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# Close Enough To Touch: Rylee Hayes Thriller, Book 1



## **Synopsis**

Joanna Grey injects the deadly poison into the chamber of the syringe - time after time. She's murdered before and she'll do it again. She's intelligent, educated, and beautiful. At 35, Rylee Hayes is a respected homicide detective. Her best friends are her grandparents, her coonhound, and her partner - in that order. She's about ready to give up on the idea of a relationship. She hasn't seen the love of her life, Kenzie Bigham, since college. At 34, Kenzie Bigham is the single mom of a 13 year old, a church secretary, and a woman who's struggled much of her adult life with her own sexuality. Their paths will cross when Rylee's new investigation involves members of Kenzie's congregation. They'll discover that the passage of time may have offered them a second chance at love - just as Joanna sights her next target. Will Rylee have what it takes to meet the challenge of a serial killer who's proven herself to be a more than worthy opponent?

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

I had no real expectations for this book. I was reading it on the recommendation of a friend. WOW! I must say this book is so good!!! CEtT is so well thought out and written, I felt like I was watching the story as I read. There are two story lines in the book. The romance and the suspenseful thriller. The thriller side of the book is what really rocked!!! It is a wonderful suspense that kept me on the edge of my seat the whole way through. I truly was mesmerized by the danger. I loved how smart and yet delusional the clever Joanna was. She was the perfect "bad guy" if she got little sleep she was portrayed. The setting was also the perfect environment for the dastardly diabolical killer. Rylee was also pretty exciting. She was so intense and realistic if she got little sleep she was portrayed

that way instead of that super hero like cop who can go for days without sleep and still function as if she were daisy fresh. I liked that a lot! I LOVED the humanness of all of the characters. They were very realistic and believable. The romance was not as strong as the thriller but it was still pretty good. There were a lot of factors in the romance side: the renewal of an old love, the coming out, a sullen thirteen-year-old girl and the threat of a killer intent on destruction of the new family. I loved that Kenzie was a true mom struggling to come out to her daughter and trying to introduce a new person into the mix. As a mom, I struggled with the exact same thing when my child was thirteen (the coming out and adding a new woman into our lives, not the creepy religious and killer stuff lol). It is SO not easy!!! I think Cade did a great job making everything work out positively in the relatively short amount of time she had. This is a book that is already in my To Be Read Again list and I cannot wait for the second book in the series!!

The villain has been an easy guess. You don't have to wonder whodunnit. The way the murders take place, the reasons, the hunt, the investigation and the question when will the killer strikes again, make this story spectacular. This first book of this new series is very captivating and had me immersed from the beginning. The story flows with ease and the buildup is excellent. An irresistible story with danger, excitement, a brilliant mind, a twisted soul, flagellation, characters you can relate to and care about and to top it off, you get a love story that makes your heart melt. A well-constructed thriller and totally satisfying. I certainly look forward to reading more about Rylee, Kenzie and Abby.

I was given a copy of this book by the author for an honest and unbiased review. A woman is murdered in an unusual manner and it is up to Chicago detectives Rylee Hayes and her partner Rich Winters to hunt down a killer who leaves few clues behind. When a second victim from the same church congregation dies with a similar but different poison in her system, the detectives begin to suspect a serial killer is on loose, one who has a specific target group in their sights. While interviewing witnesses and friends of the two victims, Rye (Rylee) runs into an ex-girlfriend from her college days. Will Kenzie's job as church secretary put her at risk just as she and Rye rekindle the relationship they once shared? I enjoyed this first book in the Rylee Hayes Thriller series. We readers have the advantage from the first page of getting inside the twisted and sociopathic mind of Joanna Grey. She has a genius IQ and uses it to punish those she targets. Her demons follow her as closely as she stalks her own prey. Think Silas from the DaVinci Code. She is one sick puppy. Rye and Rich are a good team and work well together but seemed to lose focus and

miss many clues in their efforts to solve the murders. The added complications in their personal lives do not help their problem-solving skills. (view spoiler) The sometimes-sloppy police procedural aspect of this novel is off-set by the author's ability to build suspense. I finished the book in less than a day because I couldn't put it down. I had to know whether Joanna would find a way to get around Rye's defences. The cast is easy to visualize and except for Joanna, easy to like. I especially enjoyed the scenes with Rye's grandparents Gladys and Omar. Three stars for the detective work and a solid four stars for the characters, pacing and overall thriller aspect of Close Enough to Touch. 3.5 stars

I purchased this book because I was looking for something new. I'm a fan of thrillers, so this was different than the HEA that I have been reading. I must admit, this book kept me turning pages to figure out who was next, why they were next & the who, what why and where the killer would be caught. It took me less than 24 hours to read this book. I started it at work and was able to finish it this morning. If you're looking for romance, murder & mystery look no further! I'm anxiously awaiting the sequel in early 2018.

A must read book I would say. Well written and a page turner to the end. It's the first book from a series and can't wait for the next one Cade Brogan. I will recommend this book to everyone. Helma

I really love crime novels and lesbians so this book was something I was excited to read. It did not disappoint in any way. I love Rylee and Kensie and their new/old relationship. I can't wait to see how it develops. And Joanna the medical examiner as the OCD poisoner who autopsies her own kills, that is awesome! I can't wait for the next book!

Brava! I really enjoyed reading this, the first book of a new series by Cade Brogan. The story was tantalising and flowed beautifully. I liked that the investigation ran in tandem to the romance, each building on the other. I especially liked learning a little more about toxicology. (And yes, I was delighted to see food still very much part of the narrative). Well written, with depth and intrigue. Looking forward to the next book::)

A good police story and enough romance to keep it interesting. The characters were very well written and the story itself keeps you on the edge of your seat

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