



ELEGY IN SCARLET

by

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When crime consultant Scott Drayco's long-AWOL mother returns and is charged with murder, he becomes obsessed with solving the mystery about her and his own past.

The fourth book in the Shamus Award-nominated Scott Drayco mystery series

What if a large part of your past turned out to be a lie?

Crime consultant Scott Drayco is already in the middle of a possible career-ending legal battle when word comes that his mother, who disappeared 30 years ago, is very much alive — and charged with murder. With Drayco's father washing his hands of the matter and police convinced the woman is guilty, everyone tells him he should just walk away from the case and let the chips fall where they may.

Except, Drayco finds he can't leave it alone and is obsessed with uncovering the truth: Is his mother really a killer? Where has she been all these years? And why did she suddenly leave her husband and children to vanish without a trace?

Investigating the murder victim's colleagues, Drayco learns there are plenty who wanted the man dead, including a shadowy stalker who seems to have a mysterious connection to Drayco's mother. As he wades hip-deep into secrets, lies, and cons, he begins to question if the case is all just part of an elaborate scam ... where the only one being fooled is Drayco himself.

About the Author

Author, poet, and journalist BV Lawson's award-winning stories, poems and articles have appeared in dozens of national and regional publications and anthologies. A four-time Derringer Award finalist and 2012 winner for her short fiction, BV's Scott Drayco series has been honored by the American Independent Writers, Maryland Writers Association, named Best Mystery in the Next Generation Indie Book Awards, and been a finalist for the Shamus and Silver Falchion Awards. BV currently lives in Virginia with her husband and enjoys flying above the Chesapeake Bay in a little Cessna.

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"The lead character is engaging and the supporting cast interesting and diverse." - Omnimystery News

"The pace never sagged, and it kept me enthralled." - Long and Short Reviews

"Lawson's book was so good, I read it twice from beginning to end." - Reader's Favorite Reviews

"Now this story was close to brilliance." IHeartReading.net