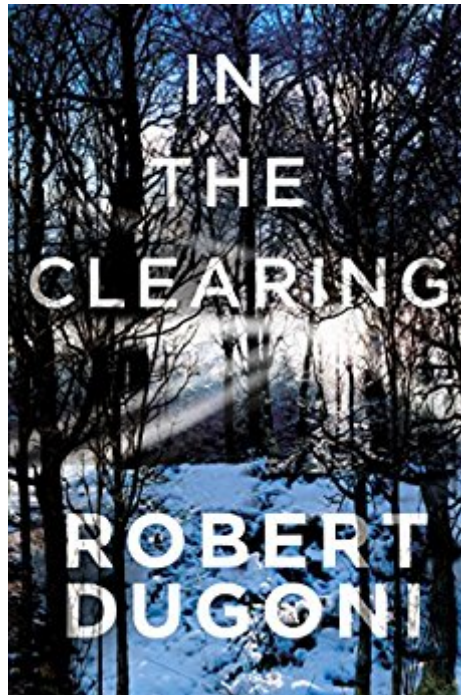




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# In The Clearing (The Tracy Crosswhite Series Book 3)



## Synopsis

A Thriller Award finalist, Best Paperback Original Novel. Detective Tracy Crosswhite has a skill, and a soft spot, for tackling unsolved crimes. Having lost her own sister to murder at a young age, Tracy has dedicated her career to bringing justice and closure to the families and friends of victims of crime. So when Jenny, a former police academy classmate and protégé, asks Tracy to help solve a cold case that involves the suspicious suicide of a Native American high school girl forty years earlier, Tracy agrees. Following up on evidence Jenny's detective father collected when he was the investigating deputy, Tracy probes one small town's memory and finds dark, well-concealed secrets hidden within the community's fabric. Can Tracy uphold the promise she's made to the dead girl's family and deliver the truth of what happened to their daughter? Or will she become the next victim?

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## Customer Reviews

I Loved the Tracy Crosswhite Series!!! It starts with Tracy reading a closed case file dealing with the 'suicide' of Kimi, an American Indian 40 years ago so it has to take you back to 1976 when the

death occurred. Kimi's family is SURE she did not commit suicide. But the case is ruled a suicide and the family get no further help from the law in 1976. Buzz Almond, a detective who worked the case believes there is foul play, so hangs onto the file instead of destroying it and continues working it until his death. His daughter then finds the file in his desk and gives it to Tracy. So now with Tracy in possession of the file, she begins her search for the truth. Add to that....The current day death of a well known Defense Attorney's son-in-law has Tracy busy as well. Who done it? The Wife, the Son, or someone else? Crazy good!! She splits her time between cases that span 40 years, plus her own busy personal life and it's complicated. It has twists and turns that I didn't see coming, and a different villain than I imagined. So just what I wanted and expected from Robert Dugoni! Knowing how Tracy Crosswhite works the crime scene and how she digs deep for all the unknowns is what I love about her character. I have all 3 books in this series and would recommend them all. The past to current time in this book didn't flow as well as in the other 2 books in the series but overall, slow start, Great Story. I received an early copy of this novel from NetGalley.

I liked this book so much that I recommended it to my daughter who is a high school teacher. It could be instructive to high school students who forget that the world does not revolve around them and when they make mistakes, they should own up to it. The story involves some high school football players who make a serious mistake and compound it by covering it up. In my experience, it's realistic to think that people make things worse by covering up and burying their mistakes. Also it's very sad to think that a high school girl could go missing and people take the circumstances at face value. This is a good fictional read that is based on stories that we read in the news every day.

Another page-turner from Dugoni. And due to the secrets and lies, too many people died needlessly. Not as much help from Dan in solving the cases this time; but we got to find out more about Tracy's partner, Kins--both as a cop and as a man. There were two mysteries to be solved in this book--one that took place 40 years ago, and one recent one. Tracy was the primary on the old one, and Kins on the recent. Interesting way to plot a book. I was especially pleased that Kins' suspect was finally corralled and would spend the rest of her days in prison. I was suspicious who the killer was in the cold case, but Dugoni didn't give so much away that I was ever quite sure. Am eager to see where he takes us in the next book in this series.

Another great Tracy Crosswhite novel. This time she is looking into 2 different cases. One a domestic violence murder. Who killed Tim? His estranged wife or their son? The other, a 40 year old

cold case. of a high school girl. It was classified as a suicide, but was it really? The sheriff never believed it. Maybe Tracy can help them. As usual, Robert Dugoni has written a suspenseful thriller. It is, of course, well-written. The characters are well defined, ones that you can identify with, like real people. I loved this book, along with the first 2 Tracy Crosswhite books. I am looking forward to the next one!

I love Robert's books! I love Tracy Crosswhite! She is strong, socially and mentally, she has a past that helps her be not only the cop looking for answers, but can see things from the victims family pov, as her sister was murdered years before, and Tracy uses that knowledge to help her solve murders. I love the places in the book, though they're fictional, they are described so well, I feel like I could be there with the characters! This man is talented, and reading his books are never a waste of time! Suspense, mystery, intriguing!

The author is a careful writer who blends two plot lines with skill and keeps the reader's interest in both. The setting of the American Northwest and the switchbacks from the present into the past provide a suitable backdrop for the main detective as she works with other characters who are more than one dimensional and therefore not so easy to figure out.

I've read the Tracy Crosswhite books in order and enjoyed the first two. This one was okay, with a couple of good story lines but it just went on and on and I had a hard time remaining interested. I found myself skimming through paragraphs of detailed descriptions that I did not believe contributed to the story. I wanted to know how the Kimi mystery came together so kept up with it but this one was not the fast paced story that the first two books contained. Don't know if I'll stick with future books in the series.

Mr Dugoni now that I finished a 4th of yours You have been added to my 10 best authors list. How Tracy juggles 2 murders 40 years apart is unbelievable. Then the color and landscape added to village description is magnificent. Then I felt I was back playing football drinking and driving and chasing girls but Not killing them. Add to that the hanging death of gardener was such a tragedy. But Tracy along with the dead sheriff made a great team and finally the crafty evil bitch got reward. Keep writing Robert.

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