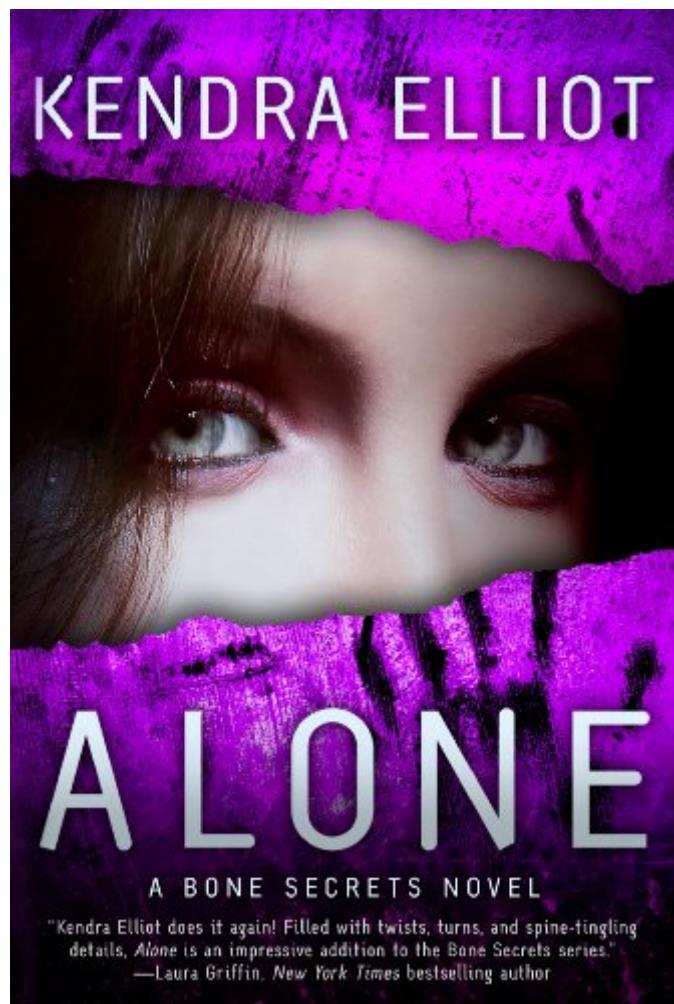


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# Alone (A Bone Secrets Novel Book 4)



## Synopsis

RT Magazine 2014 Reviewers' Choice Finalist  $\wedge$  Best Romantic Suspense  
Magazine Best of 2014 One rainy night in the woods outside of Portland, Dr. Victoria Peres is called to the site of a haunting crime scene. Six beautiful young girls  $\wedge$  all in white dresses and arranged in a perfect circle  $\wedge$  have been left for dead. Only one girl, fighting for her life at a nearby hospital, has survived the carnage. Things get stranger still when Victoria and the police discover that the disturbing arrangement of the bodies  $\wedge$  as meticulous as it is mysterious  $\wedge$  is straight from the pages of a decades-old cold case. Victoria is called on to do what she does best, read the bones of the dead for clues  $\wedge$  while dealing with the surprise return of her first love, medical examiner Seth Rutledge. Only this time she must figure out how the two cases, fifty years apart, are connected. In the fourth book in her heart-pounding Bone Secrets series, best-selling author Kendra Elliot sends readers on a dark and thrilling journey as forensic anthropologist Victoria Peres races to solve a horrific new case while confronting the secrets of her past.

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## Customer Reviews

Alone book four in the Bone Secrets series proves once more why Kendra Elliot she has become a favorite must have author. The book starts off with a bang as six teenage girls are found laid out in a circle, five of those girls are dead and the sixth is still barely alive. Victoria Peres a forensic anthropologist is called in as the case is a mirror image of another decades old murder. Victoria must try to figure out clues from old bones left from the previous case. She must also deal with the return of her first love Seth. Victoria and Seth have a history, they fell in love in college but when Seth discovers a child is his a nasty breakup ensues. As threats begin to target Victoria, the pair find themselves working together to solve the murders all while rekindling old feelings. Kendra Elliot is fast becoming a personal favorite. Her Bones Secret novels are always filled with the right blend of romance and suspense. Alone is no exception, it has great suspense, great romance and a fantastic cast of characters all with their own stories to be told. Alone can be read as a standalone but I would highly suggest reading the series as a whole; several of Eliot's previous characters do make their appearance. 4 1/2 Starred Top Pick

I couldn't wait to read this book, when I finally got it all other books were put on hold. The storyline was deep, ever-evolving. The love story true to this author's style. I wasn't disappointed. Thanks again for another great mystery & love returned.

\*Bestselling author Kendra Elliot outdid herself once again, as she brought us another exciting romantic suspense in book 4 of her chilling "Bones Secrets" series. Although it is a series, each book can be read as stand alones with no cliff hangers....After receiving a call to a possible crime scene, forensic anthropologist Victoria "Tori" Peres is horrified of what she was seeing leaving her speechless. Being an expert in reading bones, Tori assisted the medical examiner who was about to retire and even though she thought she saw all the horrors in the world imaginable, the scene before her was the worst of all, in all the years of her career. Deep in the forest lied six dead teenage girls while another was fighting for her life at the nearest hospital wearing white dresses of different styles with their arms placed gently across their stomachs by the killer. Known as the "ice princess" due to her cool demeanor and meticulous ways in regarding her job, Tori was stunned when she learned from the police that there was a thirty year- old cold case of six murdered young women committed in the same exact way and never solved. Always believing adamantly that the

dead should have their identity known, Tori decided to re-open the thirty year case by examining their bones and skulls in order to put six souls to rest but when she is confronted by an old flame from her past hidden secrets resurface with painful memories. Hoping to be hired as the newly-appointed medical examiner, pathologist Dr. Seth Rutledge couldn't believe his eyes as he slowly approached the crime scene. There standing before him was the one woman he ever loved hating himself for breaking Tori's heart nearly eighteen years ago. If only he could tell her he made the biggest mistake of his life and he moved to Oregon hoping for a second chance with her? Observing Tori as she examined the carnage, Seth realized she was still the same Tori he fell in love with so long ago in their college days and even though he knew she despised him, Seth was determined to fight for her and win back her heart. Homicide detectives of the Oregon state police, Mason Callahan and Ray Lusco are more perplexed than ever and plagued with disturbing questions. Who would want to harm six teenage girls all alone in the forest? Did someone give them something lethal without them knowing? Or was it just an accident? Did they kill themselves? Was this case related to the thirty- year old cold case? Shocked and flustered that Seth just walked right back into her life after eighteen long years, Tori allowed all the old hurts, resentment and painful memories to resurface by forcing a shield of armor to surround her heart but even though Seth had shattered it so long ago, she never stopped loving him. As danger lurked nearby threatening her life repeatedly, Tori not only found herself finding solace in Seth's arms once again making her realize that her resolve was slowly melting. When a mysterious murder occurs, the police are not only mystified by the mounting chilling revelations but Tori, Seth and the detectives are faced with another gruesome murder while an evil sadistic serial killer plans step-by-step by making Tori his next intended victim!....an exciting thriller!..thank you..

I love mysteries. My Kindle is loaded with them. But after enduring this one to the end, all the while hoping for even a small redeeming value like maybe a good ending, I removed the other 5 unread Kendra Elliot books from my devices. OK, some might like this kind of writing, but it borders on "horror," and that is clearly not what I'm looking for in a mystery. Just the way that Ms Elliot feels the need to repeat herself as if she's assuming her readers didn't get it the first time was enough to dull my appreciation. The revisiting of the past in relationships is overdone and borders on "filler material." But the plot in this one just felt like something that is not a thinking person's book. It felt contrived. The sex scenes were too frequent, too graphic, and inappropriate for a romance novel, perhaps, but not at all relevant in a mystery. The uber-coincidence of a prime character's familial ties to the inbred horror family of the bad guys was too much. But as I said, there are probably

readers who enjoy stories of the sadistic kidnapping and murder of beautiful teenage girls. I'm for a more subtle touch.

Kept me on the edge of my seat ! Exciting suspense and a love story too. Looking forward to reading more.

Alone was a fast paced, easy to read book. I want to call it a psychological or crime thriller, but there was just too much romance in it for me. I kept wanting them to get back to the murdered girls. The only victim of the 'current' murders that was discussed or even named was the one who survived. The two main characters were too googly eyed and sappy over each other, and they were both around 40. But when there was suspense pertaining to the crimes, it was much better. Overall, a pretty good book; I personally could have done without as much of the romantic storyline.

I enjoy a good mystery or good thriller. This book falls short of being either, but perhaps my perception of it was influenced by the audio version... which is uninteresting. The reader for the audio version made potentially fervid moments boring. If this a first novel I hope the other two I acquired will not be so bone-headed, because I'd really like to give this author a second chance. If the audio version has the same reader, I'll do that by reading, not listening.

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