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DEADLY GAMBLE
By Linda Lael Miller

When the past comes back to haunt you, it's win, place—or lose it all...

New York Times bestselling author Linda Lael Miller welcomes all high rollers to DEADLY GAMBLE, the first book in her brand-new romantic-suspense series from HQN Books. DEADLY GAMBLE stars accidental detective Mojo Sheepshanks and some unusual friends—her dead ex-husband, a ghost-cat, a hunky undercover biker cop and Mojo's two ballbusting foster sisters. And with the hand she's been dealt, Mojo's playing for high stakes.

Mojo Sheepshanks is the first to admit she's not your typical Arizona gal. Living in a rented apartment above a biker bar, for example, might not suit everyone, but she likes it. And, sure, she doesn't have a career yet, but avoiding nine-to-five jobs allows Mojo to hit the casinos every chance she gets (the trick to winning is to align oneself with the Cosmic Flow while getting totally Zen...no really, it works!).

Then, of course, there's the fact that she's something of an authority on dead people. That is, Mojo sees ghosts...and talks with them—spirits like her slimy deceased ex-husband, Nick, who needs to earn Mojo's forgiveness before he can move on to eternal peace. However, for Mojo it seems he's just come back to annoy her more now than when he was alive and cheating on her. Can you get a restraining order against a ghost? At least he's brought back her beloved cat, Chester, with him. But does anybody have any suggestions on how to feed a ghost-cat?

And as if she didn't have enough to deal with, when Mojo crosses paths with a long-lost wealthy uncle who's now running for governor, she's forced to confront her mysterious past—a past she wanted to forget forever. Despite appearances, Mojo gets some disturbing vibes from her kindly uncle and his personal assistant—someone who'd like to see Mojo join her ex-husband in the afterlife rather than interfere with her uncle's campaign.

Before long, Mojo's half brother, Geoff—the scum who murdered her parents and killed her cat—joins the reunion. Mojo has been running from Geoff ever since she was five—living under false aliases and with foster families—but now he's finally tracked her down. Why is he following her? Is she on his hit list, too?

When Mojo starts receiving death threats, she's not sure who wants her dead the most, but whoever it is, Mojo is in big trouble. As a betting woman, she knows she doesn't have much of a chance of getting out of this one alive. Then again, maybe she has a ghost of chance.

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Critical praise for Linda Lael Miller:

“*The Man From Stone Creek* by Linda Lael Miller is an absolutely delightful romance with plenty of action that transported me to the Old West and kept me there page after page as I got to know the endearing residents of Haven. It’s a definite keeper for my bookshelf and one I’ll take time to reread even when I’m tempted by the plethora of new books that constantly vie for my attention. It’s one of those books that makes you wonder, long after you’ve read the last page, what the people you’ve come to know and love are doing.”—*The Bookreporter*

“Miller’s prose is smart, and her tough Eastwoodian cowboy cuts a sharp, unexpectedly funny figure in a classroom full of rambunctious frontier kids.”
—*Publishers Weekly* on *The Man From Stone Creek*

“Miller’s intimate knowledge of the wild west sweeps you into a story as realistic as it is romantic. She paints a brilliant portrait of the good, the bad and the ugly, the lost and the lonely, and the power of love to bring light into the darkest of souls. This is western romance at its finest.”
—*Romantic Times BOOKreviews* on *The Man From Stone Creek*

“Miller’s name is synonymous with the finest in Western romance. From the hard realities of life in an untamed land to the passionate people who bring the colorful history to life, she brings the best of the West to readers, never failing to deliver a great read!”
—*Romantic Times BOOKreviews* on *McKettrick’s Choice* (top pick, 4 ½ stars)

“Intrigue, danger, and greed are up against integrity, kindness and love in this engrossing Western romance. Miller has created unforgettable characters and woven a many-faceted yet coherent and lovingly told tale.” —*Booklist*, starred review of *McKettrick’s Choice*