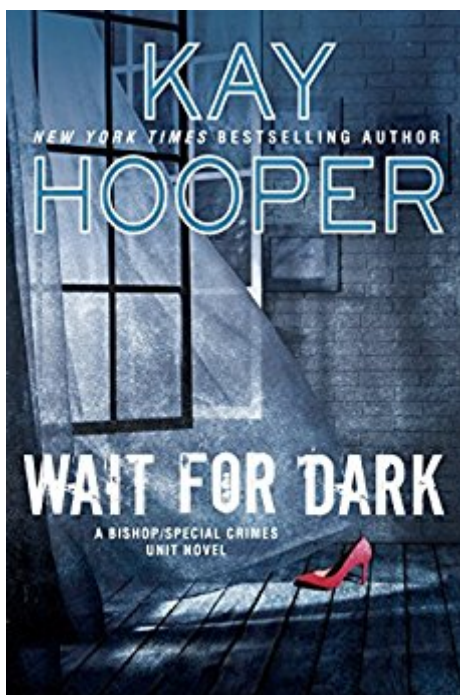


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Wait For Dark (A Bishop/SCU Novel)



Synopsis

An SCU team investigates a string of accidents, only to uncover a deadly and deliberate monster in the latest novel from New York Times bestselling author Kay Hooper. In Clarity, North Carolina, the residents have fallen victim to an unfortunate series of events. Seemingly random accidents have taken the lives of several citizens in the small mountain town. But these deadly coincidences are anything but. Something is on the hunt in Clarity, and the only clue as to what is a cryptic note given to the victims 24 hours before they meet their ends: "Wait for dark." Sheriff Mal Gordon knows how to handle his town, but he has no idea how to handle this. Hollis Templeton and her team from the Special Crimes Unit, including her partner and lover, telepath Reese DeMarco, are called in to investigate. But while the SCU has prepared them for the unknown, the incredible evil stalking Clarity shakes the team to its core when one of their own is targeted. Now Hollis, the "cat with nine lives" finds herself facing death again. And this time, not even her partner can protect her...From the Hardcover edition.

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Customer Reviews

I have to preface this review by saying that I am a huge Bishop/SCU fan, and thus, am definitely biased (haha). I have followed Ms. Hooper's characters all the way from the beginning, and *Wait For Dark* is a wonderful addition to this amazing series. In my opinion, *Wait for Dark* is much better written than *Fear the Dark* (the novel that came before this one), though it is not my favorite SCU book (*Out of the Shadows* wins that contest!). In *Wait for Dark*, the plot was interesting, with just the right mix of psychic and non-psychic phenomenon, our secondary characters are much fleshed out and enjoyable, and the other half of the SCU team, Cullen and Kirby, actually felt like they played a meaningful part in the overall investigation. These were some of the major issues I had with the previous book, and I felt that Ms. Hooper does a much better job with these points in *Wait for Dark*. Of course, *Wait for Dark* featured Hollis, one of the most fleshed out (and powerful) SCU characters that has had multiple "featurette" books previously. While I admit that I had thought her story didn't need to be expanded upon (seeing how she has so many abilities already), it was nice to see her and Reese interact more, and it was equally wonderful to see her be an SCU Team Leader, having gone through so much despite her relatively young age. I liked that *Wait for Dark* addressed most of Hollis' weaknesses but didn't make her out to be a perfect heroine by any means. Her interactions with the team members, locals, and especially Bishop, seemed very in-character and true to the Hollis we have seen grow since she was first introduced years ago. For long-time readers of the series, you will be pleased by the references to other SCU characters and the presence of Bishop and Miranda. I loved that continuity and always enjoy getting a peek at what the other characters are up to! First time readers should still give this book a chance, though, as the story is comfortably contained and *Wait for Dark* can be read as a completely standalone novel. It might even peak your interest enough to take a look at the entire series, and I would recommend the series with no hesitation!

It has been awhile since we have been gifted with another entry in this series and let me be the first to say that it is well worth the wait. Meeting new members of the group as well as visiting with old friends, this book keeps you on the edge of your seat as it explores evil in its most evocative form yet. Don't read it in the dark.

I feel like I waited forever for this book to come out. I'm a huge fan of the Bishop/SCU series and

was disappointed in one of the more recent Hooper books but this one did not disappoint. This features Hollis and Reese, who are two of, I think, everyone's favorite SCU team members. Hollis is a powerful psychic who seems to become more powerful with every passing day, especially while on a case. I think as fans of the series, we have waited for this book for a very long time. The story itself can be read as a standalone, but to get the full effect, you should seriously read the entire series, start to finish, otherwise it may be a little confusing to keep up. The story is creepy enough that you won't want to stop reading because you have to know what's going to happen. My only complaint was the ending seemed a little forced to me. The person responsible was never on our radar at all as readers, which made it a little harder to accept as the ending. BUT overall I really enjoyed it.

Have been a fan of Kay Hooper for many years, some books I like more than others. This one was a great read, I've taken a star (or really half a star but they don't let you do that) off for the slightly rushed ending, and I felt it was a bit too short in some sections and could have done with a bit more explanation in text (don't want to give spoilers on what part it was, you'll have to read it yourself and see what you think!). Loved the storyline, will be waiting to see if these characters make an appearance in future books. An idea for Ms Hooper, if they read these reviews: I wonder if she's ever thought of doing small novella type books on the previous characters in the books so we can have more updates on the characters, rather than just small mentions in text? Would save us all whingeing about how it takes forever for a book to come out too!

Well developed story plot, great characters that continue to grow with each book--Kay Hooper continues to be one of my favorite authors because of her story and character development. The progression of good trumps evil as Hollis' continues to develop her abilities.

While I find Hooper's writing compelling, and I like her repeat characters, I'm disappointed. I enjoyed the book, but I was able to put it down and didn't finish it quickly. For Hollis fans, the story focuses on her. The evil person is the secondary story and partially developed. I'd have to read it again to figure out what I missed. Anyone unfamiliar with the Bishop series will be very confused.

A team of 4 FBI agents with special mind powers is dispatched to a town to catch a serial killer. What does that sound like? The TV show Criminal Minds (and this book). Not an original plot. The author writes a constant conversation about Hollis and her past and how she is coping with it into

almost every single page of the book. It got so boring after a while because it did not move the plot forward at all that I started skipping entire conversations. What small amount of plot movement there was revealed that there really wasn't much of a plot anyway. The characters seemed to care more about their bad selves than about the victims or their families, hence my title - who cares.

Have been reading Kay Hooper since she first started. She just gets better and better. This story pretty much finishes Hollis Templeton's story. Even if or when she shows up again it will be as a minor character.

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