

The Bones of the Story

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Synopsis

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The twisty locked-room mystery from two-time Mary Higgins Clark Award-winning author Carol Goodman, about a group of former classmates trapped on their college campus with a murderer among them.

“One of the best and smartest locked-room mysteries I've read in a long time. A page-turner with both heart and brains. Don't miss it!” —David Bell, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Try Not to Breathe* and *She's Gone*

One by one, their pasts will reveal the deadly truth... It's been twenty-five years since the shocking disappearance of a female student and the distinguished Creative Writing professor who died while searching for her. The Briarwood College community has never forgotten the double tragedy. Now, the college President is bringing together faculty, donors, and alumni to honor the victims from all those years ago.

On a cold December weekend after the fall semester has ended, guests gather on the vacant campus for the commemorative event. But as a storm descends, people begin to depart, leaving a group of alumni who were the last ones taught by the esteemed professor. Recriminations and old rivalries flare as they recall the writing projects they shared as classmates, including chilling horror stories they each wrote about their greatest fears.

When an alumna dies in a shockingly similar way to the story she wrote, and then another succumbs to a similar fate, they realize someone has decided at long last to avenge the crimes of the past. Will the secret of what they did twenty-five years ago be revealed? Will any of them be alive at the end of the weekend to find out?

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