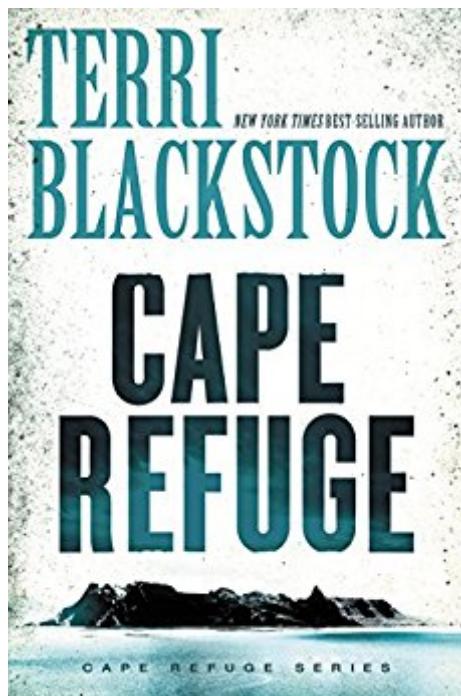


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The Cape Refuge (Cape Refuge Series Book 1)



Synopsis

Mystery and suspense combine in this first book in an exciting new 4-book series by best-selling author Terri Blackstock. Thelma and Wayne Owens run a bed and breakfast in Cape Refuge, Georgia. They minister to the seamen on the nearby docks and prisoners just out of nearby jails, holding services in an old warehouse and taking many of the "down-and-outers" into their home. They have two daughters: the dutiful Morgan who is married to Jonathan, a fisherman, and helps them out at the B & B, and Blair, the still-single town librarian, who would be beautiful if it weren't for the serious scar on the side of her face. After a heated, public argument with his in-laws, Jonathan discovers Thelma and Wayne murdered in the warehouse where they held their church services. Considered the prime suspect, Jonathan is arrested. Grief-stricken, Morgan and Blair launch their own investigation to help Matthew Cade, the town's young police chief, find the real killer. Shady characters and a raft of suspects keep the plot twisting and the suspense building as we learn not only who murdered Thelma and Wayne, but also the secrets about their family's past and the true reason for Blair's disfigurement.

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Customer Reviews

Cape Refuge is a small island just off the coast of Georgia. Its a tight knit community, where everybody knows everybody and there are no strangers. Which leads us to Thelma and Wayne Owens, the owners of Hanover House. The Owens open their doors to ex cons wanting to change their lives. Hanover House has strict rules and ALL must follow them, if they want to stay that is. The Owens also minister a church that welcomes anyone willing to walk through the doors. So when Thelma and Wayne miss a city council meeting about Hanover House possible being closed down their daughters, Blair and Morgan, get really worried. But it's not until Cade, the towns Police Chief, burst into the room does it become serious. Jonathon, Morgan's husband, found Thelma and Wayne in their church murdered. Now the real problem? He was also seen arguing with his in laws that very morning. And of course, the murder weapon was also his... In the meantime Morgan takes over Hanover House and tries to keep it together while her husband is in jail and her sister wants nothing to do with it. While going through their parents things Blair finds something that might explain how she ended up getting those scars on her face and what really caused it. While all this was taking place a young girl was running from her abusive step father. Sadie was directed to Hanover House by a waitress knowing she was alone. When she arrived there, no one was home. That night she slept on the beach waking up to Chief Cade. He brought her to the doctors and paid to have a cast put on her broken arm. She was also warned not to sleep on the beach anymore. So that night she found a seemingly abandoned boat shed that looked as if it hadn't been used in a while. That's where Morgan found her a few days later. And of course, Morgan welcomed her into Hanover House and treated her just as family. After everyone in the house had been under suspicion Cade is finally getting close to the real killer. That's when everything spirals out of control. Sadie's step father somehow ends up in town and attempts to kill her. Will he succeed and what does he have to do with everything that's been going on around town? Who brought him here and why? There are a lot of questions needing answers and you will get a few of them... I loved this story, the town and all the characters. Terri Blackstock makes you feel as if you are a part of their lives and your there on the street or on the beautiful beach with them. Hope you enjoy this book as much as I did :)

I'm one that took this as a "freebie" a few months ago, and I'm just now getting to it, and boy, am I glad I did! I wish I hadn't waited so long to get started. The book was great; I'm new to reading the

Christian genre, but found this to be a very good read. There was a plot line, very interesting characters that you actually got to "know," and yes, there was religion. For some it may be too much, and for others, maybe not enough. For me, it was just the right amount, and I'm eagerly starting book 2 of this series after I finish typing! I only wish that more time had been taken in developing the characters that were murdered within the first few pages, but they were intricately interwoven throughout the entire book, which did help to get to know them, but once you did, you almost felt bad that you didn't get to know them before tragedy struck. Ms. Blackstock writes a good book; I just finished reading book 1 from the Newpointe 911 series, and was quite pleased to find that I had 2 other Kindle books by this author. While I'd love to read each book in sequence, from each of her series, I find the pricing to be a little high, and I'm not willing to pay upwards of \$10 for an author that to me is still relatively unknown. I see that a great many are familiar with Ms. Blackstock's books, but for me she's new, untested and right now, not worth the higher cost of the books. I have to get back to Southern Storm, book 2 in the Cape Refuge series, but I wanted to put my 2 cents in on book 1, and I can say again, it was a great read, and certainly a "keeper," that I may get back to and re-read in a year or so, I enjoyed it that much. Thank you for reading my review.

This was my first book by Terri Blackstock. I really liked it. It was full of suspense, good characters, joy, sorrow and a witness to God. The author wrote about people dealing with quite a variety of problems. Most found God to help them through their lives. But some were too busy being bad. Terri's writing put God in her character's lives but did not shove them onto the reader. She allows God center stage when He needs to be there. I highly recommend this book. I am off to read the next one in this series.

Terri Blackstock is one of those writers I automatically purchase to read. Her stories are always very real and encouraging, as her characters seek understanding of how God is at work in any situation. Her pointing to Christ is a constant theme as her characters struggle with our very human lack of eternal vision. God is, has always been and will always be in control, and His love for His children continues until we are called Home. How blessed we are.

Here is my only criticism: Initially, I thought this murder situation was similar to that of her book entitled *Truth-Stained Lies*, where a loved one of the victim is accused of committing the murder. I was hoping this is a pattern that will not continue because it seems a little cliché; however, I have

also read other books and series by Blackstock, and I think my initial prediction was just coincidence. Though the story seems so bleak and tragic in the beginning, Blackstock has a gift with turning her characters' suffering into something positive. I am currently a daughter dealing with the loss of my father, so watching another daughter's journey in this was both painful and soothing. It was neat to see how each of the sisters grieved differently, too, because my sister and I are currently experiencing that with my father's death. Definitely encouraged at the end! I'm also curious to see Blair's transformation in coming books. I hope that she comes closer to the Lord...and to Chief Cade!

This was a great story with characters that were multidimensional. A story of God's grace & forgiveness. A mystery, love story & family story. I loved it & have already purchased the next book in the series.

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