoyed it. You all know the plot line and the characters so I do not need to rehash all that, just know I spent a very enjoyable rainy Sunday afternoon engrossed in this story.

As always Krentz does an awesome job writing an interesting and nail biting book. My only problem is that they end too soon, and I wish there were more books where we continue to enjoy these characters. That’s one of the reasons I like the Arcane series so much, we see the evolution of the characters. Buy this book!

I usually enjoy her books but this left me wanting more.....Started off interesting then fizzled out. Not terrible but not amazing.

Could not put this book down. Then realised I had to sleep sometime. The characters are so vividly described, along with their surroundings, as well as - oh gosh read this book - enjoy it. Your brain will be replaying segment’s of each chapter even while busy at work. Jayne Ann Krentz always

delivers excellent reads and this one was no exception! ÃƒÂ Ã Å¸Ã â„¢Ã Å’

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