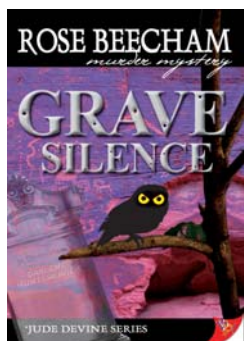


## **Book Review: January 2006**

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### **Grave Silence**

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This is by far the most unique and intriguing murder mystery I have ever read. Why? Because of the backdrop. Sheriff's detective Jude Devine finds herself balancing two calls of duty as she investigates the murder of a teen. As the investigation deepens, the two duties begin to entwine resulting in a conclusion no reader can foresee.

The entire story is set against a backdrop of Utah and religious zealots who believe in plural marriage. And, there's romance, too.

Beecham is the pen name of best-selling author Jennifer Fulton.

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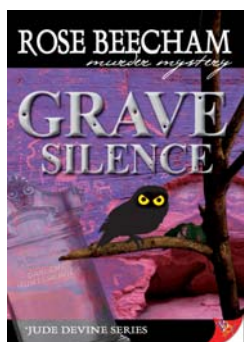
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This is the first of a series with Jude Devine as the main character of the book. This is not her first book, however. She has written another series under the same name and three series under the pen name of Jennifer Fulton.

*Grave Silence* is a well researched book about the sect, the FLDS, a polygamist sect of Mormons which was publicly denounced by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in 1890. This is the sect that has bought property outside of Eldorado, TX to build a new city. In the book, Warren Jeffs, the sect's leader, has fled to Florida to escape prosecution...I checked some of the facts mentioned in the book and could not find any discrepancies.

Jude Devine is an undercover FBI agent in a little outpost in Arizona, near the border with Utah. All that the police chief knows is that she is an FBI agent with the cover that she got tired of the life as an FBI agent...She is actually in that area to get information about a White Supremacist group and was instructed to use her feminine wiles...

...This book will get under your skin. It will either make you sympathetic to the plight of the women in the sect or make you despise everything that Warren Jeffs stands for or both.

*Excerpt of review in the WomanSpace magazine.*



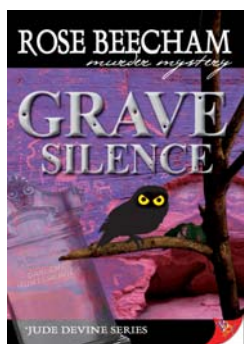
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## Book Review: September 2006

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After spending the last few years writing sexy romances as Jennifer Fulton, Fulton aka Rose Beecham has triumphantly returned to penning mysteries. With the award-winning *Grave Silence*, she mixes facts surrounding the activities of the Fundamentalist Church of the Latter Day Saints (FLDS) with a riveting murder mystery and crafts a gripping story.

When we first meet Sheriff's Detective Jude Devine, a former FBI agent who has been transferred to a small Colorado town in the Four Corners area, she is unraveling the grisly murder of a young woman left decomposing in a desert wash. The clues to solving this crime take Devine and the reader on an unbelievable journey beyond anything we could have imagined. FLDS is a splinter group, not recognized by the Mormon Church, that among other things illegally practices polygamy. Beecham deftly weaves a second plot about life on an FLDS ranch into this story. We learn how autocracy and abuse rule the mostly underage girls married to the "master" of the cult, and how silence is used as a survival tool to avoid being punished for disobeying. As the book evolves, these two plots collide forcefully, taking the reader on a compelling adventure with Devine emerging as the silent hero.

After reading this book over eight months ago, this reviewer was haunted by the "facts" of *Grave Silence*. I wanted to know where the fiction ended, and the truth began. After hearing a talk by Beecham on how she compiled her research and gathered firsthand information about FLDS, I received my answers and was shocked. This is not a book where an author spews her views on religion disguised as a novel. FLDS is a cult that does not adhere to any tenets of any religion. Beecham has done a tremendous amount of in-depth research to incorporate these facts into a fictional murder mystery, and the results are an amazing and fascinating book. The writing is tight and fluid. The path to the murder clues grows as the plot moves forward. Beecham strings her readers along cleverly, not releasing us until the final explosive ending.

After hearing Beecham speak about *Grave Silence*, I reread the book. If she had written a non-fiction account of this cult, I would not have believed the magnitude and far-reaching effects FLDS has on its victims, the young girls who are forced into this way of life by adult family members. This fictional story, termed a "message mystery" by the author, cannot be ignored. It captures the reader and obliges us to look beyond our world. Beecham's telling helps us swallow the hard reality and reflect upon the importance of unmasking these groups. After reading *Grave Silence*, I suggest you take another glance. The implications of this novel are significant and cannot be overlooked.

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