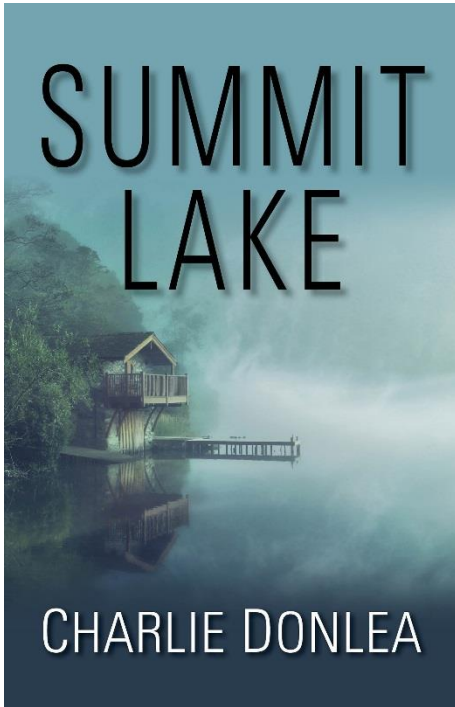


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**THE ONE WHO WAS MURDERED,**  
**AND THE ONE WHO IS TRYING TO FIND OUT WHY.**



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**Summit Lake**

Charlie Donlea

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Set in a small, picturesque North Carolina town, Charlie Donlea's suspenseful debut novel tells the haunting story of a murdered law school student, the reporter assigned to her story—and the intimate connection that comes when the living walk in the footsteps of the dead.

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**Advance Praise For Debut Author Charlie Donlea:**

“Charlie Donlea weaves a unique, spellbinding tale about a bond between two fascinating women—one living, one dead. Full of unexpected twists and turns, *Summit Lake* is an irresistible page-turner.”

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“Summit Lake is a gem of a mystery, fast-paced and suspenseful.”

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“An exciting debut, with all the right touches, captivating from the first page to the last. There's a bright future ahead for this newcomer to the thriller genre — definitely a talent to watch.”

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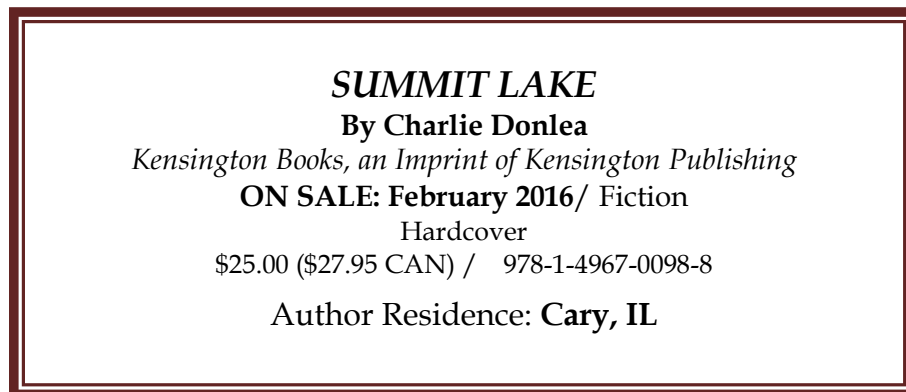
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Some places seem too beautiful to be touched by horror. **Summit Lake**, nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains, is that kind of place, with charming stilt houses dotted along the pristine water. But two weeks ago, Becca Eckersley, a first-year law student, was brutally *murdered* in one of those houses. Now, while the town reels with grief and shocked residents gather to share their theories, the police are baffled.

At first, investigative reporter Kelsey Castle thinks of the assignment as a fluff piece. But as Kelsey digs deeper, she feels a growing connection to the dead girl. And the more she learns about Becca's friendships, her love life, and her secrets, the more convinced she becomes that learning the truth about Becca could be the key to overcoming her own dark past...

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