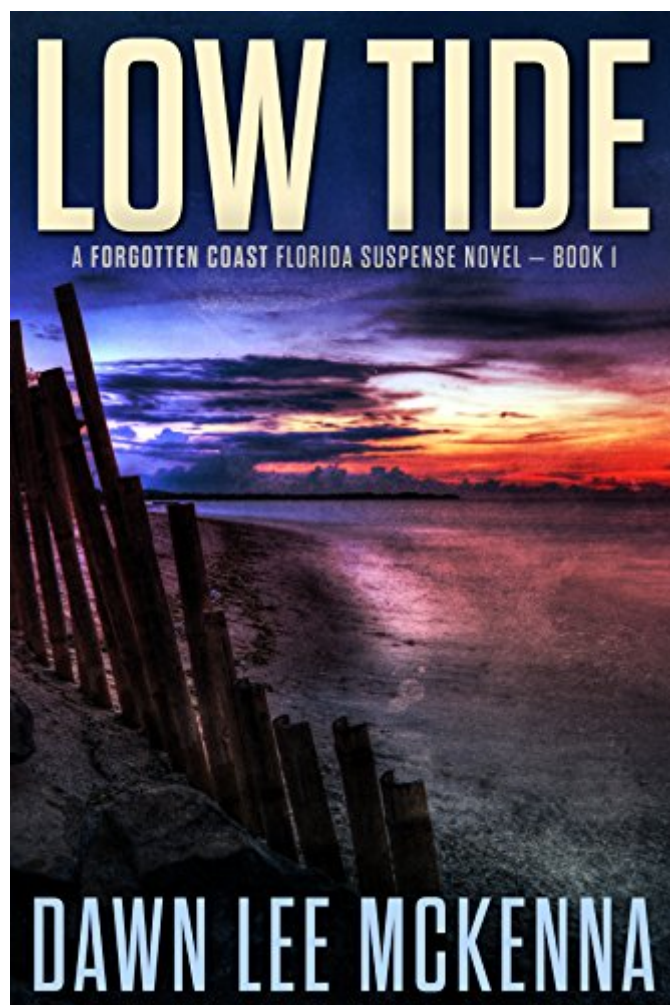


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# Low Tide (The Forgotten Coast Florida Suspense Series Book 1)



## Synopsis

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In Apalachicola, Florida, sinister things are afoot, as sinister things tend to be. Lt. Maggie Redmond is called to a crime scene on St. George Island, where she is met with the body of Gregory Boudreaux. The medical examiner calls it a suicide, but no one knows that Maggie has a horrible connection to the dead man. When Gregory's uncle, Bennett Boudreaux, the richest and scariest man in town, takes a sudden interest in Maggie, people start to wonder, Maggie included. Maggie knows he may suspect her of killing his nephew, but she finds herself slowly drawn to the man. As Maggie fights to help a young girl escape the clutches of a volatile drug dealer who'd love to see Maggie dead, she also struggles to hide her dark link to a dead man, and her burgeoning relationship with her boss, Sheriff Wyatt Hamilton. Unfortunately, secrets have a way of revealing themselves at low tide.

**Editorial Review** Where to start? First off, I received an advance copy from the author and read it in a day. Unusual for me, to say the least. I read Dawn McKenna's earlier work, *See You*, and was amazed and simply couldn't believe it was her first book. Then she goes and jumps genre on me. A good thing in this case, at least for me, as I love a good mystery/thriller. And this book is one I'd highly recommend to my own readers and will in fact be doing just that. Ms. McKenna is able to introduce you to a character and make them so lifelike and real, that you're certain she's telling you about someone she knows very well. As for twists and turns, yeah, you'd better buckle up. I understand there will be several more in this series coming in rapid fire succession, so read fast. I see nothing but success for this author, she's definitely found her corner with the Forgotten Coast series.

**About the Forgotten Coast Florida Series:** The first four books of the series, *Low Tide*, *Riptide*, *What Washes Up*, and *Landfall*, lay the foundation for the entire series. There are subplots resolved in each book, but there is also an overarching plot that is not resolved until *Landfall*, so they should be read in sequence. Later books can be read in any order. "I'd love to come up with even more reasons to read this book, but everyone before me has been so eloquent with their comments I can't think of anything original. All I can say is Ms. McKenna hopefully has a long and prosperous writing career ahead of her - and one I look forward to keeping up with." ...and *Riptide* (The Forgotten Coast Florida Suspense series, Book 2) *Riptide* fulfills the promise of its predecessor, *Low Tide*, and firmly establishes this author as a force to be reckoned with in the

literary world and the mystery/suspense genre." "I read this book in one sitting. I couldn't wait to get to it after reading the first in the series, and it definitely did not disappoint! Even better than Low Tide, this novel had so much depth and heart, mixed seamlessly with the heart-stopping suspense scenes. I'm absolutely hooked on this series, and I can't wait until book 3."

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## **Customer Reviews**

I loved the author's debut work, "See You", regarding it as one of the finest books I've read in recent years. So this opener for a new series was a must for me. The author very kindly sent me a copy in advance of release day, so I could be one of the first to read it - thank you very much! This is a very different book, a thriller built around thirty-something police lieutenant Maggie Redmond, divorced with two children. Maggie's a very likable, very normal person, doing her job, raising her kids, not exactly struggling to get by but (like most of us) stuck in a bit of a rut. But Maggie has a secret in her past, and when neighbor-do-well Gregory Boudreaux turns up dead in an apparent suicide, her life threatens to unravel. She's thrown into the path of Gregory's uncle, the town's rather charming chief crook. And then there's the teenage girl ensnared by a local

drug dealer, trying to look after his kids and her own baby, whom Maggie takes under her wing. None of this is particularly unusual, but the background takes it out of the ordinary. Set on the Florida panhandle coast, every page oozes local colour and (even to a Brit like me) southern charm. There were quite a few references I didn't get, but who could resist a town with a single traffic light, and a grocery store called a Piggly-Wiggly? I could almost smell the salty tang of the air, hear the slap of waves against the side of the boat, and feel the sweat trickling between my shoulder blades. Although oysters? Nah, you can keep the oysters. The plot develops at a stately, Southern pace most of the time, with much of the tension arising from fabulous, subtext-laden conversations where nothing is said explicitly, but boy, are there undercurrents swirling beneath the surface.

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