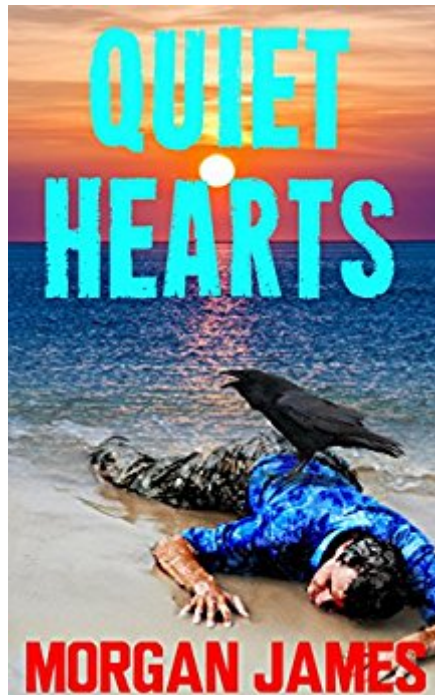


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Synopsis

LOVE IS IN THE AIR! ALONG WITH RAGE, HATRED, AND MURDER | A really great combination for mystery readers who love a dash of romance! Fans of this slightly psychic cozy series will be thrilled to hear that retired psychologist Promise McNeal is about to marry her mountain man, Daniel Allen, right about now! The lovebirds (along with Daniel's daughter Susan) have flown from their North Carolina home to St. Simon's and Jekyll Island, Ga. in search of the perfect wedding venue. But all is not well in paradise. On the Golden Isles, they find evil dressed in a summer tuxedo, a cursed Chinese chair that's also a World War II relic, the ruthlessly ambitious TV talk show host Aileen Wang, and the secret of a sixty-year-old murder rising from the coastal fog. Really, what's not to like? And yet, author James has more up her sleeve. Just as the wedding party assembles, someone shoots first Aileen and then kills two possible witnesses. With that, Promise trades in her bridal veil for trenchcoat, fedora, and the famous intuition that makes her such a talented amateur detective. Though not exactly qualifying for Miss Marple-hood or Jessica Fletcher status in terms of age, she's only in her fifties. Promise will satisfy the kind of fan who loves to see a female sleuth of a certain age (and gentility, of course!) kick posterior, as Promise herself might say. She's sure to appeal to fans of cozies, especially those by Julia Spencer-Fleming and Louise Penny, and those with a light sprinkling of psychic suspense; admirers of amateur sleuths and their close sisters female private investigators; readers of supernatural suspense and psychic detective fiction of all sorts; and especially to fans of other great North Carolina mystery authors like Margaret Maron, Barbara Neely, Elizabeth Daniels Squire, and Vicki Lane. This is the THIRD Promise McNeal mystery,

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Readers! She married him! In the first book of Ms. Jamesâ™ mystery series, "Quiet the Dead," psychologist Dr. Promise McNeal closed her Atlanta practice and moved to the mountains of Western North Carolina. Still romantically hesitant after her divorce, Promise hedges when approached by handsome and engaging Daniel Allen. Frustrated, he finally declares, "All I'm talking about is sharing a side of ribs and some barbecue. It ain't a lifetime commitment. Will you have dinner with me or not? If not, I'll respect your decision and not ask again." In "Quiet Killing, Daniel and Promise fall in love. As "Quiet Hearts" opens, two days before their wedding, they are exploring St. Simons Island, Georgia, with Susan, Daniel's daughter and the Reverend Samantha Smith in tow. Mac Allen, Daniel's first cousin-cum-brother will arrive to be best man. They discover that Aileen Wang, wife of Promise's occasional employer and a malicious but popular Atlanta talk show host, plans to restore Sparrow House on Jekyll Island, south of St. Simons. Always seeking the sensational, Aileen decided on the restoration when purchasing a chair that Betty Wu, her mother, deemed evil and cursed. Though Aileen considers the curse nonsense, an elaborate and well-advertised curse-breaking ceremony would escalate her ratings. Jekyll Island, during the 1930s, had been a playground for one-sixth of the world's wealthy who built enormous homes, snidely referred to as cottages. As the preface opens in 1948, only eight people live on the island: Mena Simpson, who lives in Sparrow House with her lover Jon and her servant Betty Wu; Garr Caretaker, a widower with two young stepsons, and an elderly black man with his daughter.

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