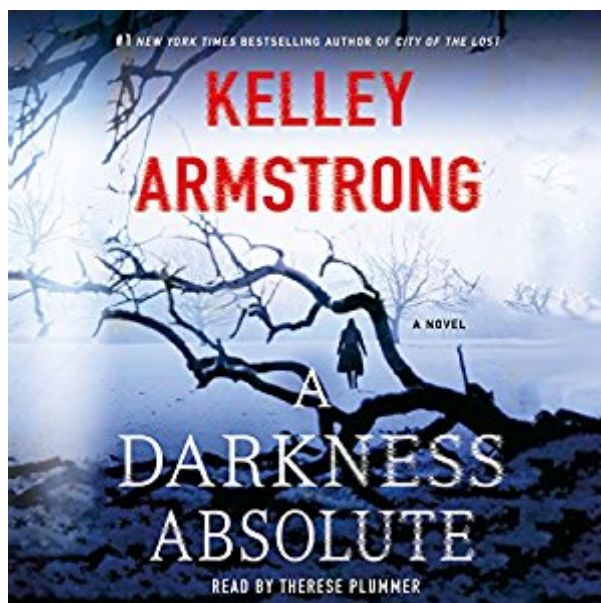


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Synopsis

When experienced homicide detective Casey Duncan first moved to the secret town of Rockton, she expected a safe haven for people like her, people running from their past misdeeds and past lives. She knew living in Rockton meant living off the grid completely: no cell phones, no Internet, no mail, very little electricity, and no way of getting in or out without the town council's approval. What she didn't expect is that Rockton comes with its own set of secrets and dangers. Now, in *A Darkness Absolute*, Casey and her fellow Rockton sheriff's deputy Will chase a cabin-fevered resident into the woods, where they are stranded in a blizzard. Taking shelter in a cave, they discover a former resident who's been held captive for over a year. When the bodies of two other women turn up, Casey and her colleagues must find out if it's an outsider behind the killings or if the answer is more complicated than that...before another victim goes missing. Casey Duncan returns in another heart-racing thriller from number-one New York Times best-selling author Kelley Armstrong.

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Customer Reviews

Casey and Eric are living in the remote town of Rockton. They make up the law enforcement team in a town full of residents who are not who they say they are and are all hiding their pasts. This is the second in the Casey Duncan series; the first being the *City of the Lost* Thriller. Reading these in order will make for better continuity. Armstrong mysteries are always full of twists and turns along with fully developed characters. Challenge for Detective Casey is sorting out who is responsible for

murders and disappearances when no one can be trusted. Love the bit of romance between Casey and Eric. Publisher gifted a complimentary copy via Netgalley.

This was a satisfying follow up to last year's *City of the Lost*. It picks up four months after the events in the first book with Rockton Detective Casey Butler and Deputy Will Anders heading out into the Yukon wilderness to track down and bring back one of the town's AWOL citizens. What they end up finding is more than they bargained for. I enjoyed getting back to Rockton and seeing how Casey is settling into her new life there as well as seeing how she's handling her new relationship with Sheriff Eric Dalton. We get to meet some more of Rockton's citizens, find out some backstory on ones we met in the last book, and discover that some of the old trouble makers are still around as well. The mystery had me changing my mind about my prime suspect/s several times before the end. I was glad to read on the author's website that she is contracted for at least four books in the series because I definitely want to read more.

I was not as impressed with *City of the Lost* as I have been with most of Kelley Armstrong's novels but *A Darkness Absolute*, the second book in the Casey Duncan series, is excellent. I wish they had been published as one large book. The "sanctuary" city of Rockton is as appealing as Cainsville in another Armstrong series, and her descriptions of the remote Yukon wilderness are vivid and beautiful. I enjoyed the story and want to spend more time with the inhabitants of Rockton, particularly the butcher/psychiatrist/doctor and philosopher, Mattais, and the hitman, ex-sheriff, Tyler Cypher. Kelly Armstrong consistently creates an intriguing story with strong characters and I always look forward to every new book she writes.

This book was absolutely fantastic. I waited months to read it until I knew I would have uninterrupted time to read from start to finish. It was worth the wait. Kelley Armstrong is just absolutely incredible. I can't wait for the next book in the series!

Well woven plot with a couple twists. Twists are completed without betraying the reader. If you liked *Silence of the Lambs*, you should enjoy *A Darkness Absolute*.

I loved seeing Casey's relationship develop with the sheriff (been a few months so I'm hazy on names) and I enjoyed that it wasn't the point of the book and that the story remained on solving crime cases and figuring out the killer. Suspenseful and a well thought out story.

Love this new series from Kelley Armstrong! Great storyline with lots of continuing potential! I always pre-order each new book as soon as it is available.

i love this word. the setting, the characters and the mysteries around. How to live life surrounded by people you can't, won't, and shouldn't trust in a world that could kill you if you don't pay attention. awesome.

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