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A trail of bitterness, a stalker, and a neighbor to die for. What's a girl to do?

A young executive, who fled a high-profile life years before, now faces the return of the paparazzi and a psychotic stalker unleashed by the machinations of her mother.

When faith is the one thing she no longer possesses, can she learn to trust God and the man she left behind to see her through the fight of her life?

Stalking Willow Details

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Janice Sisemore says

Stalking Willow

It took me a few chapters to get into the book, but it was really exciting toward the end. It was definitely one dysfunctional family. One of the best characters of the book was the grandmother that already passed away. She left behind a lot of things but most of all her wisdom. Loved Quentin, he loved Willow so much, had a hard time winning her over and protecting her. Willow had a lot to learn in life.

A great suspense book, I has trouble trying to figure out which was the good guys in the book. Definitely some surprises in the book but I did have my suspicion of who was behind stalking Willow. I really got attached to Willow and hated for the book to end.

I received an complementary copy of the book from Celebrate Lit. I was not required to write an positive review.

Alicia Beck says

My Review

Stalking Willow is the first book in a series. This story seemed a little slow to get going and a bit confusing in the beginning. Willow is the main character . She is not perfect at all. She found herself being stalked in New York so she goes back to her small home area in North Carolina. Lots of mystery and tense scenes are in this story. Lots of twists and turns in the story too. Overall not a bad read. Disclaimer: I was given a complimentary copy of this book but all thoughts and opinions are my own honest ones.

Becky Lewis says

Great books start with a first sentence that is irresistible. Stalking Willow, by Fay Lamb, definitely does. “In the growing darkness, a maniac waited for Willow Thomas.” Yikes! I’m in!!

Mystery characters, missing treasures, MIA parents, and a stalker who cannot wait to enact his heinous plan. All make for a very fast-paced romantic suspense novel that will have you turning the pages as fast as possible. The downside is, the book has an ending. I hope to read more by Fay Lamb.

Willow Thomas flees the big city and her job in advertising to get away from a stalker. Returning to the North Carolina home she shared with her grandmother, she finds old friends and enemies who stir up her

painful past. If that is not bad enough, the stalker moves with her and becomes more and more of a threat. Will Willow lose her sanity before she loses her life?

The characters are very three-dimensional. I was happy to see that several persons had changed since high school. Several found strength through Christ, without being preachy, to alter the trajectory of their lives.

I loved the great love Willow's grandmother had for both her granddaughters as evidenced by what Willow finds upon returning home. She is the grandparent everyone wants to have or be.

Quotables:

“I’ve learned beauty blooms on the inside. I’m pouring in the water and the fertilizer, but I’m not there yet.”

“Then I realized I was never the one in control. God was. And still is.”

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Jennifer J. says

A riveting and intense modern Christian suspense with plausible characters and just the right touch of realistic romance. Skillfully and thoughtfully written; decidedly emotionally charged with a message. My first read from this new to me author who has now become a favorite on my TBR list! Highly recommend you read this one now!

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Jessica Baker (A Baker's Perspective) says

Fay Lamb is a new to me author and wow did she totally take my breath away. Literally! This book is so suspenseful that at times, I didn't want to read it alone! Oh my goodness, I was sitting on the edge of my seat, biting my nails, and gasping whenever the stalker's POV was presented. Which, by the way, I loved that the author included that. It really enhanced the story for me and made me try to solve the mystery of who it was even faster. For the record - I didn't figure it out until nearly the end, which made the book more fun to read! Yes, it was fun to read. Not in a Stephen King scary kind of way - I won't even look at the covers of those books. It was more like an adrenaline rush. Fay Lamb has written so well that you almost feel like you are Willow. You feel like the stalked is chasing YOU, and you are the one who's on the run - hence the reason I didn't want to read it alone lol. But then when you reach the conclusion, it's almost like coming off a sugar high. I'm ready to read another fast pace, exciting book!

The bottom line is if you are looking for an exhilarating read, then this book is for you. There is a touch of romance too which lightens a few scenes here and there, but honestly, I would still love the book if it wasn't

there. I can promise you that I will be on the lookout for other books by Fay Lamb, and I hope you will be too. I received a complimentary copy of this book. I was not required to write a favorable review. All thoughts and opinions are my own.

Debbie says

"Stalking Willow" is the first book in the "Amazing Grace" series, I think they are all stand alone novels.

"Stalking Willow" is a novel full of twists and turns. The ending was a complete surprise.

This is a story that shows what a grandmother's faith can do, but is also a story of deception and lives. It is also a clean love story and a story about forgiveness.

One scene wasn't a very happy outcome, but sometimes we need to be reminded that all things work together for good to those that love God and even things that are meant for evil can turn into something good.

I am going to have to read the other books in this series now.

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Carol Keen says

As per the title, Willow has a stalker. She has a past that has already been exposed, and it makes her a greater target. Willow does what I would have done, what most people would do, run back to her roots. Her roots that are full of people, memories, and issues. Worst of all, her stalker has followed her home to Amazing Grace.

I connected easily to Willow and I liked Quinten as soon as I "met" him. Willow's Granny has passed, but she has left so many reminders of her presence, guidance, insight, and perhaps a great deal more in the house for Willow. Bear is a fascinating character as well.

This slow burn mystery is riveting and realistic, filled with a balance of mystery and suspense, faith and forgiveness. I loved the way the story progresses. The themes of trusting God and forgiveness were not overly pushed but remained very visible throughout the story. While I could figure out most of what was coming next, it's written in a way that it was never disappointing.

My copy came from Celebrate Lit. My thoughts and opinions are my own, this review was left of my own free volition.

Jennifer Sienes says

I recently completed reading the novel Stalking Willow by Fay Lamb. I requested promo copy for the purpose of writing an honest review, and I was not paid or compensated in any way to do so.

What I enjoyed about the book:

Willow, the main character is a flawed individual, which makes her real and likable. Who can stand up to a perfect character? Certainly not I. Willow holds onto un-forgiveness like the man given only one talent in Jesus' Parable of the Talents. She wears it like a badge of honor—as if it's her due. Most of us know hurting individuals like this and hope their pain will be redeemed in some way.

Quentin, or Hoot, as Willow calls him (although it wasn't clear to me why) is a man of faith. He has no problem holding Willow accountable for her uncharitable attitude, for which I applaud him.

I was rooting for these individuals to realize what I knew when they first reconnect—they have always loved each other.

But this romance has a dark side, too. Given the title is *Stalking Willow*, I don't think it's a spoiler alert to tell you that Willow is being stalked. It's pretty obvious from the get go. The added suspense and intrigue this is intended to create makes the story more interesting. I always love a little intrigue with my romance.

And if you're looking for a prayer-warrior role model, Willow's Granny fits the bill. Even in death, she's found a way for Willow to know she's covered in prayer. I love that. My cousin recently told me that she believes she's a Christian today because our sweet grandmother prayed for her every day. We don't always have praying parents in our corner, and Willow certainly didn't. But God was gracious to give her a life-long mentor. This brings to mind those in my past who have walked me through the tough times.

What I struggled with:

The story starts in the middle, which is often an effective technique for drawing the reader in and adding a little mystery. Subtext, dialogue and even flashbacks are useful when doled out at the proper time to reveal answers to those mysterious questions I have when reading a suspense novel. And even though I held out hope until the end of the story that everything would become clear in due time, it never happened. I felt as if I was reading book two in a series and missed out on the revelations given in book one.

There are several characters in Fay Lamb's novel, and I had difficulty keeping everyone straight. There was, of course, Willow and Quentin, but also Quentin's friend, Willow's mother, father, cousin, two uncles, a vengeful aunt, the town bully and his son...and of course, the stalker. There were a few I didn't list, but you get the gist. Each of these characters had their own demons with which they were dealing and many had a change of heart. For some, these changes didn't happen organically. In fact, there was no clear understanding of the motivation for such a 180 degree turn, and it seemed contrived.

I would have also liked to see more depth in Willow and Quentin. They both tended to be reactive for the sake of drama, which I would have bought if they were more well-rounded characters. Deeper point of view would have helped that along.

If you're looking for a quick read, intrigue mixed with romance and tips on how to be a prayer warrior, *Stalking Willow* by Fay Lamb may just be the ticket.

Mary says

This novel is packed with suspense and tension. Family relationships and dynamics are often not what they seem, and the past, which left much to be desired, no longer rings true either. Willow Thomas escapes a stalker and flees for refuge to the place where she was raised by her grandmother. Grandma is dead and her parents not really part of her life, but the guy next door whom she left behind still cares and sacrifices to keep her safe. Life lessons abound in this story, but I did find it sometimes hard to follow. It was interesting to also have the point of view of the guy who stalked Willow and learn his intentions, although we don't really know who he is in the cast. It's scary how he manages to infiltrate her life. Will things turn out alright in the end? This book leaves you wondering until the very end. Some characters grow and change for the better during the story, but one abrupt turnaround seemed almost too good to be true.

Bree says

Suspense and mystery at every turn in a fast paced christian novel from Fay Lamb. When the past catches up to Willow how will she face her future? That and more questions are answered through the gripping novel. I really loved that characters were willing to grow and change. They flowed and complimented each other. Readers that like fast paced, thrilling novels will gravitate to this story. And are sure to become fans of Fay's writing after reading this novel.

Tiffany Hall says

I absolutely love a story that grabs me from the first page and has me not wanting to put it down, and Stalking Willow definitely did that to me! From the very first page, I was hooked as the twists and turns in the plot had me turning page after page to the very end to see who was stalking Willow and what would happen next.

As a new author to me, this definitely will not be my last book to read by this author.

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MaryAnn Bell says

Synopsis:

Bitterness, stalking, and a neighbor to die for

What's a girl to do?

Trailed by a stalker in New York City, Willow Thomas, a young ad executive, scurries back to her small North Carolina hometown and the lake house where ten years earlier a scandal revealed her entire life had been a lie, and a seed of bitterness took root in her soul. The cocoon of safety Willow feels upon her arrival

home soon unravels when she meets opposition from her family, faces the man she left behind, and the stalker reveals he is close on her heels. Can Willow learn to trust God to tear out her roots of resentment, reunite her family, ferret out a deadly stalker, and to rekindle the love she left behind?

My Thoughts: This novel grasps the reader's attention from the first sentence. Full of action and suspense the reader won't want to put it down.

Willow's family had been keeping secrets from her for years, she had a mother who didn't want her and a stalker on the loose.

The story of forgiveness, of a family that finally comes together. It's a story of how a family can overcome jealousy and bitterness toward one another.

This was an interesting story-line and full of action. I enjoyed reading this book and I have to say my favorite character had to be granny. With her faith in God, her prayers and her notes that she left behind really made the story and brought the family together.

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Joan says

The book got off to a rough start for me. There are allusions to many people but with no background provided. We eventually find out later in the book who these people are and their significance but I would have liked that information much earlier. There are also early allusions to an event the tabloids exploited. Again, we do eventually find out all the details but I would prefer the information at the initial mention.

I found the dialogue often confusing. Sometimes a comment would be made and I would have no idea where it came from or where it was leading the conversation. A comment would be made without reference to who

said it. A character would be mentioned in the next sentence but then it would become obvious that was not the person who had made the statement. Sometimes I just read on, not really comprehending the flow of the narrative.

Because of those issues, I found Lamb's writing style difficult to follow. I kept on thinking I was missing something and would reread preceding paragraphs only to find nothing in them to enlighten me. I still don't understand the whole trashed apartment scene and the fellows there, even after an explanation. (Loc 2975/3215)

In the end, the plot is a good one and kept me reading to the very end. There are good lessons included, such as compassion and forgiveness.

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Deana Dick says

The story is non stop action and I enjoyed how the author kept readers on the edge of their seats. Willow is a complicated person. She comes from fame and money, but that sure doesn't guarantee a happy life. Willow has come back home to Amazing Grace to get away from someone who is stalking her. The author writes with a style that gives you characters that are complex but extremely intriguing. Buried deep inside Willow is a little girl who just wants to be accepted and loved.

I have always heard the saying, " You can never go home again." I have often thought that to be true since I had a horrible childhood. Willow left Amazing Grace a long time ago to escape all the bitterness, gossip and pain that could destroy her. Will coming home help her heal old wounds and let go of her distrust of everyone? I so much wanted Willow to give into her feelings and let God show her how to forgive. When she sees her old boyfriend Quentin, you can feel the chill in the air. I would say there is some unfinished business between them. Quentin has never forgotten Willow , but will she tear down those walls and let him in?

The danger Willow finds herself in escalates and Quentin has taken it upon himself to protect her. Willow is really stubborn but at some point she has to trust someone if she wants to stay alive. Who is trying to harm Willow? I had several suspects in mind and was not far off from my prediction. There is not much to say about her parents, except how awful it would feel to be abandoned because you may get in the way of fame for them. That part really bothered me and I understood her pain so well. Being rejected by your parents is the hardest thing to overcome.

My favorite character hands down was Bear. He was this large as life person who would do anything to keep Willow safe. What happens when Willow finds out his true identity? Willow has a very dysfunctional family , and at times I couldn't keep up with who was good and who hated Willow. The story does have many twists that kept me intrigued and I was very pleased with the ending. I loved the story because it shows what jealousy and bitterness can do to people. Forgiveness is something that many of us have a hard time giving to others. It destroys relationships and keeps us from the blessings of God. As you read this book, let the message of unconditional love fill your soul and allow bitterness to be removed.

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Maureen Timerman says

As I began to read this book I soon realized that nothing was really as it appeared, and at first, I felt myself lost, was there another book that I was missing? No, as I continued the story pulled me in, and unfortunately, I guess right, but I can't even imagine!

Above all, someone is tormenting Willow, a stalker, but as we read his intent is even more, and why? There is so much jealousy here, greed? A bit of romance, child abuse, but then we are also shown how God's hand is being offered and the gifts that are offered.

Yes, once you get reading, you won't be able to leave this one!

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