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A quiet little town in upstate New York, Lake Charlotte is the perfect place to raise a family. Or is it? People still talk of that summer ten years ago when four teenage girls mysteriously disappeared. Now the nightmare has returned.

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Stephanie Walker logback says

I thought I had it figured out but it turns I didn't. Michelle was a very annoying, whiny character. And the way Staub tied all the characters together at the end was a bit messy and confusing. But the book had a good creepy mystery feel to it. Quick read too.

Mandy says

Wendy Corsi Staub is by far one of my favorite authors. I know every time I pick up one of her books I won't be disappointed. I listened to this novel on Audible and I wish I would have read it because I get so caught up in what the narrator is saying and their tone that I forget to listen to the words. It was definitely a good murder mystery and I continued to wonder about who the murderer was and why he or she was targeting young women. The end totally caught me off guard and I liked that. Pretty good book, overall.

Patty says

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My "in a nutshell" summary...

Four young girls disappear...some from their very own beds...the crime is never solved.

My thoughts after reading this book...

Mysterious and thought provoking from the start...this is one of those books that will make a car trip or a plane trip or sitting out by the pool or on the beach fly by. I could not stop reading because I had to know what happened and what was still happening. The appearance of the mysterious stranger at the wrought iron gates...pierced my soul! Who is he? Who is she?

Ok...way too many mysteries in this book make it even more appealing. Rory hasn't been home in years...mostly to avoid the nightmare that began when her older sister disappeared. But now that she is back...things are worse than ever. Mysterious strangers, more lies, and more disappearances begin to occur. I had no clue as to who what or where all the evil was coming from...I was freaked out by the kitten disappearing! And then when people began following suit...I could not stop reading!

What I loved about this book...

I read it last night, I read it this morning, I read it on the deck, and I finally finished it inside in our sunroom. I was not capable of putting this book down or saving it for later. It's not fun at all...it's nail biting terror. I was even capable of believing that nuns were evil in this book. I convinced myself that I totally knew who

the murderer was...only to be shocked by this dramatic conclusion!

What I did not love about this book...

Hmmm...I can't even think of anything.

Final thoughts...

I haven't read books by this author in a while and I had forgotten her magic with a mystery. This one was tense, complicated and extremely satisfying...it's the perfect summer mystery!

Marca says

This book had every character that makes me twitch: bitchy hormonal pregnant woman, shadowy husband, whiny toddler, TSTL flirty young woman, obnoxious teenager, mentally incapacitated mother; they are all there, plus a few more. TSTL Rory returns to the home from which her older teenaged sister disappeared one night ten years ago. Three other girls also vanished during that time and were never found. Rory is worried about her youngest sister Molly (obnoxious teen) who still lives with a non-functioning mother. Overly-anxious pregnant-woman-from-hell lives next door with whiny toddler and shadowy husband. Molly's best friend who lives in the neighborhood fails to come home, echoing the disappearances from a decade ago. So what do they do? Molly goes next door to babysit whiny toddler at night by herself when toddler's mother goes into labor. Why did they not bring the kid next door to Molly's house, where other people were around? I also had to chuckle when a character used the movie "Psycho" as a psychological reference. That said, the mystery was good so I kept listening. Several secrets and mysteries were embedded that kept me guessing. I guess this was first published before cell phones were omnipresent; cells would have been helpful on several occasions in this story.

Diana says

A good one if you are looking for a quick, mindless read.

Caitlin says

I don't understand how the ratings for this book are so high. I kept reading it and getting through it because I figured it HAD to get better with such a good overall rating. I wish I had put it down. It wasn't for me.

The story wasn't believable. The characters were corny. I absolutely hated how much "thinking" there was in this book. 75% of this book was different characters' inner thoughts. A little of that is great. However, this one was mostly inner thoughts. For example, someone would dial the phone to make a call. In between dialing and the person on the other line picking up, the POV would have three pages full of thoughts. Really? You can have that many thoughts in a matter of 30 seconds? Maybe my brain is just slow. That's a possibility, but I definitely don't think that much that fast.

The outcome was outrageous. It all came together with an unbelievable close. It was just out of this world

kind of nonsense.

I did however like the fact that I didn't guess the ending. Probably because it was so "out there" that it would have never have entered I to me (apparently slow) brain. ;-)

Angie says

This reminded me a lot of the old Mary Higgins Clark mysteries I used to enjoy as a teenager. POVs from many characters with rapidly increasing scene changes as the mystery climaxes, a strong and independent female lead character in peril, a minor romance, and a twist. Had Rory's hair been styled in a chignon while she expertly made herself an omelet and a green salad I would have double checked the cover to make sure it really wasn't one of Clark's. Staub does spend a distracting amount of time in her character's thoughts, no matter how repetitive they may be, as if she is serving a page count goal instead of the story. Had I not been on vacation reading this poolside, I likely would have abandoned it. But, for the time and place, it was okay.

Dorsi says

This was my first Wendy Corsi Staub and I found it wanting. The characters were cliché and annoying as can be. The pregnant woman in the story nearly drove me to over the edge. She was whiny and overly paranoid. So many things in the story were unrealistic and ridiculous. The main character supposedly couldn't stand the sight of blood and nearly passed out from a scant amount. However on two other occasions when she encountered blood, she had no reaction. There were many eye rolling moments for me during this story. It did have its good points too. The premise was good. There were some good twists and suspense but the delivery was short. The narration was pretty good. I'm not sure if the whiny factor was a bit over done or if the narrator actually captured the true essence of some of the characters and their whinier moments. It was narrated by Allyson Ryan.

Mona Sheets says

Great story, kept me guessing

This is one of those books that I couldn't put. Mary Higgins Clark fans would love this book. Great read.

Janice Workman says

The last few chapters felt rushed.

Mary says

A creepy book with lots of twists and turns told in incredibly thrilling page turning suspense. Years ago, girls

started to disappear in Rory's small New England town - including her sister and her best friend. Now Rory is back after years away and girls start to disappear again.

This reminded me of a Mary Higgins Clark in that it read quickly and was filled with potential suspects and has a headstrong but vulnerable heroine. Great beach read!

Louise Marie says

Unfreakingbelievable what a goos book. I'm spooked!

Una Tiers says

meh. Although I finished, meh.

Melody says

I liked this book, but I was sort of disappointed with how it all ended. You find out what happened to the girls from that long ago summer and who was responsible, and when you do, it starts to make sense. But what happens in the present was a little unbelievable if you ask me, and I can't say more about that or I'll give away the story.

I listened to the audiobook, and though the narration was great, there were no pauses between scenes, so often times, I'd be listening and then if I zoned out, I'd be confused because suddenly it was on to a different scene with different characters. But other than that, it was good. Also, one thing to note is that the book seemed literally all over the place. You think it's going to be just a story about this girl who comes home after being gone so long, but then it goes into what's happening in the sister's life and what's going on with her friend. Even the neighbors get a side story. It all seems confusing, but the stories do eventually tie together so I can see it was necessary, but it was hard to see that in the beginning.

I don't read a lot of mysteries and I'm never good at figuring out "who did it", but this was alright. Just except for the ending. It was weird and I felt sorry for that person because it seemed like a lot of horrible things happened to them and that's how they ended up? It was sad.

Monica says

Loved this book. 10 years ago, 4 girls go missing. Rory is sister to one and a friend to another one. She comes home for the summer. A girl goes missing again. Is it the same person doing it this time? This will keep you on the edge of your seat. Happy Reading!!
