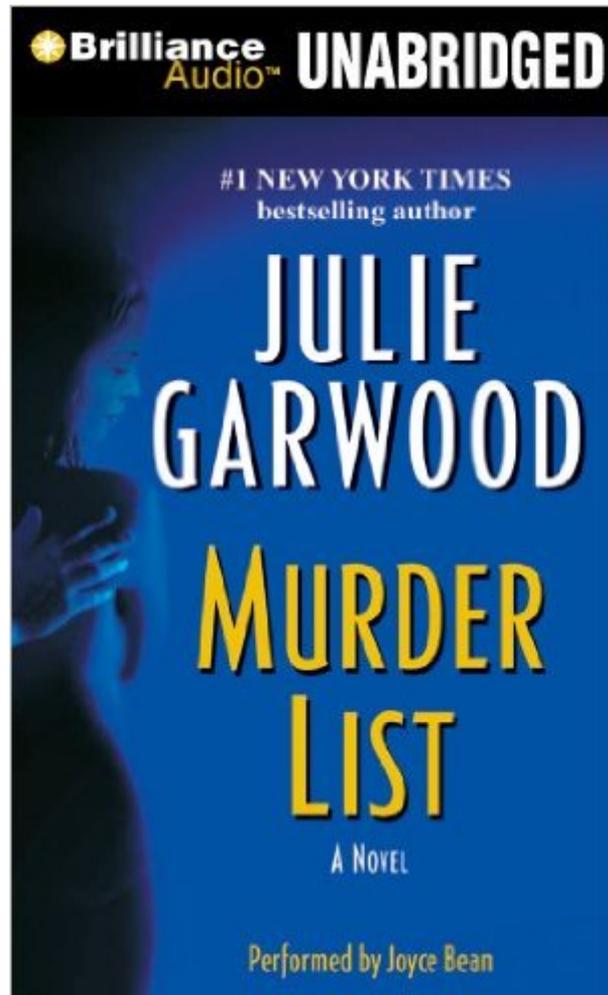


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Synopsis

When Chicago detective Alec Buchanan is offered a prime position with the FBI, he takes it as the perfect opportunity to leave the Windy City and follow in his brothers' footsteps to the top echelons of law enforcement. But first he must complete one last assignment: acting as a glorified bodyguard to hotel heiress Regan Hamilton Madison. The gorgeous exec has become entangled in some potentially deadly business: Someone has e-mailed her a graphic crime-scene photo - and the victim is no stranger. Regan suspects that the trouble started when she agreed to help a journalist friend expose a shady self-help guru who preys on lonely, vulnerable women. In fact, the smooth-as-an-oil-slick Dr. Lawrence Shields may have been responsible for the death of one of his devotees. Hoping to find some damning evidence, Regan attends a Shields seminar. At the gathering, the doctor persuades his guests to partake in an innocent little "cleansing" exercise. He asks them to make a list of the people who have hurt or deceived them over the years, and poses the question: Would your world be a better place if these people ceased to exist? Treating the exercise as a game, Regan plays along. The experience is all but forgotten - until the first person on Regan's list turns up dead. Shock turns to horror when other names from the list start to surface as corpses, and a harrowing tango of desire and death is set into motion. Now brutal murders seem to stalk Regan's every move - and a growing attraction to Alec may compromise her safety, while stirring up tender emotions she thought she could no longer feel. Yet as the danger intensifies and a serial killer circles ever closer, Regan must discover who has turned her private revenge fantasies into grisly reality.

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Oh wow, this is painful to write. I never thought that I would give a Julie Garwood book a 3! To me Julie Garwood and 3 stars do not belong in the same sentence. All of her other books are 5's to me! Anyway, like many others I have been waiting for this book for at least a year now. I couldn't wait for August 31 to arrive. I even took the day off from working and studying just so I could sit back, relax, and enjoy my favorite author's new novel. First off, it wasn't horrible. In fact, if this was to be the first Julie Garwood book for you to read, then you would probably enjoy it. I would definitely encourage anyone who is a fan of romance/suspense books to buy it. However, it definitely lacks the "magic" that her previous books have and so current Garwood fans may find that this book doesn't stand up to her past best sellers. I too felt that most of the book was based on the psychiatrist and the chase that Sophie and Cordie were executing. Very little "sparks" between Alec and Regan. You just didn't feel that instant and strong chemistry that is usually there at first meeting between the heroes and heroines. And very good point about Walker not even appearing in the book. Only mention of him and yet the major point of the "suspense" was based on him. And I'm sorry, but I don't even see how it is possible that a Julie Garwood contemporary romance/suspense book can be considered complete without Noah at least making an appearance towards the end of the book (as in Killjoy). I mean come on, he is what brings the humor and the major heartthrob, melt in your mouth, give me the hots kind of hunk that is a necessity to any book associated with the romance genre.

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