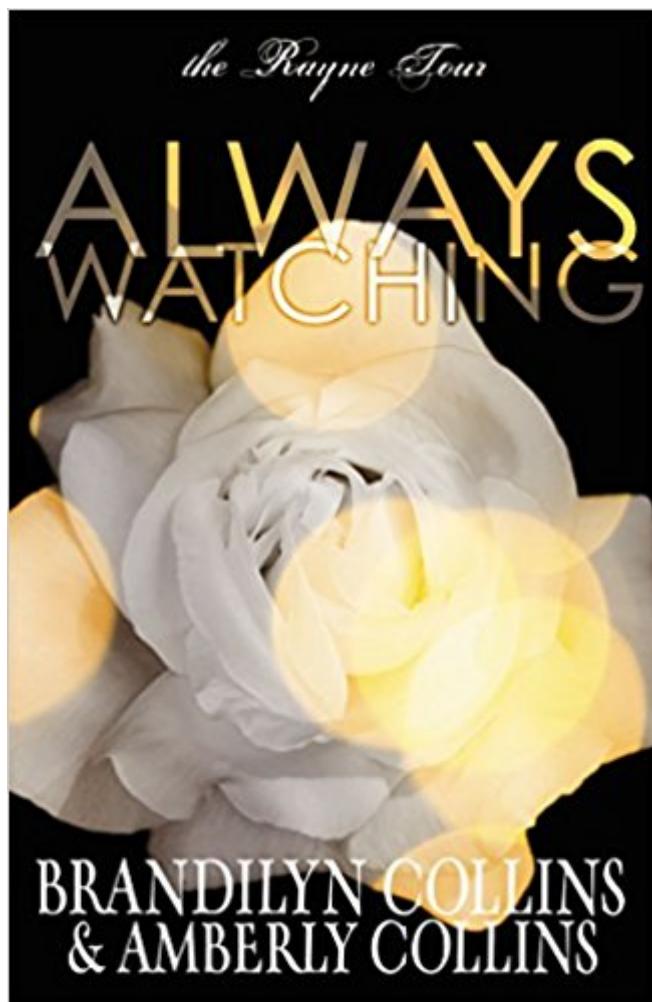


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Always Watching (The Rayne Tour, Book 1)



Synopsis

This daughter of a rock star has it all--until murder crashes her world. The exciting and suspenseful Rayne Tour series features sixteen-year-old Shaley O'Connor, on tour with her mother's popular band. Shaley lives in a whirlwind of backstage secrets, hotels, and limos. With beauty and fame of her own, Shaley wants for nothing ... except the one thing she can't have. During a concert, sixteen-year-old Shaley O'Connor stumbles upon the body of a friend backstage. Is Tom Hutchens' death connected to her? Frightening messages arrive. Paparazzi stalk Shaley. Her private nightmare is displayed for all to see. Where is God at a time like this? As the clock runs out, Shaley must find Tom's killer---before he strikes again.

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Customer Reviews

Sixteen-year-old Shaley O'Connor is on tour with her rock-star mother when she discovers the corpse of her mother's hairstylist backstage. Determined to solve the mystery, Shaley becomes an amateur sleuth. Coauthored by best-selling suspense novelist Brandilyn Collins (Dark Pursuit), three-time winner of the American Christian Fiction Writers Award, and her daughter Amberly, this solid teen mystery, the initial entry in a new series, will appeal to young girls and adults who enjoy a good yarn. The mother-daughter sleuthing team is appealing, making this a solid choice for mother-daughter book clubs. Recommended for public libraries. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

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adults who enjoy a good yarn. (Library Journal) A fast paced whodunit set against the intriguing backdrop of rock star celebrity. [Brandilyn Collins] adult fans will find much to rave about, while new teen readers will love the youthful voice and perspective that Amberly Collins brings to the table ... Mother and daughter have stormed onto the YA scene in exhilarating style. (The Christian Manifesto) "Shaley and Rayne are not believers. However, Shaley has a clear sense that she is missing something valuable in her life. Carly Sanders, one of the band's back-up singers, is a Christian. She is a solid lifeline in the midst of the tragedy, offering prayer and comfort when Shaley is on the brink of despair. Carly speaks openly with Shaley about her Father in heaven and assures Shaley that she is not alone in her grief. Shaley asks why bad things happen, and Carly admits that she doesn't know everything. Instead, she shares her own story of redemption and encourages Shaley to rely on God for strength. Although Shaley does not immediately accept God's salvation, Carly's gentle and persistent faith stirs her to contemplate the truth behind the claims of Christianity. (Focus on the Family) "With a satisfying ending, Always Watching leaves enough of a cliffhanger to make you want to finish the tour! (The Suspense Zone.com) "this book turns into a suspenseful read for teens, complete with a cliffhanger ending. (Living with Teenagers Magazine, September 2009) "It is incredibly refreshing to read fiction for young women that does not have a vampire or a morose, moody, teenage girl as the hero! This is a great one to hand off to your book-obsessed junior-high girls. (Youth Worker Journal)

I was actually impressed. This one took me by surprise from the beginning with immediately seeing into the killers eyes. Then, we switch to Shaley and her rock star mom Rayne. The length of the plot is three days, but by the end I feel like Shaley and that it was more like a few months, but in a good way. We follow through the lives of Shaley and her mom as they deal with the murder of a close friend. From there, everything begins to be not what they thought and people not who they thought. Even up until the end, I was shocked to figure out who the killer was. The writers did a great job of keeping you guessing and turning pages as fast as you could to get to the next one. I literally didn't want to put it down. I just had to know what the killer was going to do next and try to get some clue as to who it might be. The writing only switched between Shaley's perspective and the killers - a fact to which I was very grateful. The transitions were smooth and easy to get. I liked how it ended and from the preview I got of the next in line, it literally picks up where this one leaves off. I think this is a great beginning of a great mystery series. The Christian influence is actually barely there, which is a nice backdrop for Christian fiction. It's not in your face, or shoved down any characters throat, it's

just simple reminders that someone is watching out for you - someone good.

Brandilyn Collins' books have always been ride! Somehow, this one just didn't have that extra "Umph" to it to keep the pages turning. As one of my favorite authors, I hate to give a bad review, but this one just was on par with the rest of her books.

There were some good surprises. Liked that a lot. Too much time was spent on how "fragile" Shaley is. I wanted to scream, "Okay, I get it!" Over all, a good read. I plan to read the whole series.

The book was very good. Suspense, romance, action. Everything I was looking for. A very easy read. Good story line.

Very suspenseful would recommend it, very east to read with a great thriller. Not who I thought was the suspect

This book kept me turning the pages and I hated for it to end. Can't wait to read the next one.

This was the first Brandilyn Collins book I read and I'm looking forward to reading more. The mystery was great and the killer was a shock to find out. Shaley's relationship with her mom was fantastic. Her and her mom were like best friends (most of the time) and her best friend and her were really close. But, what kept this mystery from being five star was the fact that the killer and the killee (if that's a word) both have extreme crushes on her. What's wrong with that? Well, the killee has a shrine of her on his wall and the killer says he's just "protecting" her. To boot, they're both over eighteen, whereas she's sixteen or seventeen years old. Besides the pedophileish behavior. I enjoyed this book and want to read more in the series.

The harsh, main, negative review given on here is one I truly disagree with. This co-authored novel was very packed with their hard-working, vivid, imaginative skills. Their novel kept my interest, my mind working to solve, to know, the outcomes. So descriptive in nature throughout the book. My thoughts did not go to where the above-mentioned reviewer went. Thank you both for the excellent reading, for what I think is the majority of us!~Jaylene Shrader

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