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Daphne Mayfield has had a hard life. As a child, her sister was kidnapped, never to be seen or heard from again. Years later, Daphne's father takes his own life in a dumpy hotel room, ridding himself of his grief but only increasing it for those left behind. Tragedy continues to follow the young woman when, in the park, she meets Minerva Watts, an elderly woman who is begging for help. At first glance, Daphne thinks she's simply old and confused, especially when the woman's daughter comes along and takes her away. But something in Daphne's gut tells her there is more than meets the eye. Not being able to live with the guilt of having something bad happen to Minerva, Daphne embarks on what becomes a wild journey of deceit, corruption, and terror to find out the truth: Is Minerva Watts a crazy old lady, or has she been kidnapped like Daphne's sister? Preston creates a riveting tale in her first thriller, intertwining the past with the present for an exciting ride that will keep readers hanging on until the very end. —Carissa Chesaneck

## Review

“Gritty and powerful.” —**Jo-Ann Mapson, bestselling and award-winning author of *Finding Casey***

“Daphne is both physically tough and emotionally vulnerable, a heroine readers will love and root for in this fast-paced, gripping read.” —**Laura Moriarty, author of *The Center of Everything***

“A mesmerizing debut that is part mystery, part modern love story, and thoroughly gripping. *Orchids and Stone* stars a bright, uniquely independent woman who is strong enough to define her own future and tender enough to rediscover both love and forgiveness. Lisa Preston's deftly layered narrative crescendos to a nail-biting climax that surprises and satisfies.” —**Carol Cassella, bestselling author of *Gemini***

## About the Author

Lisa Preston's debut novel follows several nonfiction books on animal care. Her experiences as a mountain climber, fire department paramedic, and police sergeant are channeled into fiction that is suspenseful, fast-paced, and well acquainted with human drama. She has lived in Arizona, California, and Alaska and now makes her home in western Washington.

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