

***Point Last Seen* by Christina Dodd**

If you like small towns with quirky characters, a suspenseful mystery, and a little romance you will love the *Last Seen in Gothic* series by Christina Dodd. Dodd is an author of both thrillers and romances. The series combines both – but more suspenseful than edge-of-the-seat thriller. *Point Last Seen* is the first in the series, but the books are more stand-alone with a common geographical location but different main characters in each book. Currently there are two books in the series, and the library has the second book – *Forget What You Know* – as well.

Gothic, California, located on an isolated stretch of the Pacific Coast Highway in the Big Sur area, is known as the City of Lost Souls. Legend says that “On stormy nights, Gothic is said to disappear, and on its return it brings lost souls back from the dead.” Adam Ramsdell is a lost soul – haunted by a tragic past – he has taken refuge in Gothic to work on his metal art. After a storm, he finds another lost soul washed up on the beach, badly beaten, and suffering amnesia. Elle.

Christina Dodd tells the story of Adam and Elle instinctively trusting each other from the first moment and painstakingly trying to piece together Elle’s memories. She knows someone is after her. Adam, due to his past, is also watchful. With the town’s quirky citizens assisting, the pair confront danger from an unknown assailant, confront Elle’s returning memories, and finally, face those who wish them harm.

I thought Dodd deftly weaved all of the elements of the story together into an enjoyable read. Again, if you like small towns with quirky characters – this is a great choice.