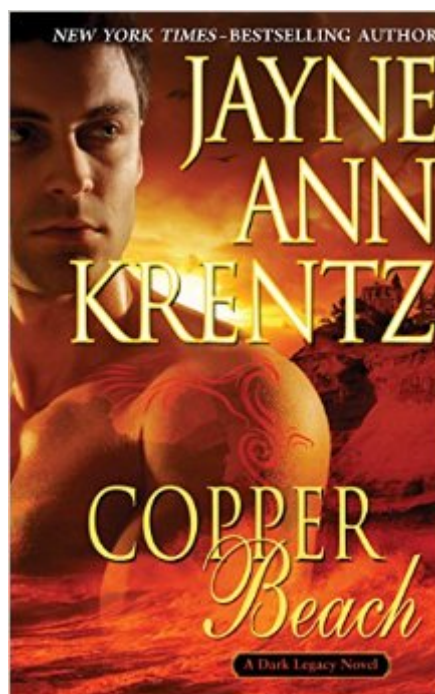


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Synopsis

Within the pages of very rare books, some centuries old, lie the secrets of the paranormal. Abby Radwell's unusual psychic talent has made her an expert in such volumes—and sometimes taken her into dangerous territory. After a deadly incident in the private library of an obsessive collector, Abby receives a blackmail threat, and rumors swirl that an old alchemical text known as The Key has reappeared on the black market. A number of ruthless people are searching for the book. Some believe that Abby can find it for them. Abby wants no part of it. But the pressure mounts after a rare-book dealer dies mysteriously. Convinced that she needs an investigator who can also play bodyguard, Abby hires Sam Coppersmith, an expert in paranormal crystals and amber—hot rocks. Passion flares immediately between them, yet neither entirely trusts the other. Both are concealing secrets. Both have their own agendas. Sam concludes that the only way to keep Abby safe is to take her to property owned by his rich and reclusive family—a compound in the small town of Copper Beach, on a private island. But small towns are no safer than large cities when it comes to dealing with a killer who has paranormal talents, and a blackmailer who will stop at nothing to obtain an ancient alchemical code. |

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Customer Reviews

Abby Radwell can unlock the paranormal secrets of books but when she starts receiving blackmail threats, she knows she needs help. Copper Beach by Jayne Ann Krentz , Abby hires Sam Coppersmith, an paranormal investigator, to help her track down her blackmailer and to help for find

an ancient text known as The Key. Sam Coppersmith, has an affinity for crystals and he is willing to help Abby but in exchange he needs Abby to help him find The Key. When dead bodies start showing up, Sam worries that he won't be able to keep Abby safe especially since his feelings for Abby have gotten stronger the more time they spend together. When I hear the words "paranormal romance" I immediately think vampires and shape-shifters, but Copper Beach is not your normal paranormal (I grinned after I penned that phrase). Jayne Ann Krentz is the queen of psychic powers in the paranormal field. The chemistry between Abby and Sam is hot but it is the character of Newton, Abby's dog, that made me smile most often. Being a devoted cat owner (translation: slave to the grumpy old man cat who is currently sitting on my lap making it so I have to bend my arm unnaturally to write this review), I love Krentz's pet characters. With as many devoted pet owners out there who read romance novels you would think that more authors would include them in their novels but beyond just including a pet in her novels, Krentz does an amazing job of having the pets in her novels play an important role to the movement of the novels without overshadowing the main characters (dust bunnies are my favorite under her pen name of Jayne Castle). Copper Beach was a fabulous read that I highly recommend and I look forward to reading the rest of the series.

Copper Beach is the start of a new paranormal suspense series, A Dark Legacy. Abby Radwell is a bookseller working primarily with private collectors. She has the power to take psychic energy from a book and use it to disable people but primarily she uses her senses to find "hot books" for her carefully vetted clients. She gets involved in the search for a lab book with tremendous energy potential and needs protection—enter Sam Coppersmith. Sam comes from a family that has a long history of paranormal work and research. Added to his background with an unnamed government agency and he is the perfect man for Abby—personally and professionally. There is a lot of chemistry between the two characters and they get involved with each other and the search for the book right from the beginning. Abby is being pressured to find the book by her family and possibly also from an unknown blackmailer. Sam's father was involved in the beginning of the experiment that created the lab book and Sam knows the consequences should it fall into the wrong hands. Floating around in the background is the mystery of how Sam's ex-fiancee ended up dead, why Abby's family needs her to find the lab book, and who the mysterious blackmailer is. The suspense of the story keeps you turning page after page to see what will happen next. This book is a bit of a departure from her Arcane series but just as enjoyable.

I've been reading Ms. Krentz's books, under all her pseudonyms, for more than 20 years, and I still

love her work regardless of subgenre. Copper Beach starts a new series featuring the Coppersmiths, three siblings who are talented with crystals; this is Sam's and Abby's story. It doesn't appear to have an Arcane linkage, although it has a lot of those elements. The story is told with Krentz's usual charm, and the characters are very likeable. I liked Sam's attitude about Abby from the beginning (no spoiler!), and felt the romance was sweet and plausible. The book is clearly setting up the other two in the series, but not in a way that detracts from the Copper Beach story. Krentz does have a style, and "typical" types of characters, so you either like her or you don't. I like her a lot. I bought this on my Kindle, without waiting for the price to lower, because I wanted to read it right away and I KNOW I will read it again. And again. A charming, warm, entertaining and engaging story worth your time (and money), IMHO. Thanks again, Ms. Krentz! You rock!

I have enjoyed Krentz's books for years, but have been increasingly unhappy with the direction her books have taken, with them becoming far less "romance" and far more "para-mystery." Unlike the winsome characters in "Deep Waters" and "Grand Passion" and "Absolutely, Positively," to name only a few, there wasn't a memorable character in this book. None. Instead, this is a book that goes into excruciating detail about a bunch of crystals that don't exist. There's not even a dust bunny, and the fact I would miss a fictitious creature tells a tale. The dust bunnies are turning into the most entertaining characters in Krentz's books. Goodness knows the primary characters all run together, being indistinguishable from one another. What really bugs me is I paid - with tax - \$14 for the ebook, which I will likely never read again. Unless you are enthusiastic about the direction Krentz's recent books have taken, save your money and either skip it entirely or get it from the library. The villain was obvious, based upon her past books. It was no surprise at all. Realized who it'd be as soon as that particular character showed up. Okay, to be strictly honest, I thought another character was involved, too. If you read the book, you'll know precisely who I mean when you get to that part. It's a pity that an author who has, in the past, brought to life such characters as Serenity Makepeace and Elias Winters (from "Hidden Talents" and "Deep Waters," for the uninitiated), has chosen to rely heavily on creating imaginary stuff such as the crystals in "Copper Beach" rather than unique characters and situations, both of which were once her strength.

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