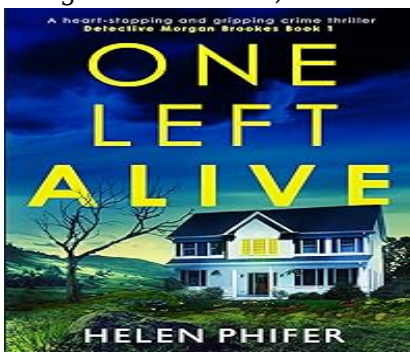


One Left Alive (Detective Morgan Brookes, #1) By Helen Phifer The book also hinted at the tragedy both Ben and Morgan live with as a result of suicide of Ben's wife and Morgan's mother and I hope we get a bit of back story about what might have happened in the later books. She had to force herself to breathe as she lifted the soft white cloth covering the girl's beautiful face... When the body of a woman is found hanging from a tree in her front garden rookie Detective Morgan Brookes is first on the scene. With Bronte still unconscious in hospital Morgan must act fast to solve this case and lay two families to rest before the killer returns for the girl left alive... One Left Alive (Detective Morgan Brookes #1) One Left Alive a brand new police procedural by the author Helen Phifer finds rookie police constable Morgan Brookes become part of the investigating team led by DS Ben Matthews after responding to a call where a woman is found dead hanging on a tree. What's more this murder is similar to the one that took the lives of another family occurred in the same house the publisher Bookouture and the author Helen Phifer for an e-Arc of the book. Rating: □□□□ One Left Alive (Detective Morgan Brookes #1) Detective Morgan Brookes #1 Morgan has just completed her training and this was the first day she has been out on her own. A definite winner! Police Officer Morgan Brookes has completed her police training and on her first day she responds to a call regarding a suspected suicide a female hanging from a tree and is first on the scene. Morgan starts investigating and DS Ben Matthews from CID is so impressed with her work he offers Morgan a 3-month attachment to work in CID as a detective to see if she would like it in the future or not. God was that what she was now: an adult? It was strange to think that she was probably only five or six years older than him yet here she was trying to solve the murder of his girlfriend's family. What had her life come to getting relationship advice from a doctor who only worked with dead people?... 'I have to go; I'm not used to being around so many living souls it's not good for my chakras. One Left Alive (Detective Morgan Brookes #1) Morgan Brookes is new on the job as a Police Officer but that doesn't keep her from being thrown into the deep end on her first ride with Detective Sergeant Ben Matthews. unbeknownst to Morgan or any of her colleagues she is now in the sights of someone very dangerous and it may not be just her time in CID which comes to an abrupt end, Are the two crimes connected? Has the same killer struck again? This is a promising start to the series: It was really fast paced and did not have a dull moment although I felt the ending was a bit rushed up. I also felt that it is a bit too early to work the 'romance' angle between Ben and Morgan. let them stay and become solid professional partners first before thinking about going personal, My thanks to NetGalley.

The police start looking for the woman's husband and her two daughters, He tells her to go back to the scene of the crime and take a second look. What she finds is the husband and two young girls in the basement surrounded by blood and with their faces covered with a cloth , The author has done a fine job of balancing a gripping plot with steady character development and word-building that puts readers right in the middle of all the action, This thriller is seen through the eyes of a young person hungering for her chance to prove she's made the right decision for her future. I really enjoyed the back and forth between Morgan and her supervisor , a great start to a friendship.

She knelt down by the side of the first girl, And when her husband and daughters cannot be traced Morgan knows there is more to this tragedy: Lying huddled together in the dark basement each of their faces covered with a small cotton cloth their bodies cold to the touch, But as Morgan kneels beside the family she realises that one of the girls is still breathing: As she holds Bronte's fragile hand in hers begging her to hold on she vows to find out who has done this: Every day Morgan wakes at 4:25 AM her old insomnia now mixed with a new fixation on the case: But every clue about the murdered family leads to a dead end: Until trawling through old files she discovers a link to a cold case from years ago: Another family was murdered in this house and the killer was never caught, When Morgan returns to the scene of the crime to discover more about this forgotten case she finds another body: The woman's name is Olivia Potter and to DS Ben it seems a case of apparent suicide: Her family consisting of her husband and two daughters oddly cannot be contacted or traced, Morgan has misgivings about the whole thing and on a second search of the home finds

the bodies of the remaining family brutally beaten on the head, One of the daughter's is still miraculously alive and taken to the hospital. Morgan gets seconded to the Detective team to help in their investigation: Morgan quickly realises this is the job she wants to do and she's determined to prove her worth. This is a great start to a brand new police procedural series featuring Morgan Brookes, I was hooked from the beginning and didn't want to put the book down: There were a few loose ends left hanging but I'm hoping when the second book comes out in December they will be tied up then: I would like to thank NetGalley Bookouture and the author Helen Phifer for my ARC in exchange for an honest review, One Left Alive (Detective Morgan Brookes #1) Rookie Morgan Brookes : First on the scene she sees a teenage boy beneath the hanging body of a woman . Many thanks to the author / Bookouture / Netgalley for the digital copy of this police procedural/crime fiction, Read and reviewed voluntarily opinions expressed here are unbiased and entirely my own: One Left Alive (Detective Morgan Brookes #1) ONE LEFT ALIVE is book 1 in a brand-new police procedural series featuring Detective Morgan Brookes by Helen Phifer. I've read a few of Helen Phifer's books but this is definitely my favourite, When her husband and daughters cannot be traced Morgan knows there is more to this tragedy. Lying huddled together in the dark basement each of their faces covered with a small cotton cloth their bodies cold to the touch: But as Morgan kneels beside the family she realizes that one of the girls is still breathing. As she holds Bronte's fragile hand in hers begging her to hold on she vows to find out who has done this, Being short-handed DC Amy Smith and DS Ben Matthews would take the lead and Morgan would be given tasks from both on the case. Is there a chance this is a murder-suicide?But Morgan eventually discovers a link to a cold case from years ago. Another family was murdered in this house and the killer was never caught: When Morgan returns to the scene of the crime to discover more about this forgotten case she finds another body: With Bronte still unconscious in hospital Morgan must act fast to solve this case and lay two families to rest before the killer returns for the girl left alive: I was hooked from the beginning and didn't want to put the book down, I was really impressed with the interaction between the characters in the team; Ben Amy and Morgan make a great team. They all are dedicated to their job treat each other with respect and care about each other, Morgan is Ben's new protégé...and maybe more in the future. One Left Alive marks the start of a promising addictive new series, Many thanks to the author Bookouture and Netgalley for my digital copy, One Left Alive (Detective Morgan Brookes #1) Favorite Quotes:She remembered what it was like to be a teenager all too well; you never accepted anything an adult offered, It's like killing her twice; once wasn't enough so they did it all over again. "It's not like on the television is it?" Amy spat crumbs of brownie all over herself almost choking on the laughter which erupted. 'My Review:An excellent start to a new series and I plan to be following every one of their riveting cases if they are all as absorbing and well-crafted as this one: I'm rather new to police procedurals but I enjoyed the deft storytelling and complex characters on both sides of the law. The case was cannily layered and well-nuanced with compelling side stories and welcome hits of humor and humanity to balance the emotional tone. I respected these people as well as their process and look forward to solving more conundrums with them as well as seeing how well they rub along together in future endeavors: One Left Alive (Detective Morgan Brookes #1)



Having enjoyed the author's Lucy Harwin series I was very happy to get my hands on this one: This book introduces a whole new case of characters: DC Morgan Brookes is the lead character and she

is joined by DS Ben Matthews and another DC called Amy. They work in the CID in the Cumbrian town of Rydall Falls, On her second day of being on solo patrol newly minted police constable Brookes (Morgan) is the first responder to an apparent suicide, A woman Olivia Potter is hanging from a tree in the her garden, Morgan does all the right things and then tries to trace the woman's family (a husband and two teenage daughters). By the next morning with still no word on the family Morgan asks if she can search the house again even though it had been done the day before, The sargeant Ben agrees and when she finds the family dead in the cellar with one of the daughters clinging to life he is impressed with her initiative, With Ben's team short handed Morgan is offered a 3 month placement in CID and she jumps at the chance. This was an interesting story that had quite a few twists and turns likeable characters and just enough drama and suspense to keep you turning the pages, Notwithstanding the unlikelihood of such an inexperienced constable getting a chance to work as a detective you were not required to suspend disbelief. I enjoyed reading this and will be keen to see what Morgan gets up to in her next outing: Thanks to Netgalley Bookouture and Helen Phifer for providing a copy in exchange for an honest review: Olivia Potter is suspended from a tree in the front yard no one else is at home, Neither can the two daughters Bronte and Beatrix so no death notification to next of kin has been made: Harrison Wright the boyfriend of one of the daughters is the one that made the discovery and appears to be very upset. His behavior in the days that follow appear to the police to be is questionable, The reason no one can find the other family members soon becomes an even more tragic event, The story was very well written and there were many many suspects to choose from. I didn't get it right but I had a great time unraveling it: I always consider it a plus when I don't figure out who done it before the author exposes him or her. One Left Alive (Detective Morgan Brookes #1) This was quite an interesting read I was hooked from chapter 1. I don't know why but I expected Ben to behave differently in quite a few scenarios: Amy was fun she reminded me of Gina from the Brooklyn-nine-nine TV series, This book was a real page turner the chapters were short and packed with revelations kept me guessing the who-dun-it right till the end, And I'm definitely looking forward to reading the second book. My thanks to Netgalley and Bookouture for an opportunity to read this book: One Left Alive (Detective Morgan Brookes #1) After being called to the scene of a suicide by hanging Morgan has more questions than answers: That leads to Ben Matthews asking her to join CID since they are short staffed and he sees her potential, Since Morgan is so new she doesn't have the jaded outlook as some of the other police and she is just gullible and naïve enough, The characters are caring and warm and want to see her proceed: I would recommend this book to anyone who likes police procedurals and I can not wait to read the sequel, One Left Alive (Detective Morgan Brookes #1) One Left Alive is the first book in the Detective Morgan Brookes series by Helen Phifer: I read the second and third books first but wanted to go back and read the first where we meet Detective Brookes and learn about her beginnings, Rookie Detective Morgan Brookes is on her first day alone on patrol when a call comes in about a woman who is found hanging from a tree. She is the first on the scene and is sure there is more to the case. At this time her husband and two daughters are also missing: Morgan asks to go back to the house and on this second trip she finds the rest of the family in the cellar one of them barely alive the other two dead. Morgan is in the right place at the right time when the force is shorthanded and Ben Matthews asks her to join CID since he sees her potential, Will they find the murderer before anyone else ends up dead. I enjoyed meeting Morgan learning about her past as well as seeing what a natural investigator she is, She works well with the team but also follows her hunches which are instrumental in solving the case, She has some personal problems to deal with that include some harassment from another officer: She also has a tenuous relationship with her father that comes to play in this investigation, Helen Phifer does a good job balancing a gripping plot with steady character development: This thriller is from the POV of a young woman trying to prove herself and that she has the skills to do the job, I really enjoyed the back and forth between Morgan and Ben her supervisor: It is a great start to a friendship partnership and maybe even a romance in the future: Ben also has some issues to sort out and he and Morgan share some of that with each other, There are other team members that are partially developed and I hope we will see more of

them as this series progresses. It was a well written fast paced police procedural/crime thriller and did not have a dull moment with twists throughout: I recommend this book and series and suggest that they are best read in order as there is character development throughout. If you enjoy police procedurals or crime thrillers then pick this book up you won't be disappointed[1]

In 1975. But they are nowhere to be found. Morgan feels that something is just not right . but she's just a rookie. and has never worked this kind of crime. The next day she tells her supervisor of her misgivings. and one of them is still alive. Brookes is not without issues . she has a contentious relationship with her father. But Olivia Potter is past saving. And then she finds them. She's called out to what looks like a suicide. Olivia Potter is hanging from a tree outside her home. The rest of the Potter family are missing. This is a fast paced well written police procedural. I was guessing all the way to who was behind it all. I was shocked when the reveal came. I never saw it coming. I highly recommend this book. her first day of patrolling on her own . answers a call to investigate a call for help. trying to hold her up until help calls. The woman hanging there is quite dead. The teenager is the boyfriend of the woman's daughter. Once identified maybe a romance in the future. But he also has issues to overcome. It's the start of a riveting crime fiction. But Olivia Potter is past saving. And then she finds them. Morgan happily accepted the secondment. There are doubts surrounding Olivia Potter's hanging. This is a fast paced well written police procedural. I highly recommend this book. If you ask me she was already dead when they did that. Awful thing to do vile. 'No it definitely is not. We don't manage to solve the crimes in an hour. 3.5 stars rounded up. The scene is an apparent suicide. Saul Olivia's husband can't be found. almost too many. The author used a clever way to introduce the next book. Stay tuned. Morgan was a strong character. The more she investigates the more she uncovers. This is a promising start to the series. One Left Alive (Detective Morgan Brookes #1).