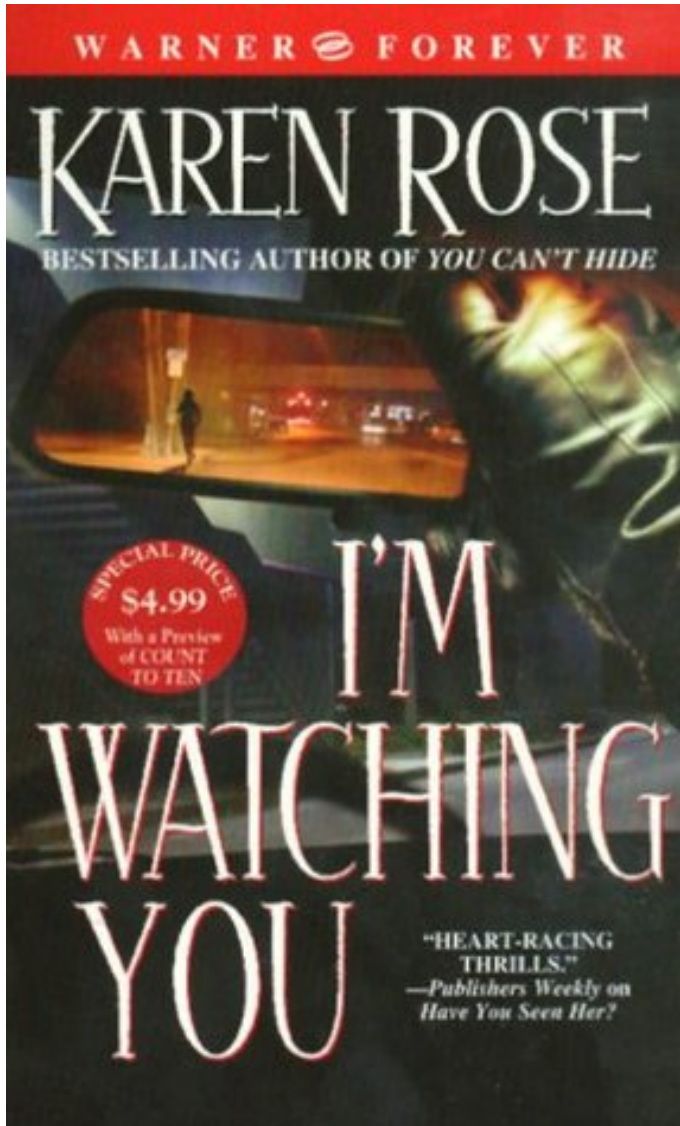


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## Karen Rose

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## Description

I Know Their Crimes. Star prosecutor Kristen Mayhew has a dangerous secret admirer. He seems to know her every thought, her every move. He sends her letters. And he kills the criminals she herself is powerless to stop. I Hunt Down the Guilty. This avenger even knows Kristen's deepest secret-the one that has kept her from surrendering her heart to Abe Reagan, the police detective sworn to protect her. Like Kristen, Reagan is haunted by the loss of something precious that can never be regained. But in the shadow of a calculating serial killer, the two turn to each other and dare to rediscover passion...even as the messages and vicious murders continue. Even as the killer's thirst for retribution makes Kristen a target for murder.

## Insightful reviews

MaggieReadsRom: 4,5 stars

Awesome romantic suspense! I was captivated by the suspense and moved by the romance and characters. At the end the identity of the killer completely surprised me and the second, connected suspense storyline kept me on the edge on my seat. I love Karen Rose's writing.

Julianna: Reviewed for [THC Reviews](#)

I can't believe it's been almost three years since I last read a Karen Rose novel. I have no idea why it's taken me so long, except that her books tend to be longer and I oftentimes have trouble fitting long books into my reading schedule. Her books have not disappointed me yet though, and *I'm Watching You* was no exception. It is a meticulously plotted story that unfolds slowly and methodically as it gradually builds to that final nail-biting climax. As I've come to expect from Ms. Rose, the body count is quite high, but despite the sheer number of deaths, for some reason, this one didn't seem quite as gory as the last one. Perhaps that was owing to the author using a different type of villain this time, who wasn't as utterly frightening, which I'll discuss later. In any case, I loved everything about this book, the characters, the plot, everything, and I wouldn't have changed a thing.

The heroine, Kristen is the primary focus character. She's a talented prosecuting attorney, who is a determined bull-dog in the courtroom. She's driven to seek justice for victims of violent crimes, because of painful events in her own past. In fact, it hurts her like she's reliving her own past every time she loses a case, but when that happens, the victims and their families often end up blaming her. As a result, she's admired and envied by some for her tenaciousness, but has become a convenient scapegoat for others. One of her admirers has become a vigilante serial killer, carefully choosing his victims from the list of perpetrators she unsuccessfully prosecuted, as well as the weaselly defense attorneys who represented them, and then dedicating his kills to her. Kristen is a very courageous woman. I greatly admired her strength and outward composure, even though inside, she felt like falling apart. She's been through so much in her life already and although her vigilante admirer would never hurt her personally, his actions end up causing her more pain and suffering. I was so glad that Abe was there to help her through everything. Kristen is a beautiful and compassionate woman who is anything but the frigid female she's been accused of being. If anything she's a woman with underlying passions that can only be tapped by one man.

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Abe is a prince among men. He experienced his own personal pain when his pregnant wife was shot in the head by a bullet that was meant for him. She spent the next five years in a persistent vegetative state, before finally succumbing to death. Abe has lost so much, and he coped primarily by burying himself in his work. Throughout the years that his wife was on life-support, he worked undercover narcotics, only surfacing occasionally to visit his family. Now that she's gone, he's transferred to the homicide division. Abe first saw Kristen two years earlier and was extremely attracted to her. Of course, he felt guilty for that, given the state his wife was in, but since he was deep undercover at the time, nothing ever came of it. He hadn't seen her again, except on TV, until the vigilante killer case comes across his desk. As they start working in close proximity, the old attraction burns hot. Karen Rose really knows how to create some delectable heroes. I loved that Abe has been celibate all those years. It shows how committed he is in relationships and how much he truly loved his wife. Yet, when things start heating up between him and Kristen, he's very patient, never pushing her to do more than she's comfortable with. Abe is a true gentleman in every sense of the word, and I adore how he sees into Kristen. He intuitively knows what she's been through and wants to be the man to tear down the walls she's erected around herself and draw her out. Family means a great deal to Abe. He's always there to support them and vice versa, and they readily accept Kristen into their fold, which is exactly what she needs in her life. Abe is very protective of Kristen but at the same time he's a gentle man who cares for her tenderly. In fact, Abe is so sweet, I'm half-tempted to classify him as a beta hero, except that he is a cop after all.:-)

It takes a while for things to heat up between Abe and Kristen, but I had no problem with that. Sometimes slower is better, and this was one of those cases. Their attraction is immediate and palpable, yet their romance progresses at a languid though steady pace. Given Kristen's history this made perfect sense. In the meantime, Karen Rose is masterful at building that romance and sexual tension with mere looks and touches which is something I can deeply appreciate. There's so much meaning in their every interaction, and Ms. Rose doesn't waste a single opportunity to explore their budding relationship. It was very nicely woven into the fabric of the mystery, such that I was never anxious while waiting to get back to the romance. The love scenes, while not overly descriptive, were very sweet and sensual. Even though the story unfolds within a mere ten day period, it felt like Abe and Kristen had known each other half their lives, which made the speed at which their relationship blossomed much more believable.

The main villain in *I'm Watching You* is the vigilante serial killer. He's an interesting departure from the terrifyingly cold-blooded murderers of the previous two books I read. Not only was I scared to death of those villains, I hated, loathed and despised them. I recall that one was so evil I even wanted to jump into the story and off him myself. The vigilante in this book is entirely different in that he actually comes off as somewhat sympathetic. We know from the prologue what's driving him to take such extreme actions, and he only targets individuals who, in his mind, and often in reality, have done something wrong but never been justly punished. Therefore, he's set himself up as their judge, jury and executioner. While his actions unintentionally end up hurting innocents, including Kristen, he never actually sets out to do those who aren't culpable any harm, and when he realizes that his actions are having unintended consequences, he has the decency to feel guilty about it. While what he was doing was definitely wrong, I'm not the only one who kind of sympathized with him. Some of the

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victims and their families wanted to throw him a party for ridding the streets of such evil, and even Kristen and the cops had a hard time condemning his choice of victims to target. Perhaps to give readers someone to truly fear, the author set up secondary villains in the form of a mob boss and his lackey who start meting out their own brand of vigilante justice after the mobster's son is killed by the real vigilante. Then there was Zoe, the mean-spirited, self-serving newshound readers will love to hate, who got far more than she bargained for in the end.

I've been reading Karen Rose's books in the chronological order in which they were published so that I can get the full effect of her complex character web. While all the characters in *I'm Watching You* are brand new to the character palette, many of the ones in this book will appear again in future books. Abe and Kristen themselves will pop up as secondary characters in several other books that take place in the Chicago area. Abe's brother, Aidan, seems like almost as good of a guy as Abe. He'll be a supporting character in the next book, *Nothing to Fear*, before becoming the hero of the following book, *You Can't Hide*. Abe's partner, Mia, can't seem to find Mr. Right, but she'll get her chance as the heroine of *Count to Ten* after playing supporting roles in the next two books as well as the later book, *I Can See You*. I was slightly disappointed to find that Jack, the head of the CSI team, and Julia, the ME, don't have their own book. I kept thinking these two needed a romance of their own. I guess they kind of got together, but it was little more than a mention. The rest of the police force and Abe's gregarious, close-knit family round out a superb cast.

I honestly can't say enough good things about *I'm Watching You* and Karen Rose's books in general. I love how she delves deep into the psyche of her characters, both good and bad, and allows the reader to really feel like she knows them. Reading this book has reminded me of all the reasons why Karen Rose became one of my favorite authors so quickly. I'm really looking forward to continuing my foray into her work, so I'll try not to wait so long this time to get to the next story.

? Vonda M. Reid ?: Overall Rating: 5 // Action: 4.5 / Emotion: 5 / Romance: 5 / Sensuous: 4.25 / Suspense: 5 // Humor: 3 / Tears: 10

***I'm Watching You*** Karen Rose's third book, is another must read for readers of the Romantic Suspense genre. As with her previous books, Rose has seamlessly interwoven the threads of sexual tension, angst-filled romance, and spine-tingling suspense into one un-put-down-able book. ***I'm Watching You*** is a stand-alone read, as Rose introduces a brand new hero and heroine into her repertoire of characters, but the personalities of several supporting characters introduced in her previous books have been developmentally enhanced.

Love the way Rose reveals the personalities of her characters by their actions, their emotions and their thought processes. Her writing is so filled with great dialogue, incredible amounts of action and realistic views of how her characters think, that one is drawn deep into the lives of the characters and it is almost impossible to put the book down after becoming engrossed in the story.

***I'm Watching You*** contains the necessary qualities that make it a must read. {1} A perfect, hunky, gorgeous, honorable angst-filled hero. {2} A spunky, beautiful, strong-willed,

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compassionate, adversity-overcoming heroine. {3} Fascinating supporting characters that add depth and interest to the story. {4} Plenty of action (including police procedural) to keep the plot moving at a fast pace. {5} So much intense suspense and so many unanswered questions that it was almost impossible to put this book down . . . want to know what was going to happen next. {6} Incredibly engaging and realistic dialogue between, not only the hero and heroine, but also between them and the supporting characters. {7} Emotionally entangling, well-developed romantic development between the hero and heroine. {8} Beautifully written, magical, heat-filled love scenes. {9} A spine-tingling, action-packed, tension-filled finale. {10} Villains and heroes. {11} Tears. {12} Laugh out loud moments. {13} The requisite happily-ever after.

A more in-depth, detailed, review of *I'm Watching You* appears at [Wolf Bear Does Books](#).

Cinia: I looove this ebook so much. the tale line is normal for Karen Rose. girl with difficulty past, who more often than not continuously suffered abuse ultimately ( mental, physically, sexually) meets man with prior and so they simply all paintings in legislations enforcement or with the hearth division etc.Kristin is a legal Prosecutor and he or she has an admirer who supplies the sufferers of the situations she did not win one other form of justice. at the case is Abe Reagan, who i feel is the right hero, powerful able man, who has deep relations roots yet nonetheless a foul ass whilst he has to be.What I enjoyed loads approximately this ebook even supposing you knew there have been gonna be together, the twist and turns the books had. i used to be surprised to determine who the killer was once and the bits and items Rose drops in regards to the previous of either hero and heroine have been most likely the best bits within the story.The love scene during this book, needs to be some of the most romantic and life like ones ever. the way in which Abe induces her into the be aware of intimacy and sensuality, simply makes you must say 'awww' and want you had a guy like that.The facet characters have been a very good reduction to the tale and so they were not simply there so as to add to the dialogue. Rachel (Abe's more youthful sister) and Mia ( Abe's partner) have been my favourites, yet that is simply because i've got learn all Karen Rose books ans they seem in Aidan's tale 'You cannot hide' and in Mia's tale ' count number to Ten'.Although its a piece tender at times, the stability among Romance and mystery was once uphold hand over winning via Rose, so certainly a needs to read.

Lauren: i am looking at You4 StarsSynopsisASA Kristen Mayhew has a deadly mystery admirer. He writes her letters and leaves her presents - the our bodies of fellows who've escaped punishment for his or her crimes. Now, Kristen including Detective Abe Reagan needs to keep on with the clues and prevent the killer ahead of his thirst for vengeance makes her a aim for murder. ReviewCaptivating characters and a gripping plot that makes a major indictment opposed to the justice system. the tale offers compelling perception into the brain of a guy pushed to kill out of a necessity for justice - even supposing he's a killer, it really is tough to not comprehend and even perhaps root for his actions. The questions of excellent and evil, correct and unsuitable are placed to the try during this book. although it is simple to wager the identification of the culprit, the research is fascinating and their are adequate clues and red-herrings to maintain you turning the pages. The romance is attractive even supposing there are one or subject matters that do not entice me - the hero is a widower and remains to be hung up on his useless spouse to a undeniable extent, and the heroine is a rape survivor. Nevertheless, they've got a scorching chemistry and their scenes jointly are extreme and emotional. Overall,

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an engrossing learn and Karen Rose is changing into a visit writer for me.

Christa: This was once one other nice booklet from Karen Rose. The 3rd within the series, i am gazing You, definitely did not disappoint. I loved it every piece up to her first books. i assumed that the hero and heroine have been very sympathetic characters, and there have been quite a few secondary characters that i might like to learn extra about. i discovered this plot to be a bit diversified from that of such a lot romantic suspense books. the most antagonist within the ebook truly believes that he's assisting the heroine rather than feeling like her adversary as in such a lot novels of this type. For me, this strange storyline used to be refreshing, because it used to be so in contrast to the rest i have read. mins after the 1st time she meets murder detective Abe Reagan, assistant kingdom attorney, Kristen Mayhew, is shocked whilst she reveals facts of a number of murders within the trunk of her car. As Abe and his companion lead the investigation into the contents of the trunk, they realize that the wrongdoer of the murders has killed 3 men, all published after being attempted in courtroom via Kristen for unspeakable crimes. The vigilante killer wrote letters to Kristen that experience an intimate tone and point out that he has been following all of her activities very closely. Abe is anxious approximately Kristen and makes yes that she arrives to a secure domestic for a few evenings. Abe and Kristen are instantly attracted to one another, yet they either have tragedies of their previous that make a courting among them an not going possibility. quickly it turns into transparent that Kristen is in genuine threat because the vigilante murders proceed and kinfolk and cohorts of the vigilante's sufferers begin to aim Kristen. Abe is set to guard her from harm, and their allure and emotions for each other start to intensify. Abe quickly realizes how lucky he's to event those emotions again, yet Kristen has a lot to beat earlier than they could have a destiny together. As occasions escalate, placing not just Kristen, yet all of these as regards to her, in danger, Abe and his workforce needs to race to determine the determine of the vigilante and to forestall the others who're cause on harm. I love this sequence by way of Karen Rose! Her books are certainly probably the most engrossing and extreme romantic suspense novels that i've got learn recently. The suspense during this ebook used to be great, and the romance was once definitely touching. I loved interpreting approximately how the hero and heroine overcame their pasts so that it will locate happiness with one another. i'm waiting for starting the subsequent novel within the series.

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