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On the same day Greek American marine biologist Amelia Drakos receives word that funding for her beloved Seahorse Laboratory has been cut, she discovers that her deceased father had lived a secret life.

With foreclosure and unemployment looming, as well as the fallout from a brief, confusing love affair, Amelia reluctantly becomes curator for Minnesota's Mall of America Sea Life Aquarium. At the same time, a string of perplexing e-mails from someone with her late father's name, Ted Drakos, arrive. Ted claims that he has important information about an inherited property on Lake Superior. And that he is her older brother.

When Amelia and Bryce, a long-time friend, go to check out the property, they discover week-old, orphaned, husky/wolf-hybrid pups under the dilapidated porch. Amelia adopts the pups and takes them back with her to Minneapolis, where they introduce chaos into her already crazy life.

Amelia and Bryce soon find themselves embroiled in the midst of a very angry environmental debate regarding reinstatement of the wolf hunt in Wisconsin. Amelia wonders if she and her newfound brother can overcome the sins of their father and find peace.

In *Fly by Night*, Andrea Thalasinos shows that family secrets can jump-start a new way of looking at the world.

Fly By Night Details

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Sarina says

What a treat! Thalasinos' Fly By Night was a wonderful surprise - rarely do I find middle aged literary characters that are so realistically interesting and vibrant. Thankfully no out dated dowdiness, no apron strings and PTA meetings, nor baking batches here. A character I would joyfully hang out with in the real world. And I enjoyed being introduced to new 'worlds' and points of view; learned about sea horses and more of the American wolf hunt concerns.

Janice says

I love the fiction works of Andrea Thalasinos, which seem to always include human/animal connections, and also complex human relationships with other humans. This story of a woman who loses the funding for her research lab, where she and her associates have been engaged in long term studies of sea horses, was another of those pleasurable reads. Amelia Drakos's life definitely seems to be falling apart, as she loses her lab and career, at the same time that she is learning disturbing history of her father. As the story unfolds, Amelia develops a love for the wolves of the northern Lake Superior shores of Wisconsin and Minnesota, underlying this story with a great sense of place.

andrea says

Enjoyed all her books, the set up seemed a little slow in this one but all the marine biology references were fascinating.

Heather says

Won through Goodreads giveaway.

The book was well written and for those who enjoy a light story it will be enjoyed. This was too light for me. I felt like the story was dragging and that could be because I tend to read a lot more action packed material. I enjoyed the premise, but this book just wasn't for me. It will be for someone else.

Amber Polo says

From a Rhode Island sea lab to the Mall of America's aquarium, Thalasinos' takes Amelia Drakos along a path the marine biologist never expected to travel. Reaching the shores of Lake Superior in a blizzard, descriptions like "windswept ... shoulders of angels" describing snow drifts will stay with you long after the last page.

Reconnecting with a half-brother who is both jealous and needing family connection, Amelia learns of the

passionate environmental debate surrounding wolf reinstatement and her dead father's choices that shaped her own life. She becomes able to recognize love, friendship, and trust herself. Andrea Thalasinos' words show her love of nature and animals in all forms, whether of land or sea, and a deep understanding of human relationships.

A woman's novel full of love and knowledge of people and the environment.

Nikki says

I LOVED this book! The characters were intriguing and I found that they kept following me in my thoughts long after I finished the story.

Dolly says

I won this on GoodReads.

I could not put this book down. I was hooked from page one. I don't quite understand this, "Fly By Night" didn't have my normal favorites: aliens, dragons, space ships, you get the picture. The main character is Amelia Drakos, a marine biologist with a grown son, who is better at understanding the sex life of seahorses than getting a date. In a short period of time her life comes apart starting with losing her labs funding from the NSR (National Science Foundation). During this same time she discovers that her father (deceased) was married to another woman her whole life and had another family. Does Amelia go back to her life with the sea horses, or in a direction she never imagined possible? I wouldn't give it away. Read this book, you will not regret it.

cherie gorden says

I just finished Fly By Night yesterday. As always, Ms. Thalasinos does not disappoint. Delving into a story that both entertains and educates is my favorite read. I appreciate an author who not only creates interesting and likeable characters but also takes me into a world I know nothing about. A great read about life with all its unexpected turns and second chances. I look forward to my next escape into the creative imagination of Andrea Thalasinos.

Marg Corjay says

Could not put it down! Writing was descriptive and style was engaging. Situations invoked tears and laughter.

Jeanne says

I really enjoyed this novel which I received as a Goodreads Firstreads. Amelia Drakos is a marine biologist who has spent decades conducting research in a Rhode Island oceanography lab. Her life starts to spiral when the grants she depends on are refused. This puts her career goals and financial status in jeopardy including her home. Her only son that she financed through college has now moved out of state and is starting on a new life and career. The strong bond she has with her two lab partners is in jeopardy as they may all need to find new jobs in different locations. What she doesn't need is a letter from a lawyer in the Great Lakes region ultimately leading to the discovery that her now deceased father had another family. She has a half brother who is part of the Native American Council and a wildlife biologist intent on saving the wolves from the newly reinstated wolf hunts. Hopes of a friendly meeting with her brother are dashed as he struggles with his own issues with abandonment by their father. Another hurdle to overcome.

What entails is a story of a woman rediscovering herself, a new life, and struggling to adapt to the upheaval caused by these stressors. The characters in this novel are strong and enduring.

I also liked learning about the marine biologists' lives and and the wildlife biologists when dealing with preserving the species and environment and the dangers they face in their careers.

An enjoyable, informative read.
