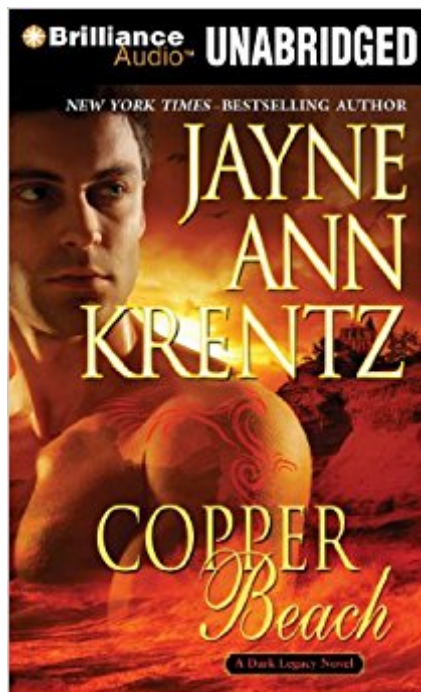


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## Copper Beach (Dark Legacy)



## 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 and 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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Technically, Sam Coppersmith might not be a private investigator, but he is exactly the man Abby Radwell needs to deal with her little problem. An antiquarian bookseller with a specialty in paranormally encrypted texts, she has been receiving anonymous notes that threaten to disclose

secrets from her past unless Abby agrees to find a certain book for the blackmailer. Sam, an expert in rare minerals and paranormally charged crystals, is more than willing to take on the assignment, especially since he believes the book the blackmailer wants is the very same lab notebook his family has been trying to keep off the market (and out of the hands of crazies) for decades. However, things quickly become complicated between the two as Sam and Abby realize their simple business relationship is turning into something much more personal. Best-selling Krentz deftly invests Copper Beach, the first in her new Dark Legacy series, with a combustible combination of sharp wit, sizzling romance, and a riveting plot rich in paranormal-infused suspense.

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• "The first book in a new "Dark Legacy"™ trilogy, and Krentz clearly is on a roll. • "The Seattle Times • "A joy to read. • "USA Today • "Charming and compelling characters. • "St. Paul Pioneer Press • "A combustible combination of sharp wit, sizzling romance, and a riveting plot rich in paranormal-infused suspense. • "Booklist • "An engaging thriller. • "Midwest Book Review --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

**THE STORY:** Abby Radwell is a psychic talent with a sensitivity to books. She is thrust into danger when the laboratory notebook regarding powerful gems is up for auction. Someone wants her expertise and is willing to kill for it. In seeking help, she ends up hiring Sam Coppersmith. Sam has his own agenda: his family also wants the lab notebook to keep it from falling into dangerous hands. A specialist in paranormal crystals and amber, Sam comes to help Abby but soon begins to think that there is something more than danger between himself and Abby.

**OPINION:** This is a new twist on Krentz's paranormal romances. These books seem to exist in the same world as her Arcane series with many of the same principles, but these characters are not tied into the paranormal the way the characters in the Arcane books are. Unfortunately, this book lacks the energy and excitement and remarkable characters that occupy Krentz's Arcane world. Neither the characters nor the storyline are particularly remarkable. The book is well written and is certainly a good one time read. However, it lacks the elements of vivid and memorable characters and situations that make a book a re-read for me.

**WORTH MENTIONING:** A descendant of the Coppersmiths is the hero of the Jayne Castle futuristic paranormal SIREN'S CALL.

**FINAL DECISION:** This book felt average without anything to really push it into the great category.

**CONNECTED BOOKS:** COPPER BEACH is the first book of the Dark Legacy series.

**STAR RATING:** I give this book 3.5 stars.

I chose this book because it was written by Jayne Ann Krentz. I chose this rating because it was a great read.....funny, mysterious, and sexy. Two mysteries in one. While trying to find a lost journal, our hero stumbles on who murdered his ex-girlfriend and finds his soul mate. Highly recommend.

I was captivated from the beginning, I had a hard time putting it down. I really do enjoy her books! I like her characters and don't want to stop reading until the end.

The book grabs you from the first page & it doesn't let you go until the end of the book. Mystery, love, excitement are all there.

I enjoy this kind of fantasy. No dark stuff, interesting plots with unpredictable twists.

I love this author; she delivers in that the characters from past novels are brought forward and expanded upon during her story. I love a good series where I can sink my teeth into it and just escape from life for awhile and relax in her story.....She consistently delivers a good read for me when I need to escape from life. I love the concept of the paranormal. This series continues on where the other older series have left off. I love that a high tech lab which is on an island off the coast of Seattle or thereabouts can exist with high technology. I love the high tech world that they introduce along with the concept of the forbidden catacombs that lie beneath the surface that the aliens have forged. A very good read; I love the paranormal! A great Escape!

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 had expected better. Pretty much of a yawn.

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