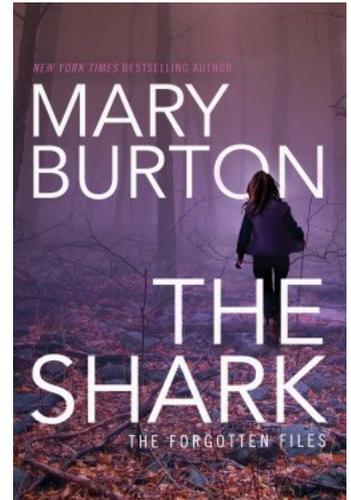


***THE SHARK*, the First *Forgotten Files* Novel from *New York Times*
Bestselling Author of Romance and Suspense Mary Burton, is
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Praise for THE SHARK

“This romantic thriller is tense, sexy, and pleasingly complex.”

Publishers Weekly

“Precise storytelling complete with strong conflict and heightened tension . . . a well-crafted, suspenseful mystery with a ruthless villain who would put any reader on edge. A thrilling read.”

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“Full of intrigue and suspense . . . the characters are complex . . . well written, interesting, and action packed with twists and turns, and of course a little romance . . . I really enjoyed it.”

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Praise for Mary Burton

“Burton’s trademark is providing the serial killer’s viewpoint without giving anything away and, by feeding the reader tiny details one at a time, she keeps the tension building.”

Publishers Weekly

“If there’s a category of ‘page-turner,’ Burton would always end up on the top of that list.”

Suspense Magazine

Forgotten files . . . there is always someone that remembers

THE SHARK, the first of *The Forgotten Files* novels from *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author Mary Burton, introduces Virginia state trooper Riley Tatum, whose latest assignment will force her to examine her past and set her in pursuit of a Svengali-like serial killer called “The Shark.”

The story begins with a straightforward case when Riley and her tracker dog, Cooper set out to apprehend a pimp and drug dealer caught on tape beating one of his “girls.” The next day she’s called to the



site where a dead teen girl and five playing cards inscribed with the word Loser have been found. Riley discovers the victim is linked to her perp from the day before and to her own hazy past. Soon she has some unasked for—and unwanted—help from Shield Security’s Clay Bowman. A former FBI agent, his work there included training police officers in search and rescue operations. Riley was one of his students. When the class was over, they connected. It ended badly. Neither has forgotten what transpired.

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When Riley was a teen, she was kidnapped, drugged, and left unconscious on the streets of New Orleans. To this day she doesn't know what happened. She has only strange recurring dreams of two men playing poker and the five wordless cards found in her back pocket.

Clay is plagued by multiple unsolved cases attributed to The Shark, who murders girls as part of a sadistic poker game. Only one has survived. Clay has some chilling suspicions. First, that The Shark is bent on revisiting the hand he lost and evening the score. Second, that Riley is the girl who escaped and The Shark's next prey.

In this, the first of her *The Forgotten File* novels, "master storyteller"* Mary Burton takes readers into the dark world of serial killers as she pits her protagonists against incomprehensible evil and tests their abilities and endurance as they risk their lives to stop their prey.

ABOUT MARY BURTON

New York Times and *USA Today* bestselling suspense author Mary Burton's books have been compared to the works of Lisa Gardner,** Lisa Jackson*** and James Patterson.**** The author of the best-selling *Morgans of Nashville* novels (**Vulnerable, I'll Never Let You Go, Be Afraid** and **Cover Your Eyes**), her new book, **The Shark**, marks the start of *The Forgotten Files*, her latest "connected" novels. **The Dollmaker** is the next and will be published in November 2016 followed by **The Hangman**. Her other highly praised books include **Senseless, Merciless, Before She Dies, The Seventh Victim, No Escape, You're Not Safe, I'm Watching You, Dead Ringer** and **Dying Scream**. Recently her short story, *The Keepsake*, debuted along with those by Jeffrey Deaver, Anne Perry and others in the anthology Killer Nashville Noir: Cold Blooded.

Mary's extensive research has led to interviews with law enforcement, seminars and classes and the firing range. She frequently attends the nationally recognized Writer's Police Academy conference and is a graduate of the Richmond FBI Citizen's Academy, the Henrico County Citizens Police Academy and Sisters in Crime's Forensic University.

The author of thirty published novels and five novellas, Mary is a member of Novelists, Inc., International Thriller Writers, Mystery Writers of America, Romance Writers of America and Sisters in Crime. She is also known for her highly regarded "Unraveling Romantic Suspense" workshop and her day-long program "Writing Your Book . . . The First Step."

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