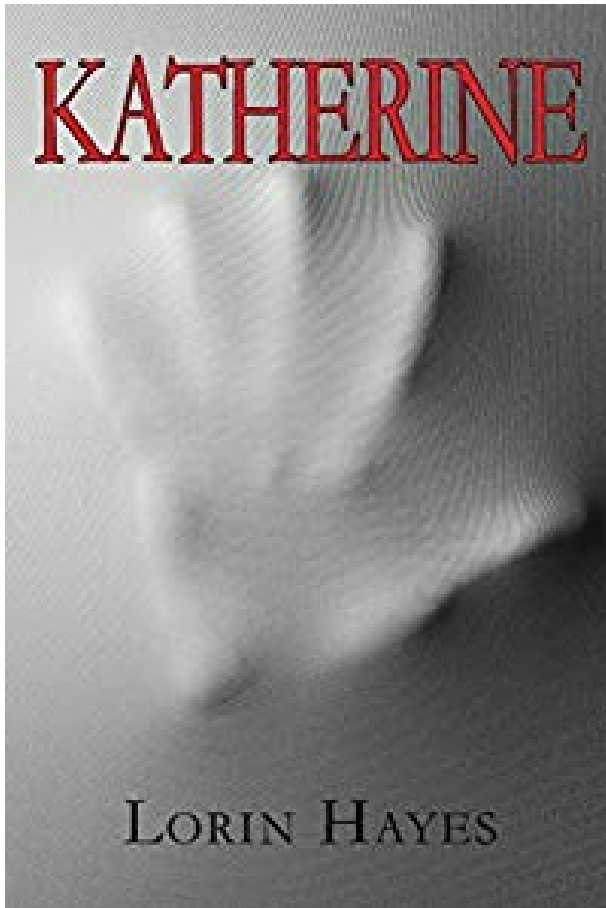


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Five years ago, a man was killed in a back alley on the east side of Austin, and Katherine Van Hoerne, a wealthy socialite, was arrested for the crime. Declared mentally incompetent, Katherine was committed to a psychiatric institution, where she remains to this day, nearly catatonic except for regular episodes of grisly self-mutilation. Katherine's new psychiatrist, Dr. Eleanor Dodds, is determined to try one last drug regimen despite the risks. Blocked by her superiors and the family, Ellie finally convinces Katherine's attorney, Jackson Polke, to authorize the treatment. Their lives are immediately turned upside down as Josiah Mantooth, Katherine's powerful father, moves to intervene. Meanwhile, the police detective assigned to the case, Ramon Hinojosa, is grappling with his own doubts about the original murder investigation.

Initiating an informal inquiry, Ramon soon learns the mysteries surrounding Katherine Van Hoerne and her family go much deeper than he ever imagined. As Jackson and Ramon conduct their parallel investigations, and Ellie attempts to bring Katherine back to reality, time is running out. And in the end, the greatest puzzle of all may be Katherine herself.