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Blind Delusion

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In her latest book Blind Delusions, Professor Dorothy Phaire again uses the District of Columbia and its surrounding suburbs as the setting for this wonderfully crafted story of intrigue, murder, betrayal, love, and friendship.

Readers of Professor Phaire's last book Murder and the Masquerade would immediately recognize some of the characters in this latest installment from the Dorothy Phaire Mystery/Romantic Series. Readers would also realize that the two books are not dependent upon each other and the second book, Blind Delusion, expands the lives of the characters. Dr. Renee Hayes, the successful, but dissatisfied, and unfulfilled psychologist who in her attempt to help others must deal with her own personal inner turmoil in order to find satisfaction. Renee, the main character, searches for fulfillment through her friendship with her secretary, Brenda, and the younger Detective Degas "Deek" Hamilton. As the friendship between Renee and Brenda develops, so too does the turmoil in their lives. Both women are led down paths of loss, pain, renewal, and rebirth. Both women explore religion and faith as a source of strength. For Renee, the need to help is one that propels her to always examine her life, particularly, her life with husband Bill who in his own search has become even more distant. Bill, like Detectives Hamilton and Melvin Bradford, Jerome Johnson and the other men who populate the novel, explores friendship and relationship from the male perspective. These men through their relationships are held up to the light of examination as the psychological motivations that drive them are explored. They demonstrated the best in male bonding and the worst in male rivalry as they engage in corruption, murder, love, and law enforcement.

Blind Delusion is a non-stop, action packed novel which captivates from beginning to end. The relationships which develop among the women of the book are easily counter balanced by those developed by the men. This tale of DC intrigue is a wonderful read for faculty and students alike and would make a wonderful fireside companion providing entertainment and unseen twists from start to finish.
