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The next novel of psychological suspense and obsession from the authors of the blockbuster bestseller *The Wife Between Us*.

Seeking women ages 18–32 to participate in a study on ethics and morality. Generous compensation. Anonymity guaranteed.

When Jessica Farris signs up for a psychology study conducted by the mysterious Dr. Shields, she thinks all she'll have to do is answer a few questions, collect her money, and leave.

Question #1: Could you tell a lie without feeling guilt?

But as the questions grow more and more intense and invasive and the sessions become outings where Jess is told what to wear and how to act, she begins to feel as though Dr. Shields may know what she's thinking... and what she's hiding.

Question #2: Have you ever deeply hurt someone you care about?

As Jess's paranoia grows, it becomes clear that she can no longer trust what in her life is real, and what is one of Dr. Shields' manipulative experiments. Caught in a web of deceit and jealousy, Jess quickly learns that some obsessions can be deadly.

Question #3: Should a punishment always fit the crime?

From the authors of the blockbuster bestseller *The Wife Between Us* comes an electrifying new novel about doubt, passion, and just how much you can trust someone.

An Anonymous Girl Details

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Jennifer ~ TarHeelReader says

5 mind blowing stars! ????

Did you ever have a book you saved, even though you got a copy really, really early, because you knew it would be good? I didn't want *An Anonymous Girl* to be over long before I ever started reading it. The year-long wait until another book from this dynamite duo feels longer than a year! That's a great thing in this case; these two authors are perfection together.

The *Wife Between Us* by these Hendricks and Pekkanen is my favorite thriller of 2018, and *An Anonymous Girl* is already vying for top position for 2019! Sarah Pekkanen and Greer Hendricks have topped themselves with this smashing effort. Wow! It's written how all thrillers should be, with page-turning, effortless writing, and characters that keep you on your toes. A villain like no other. A fallible but relatable victim. This book is remarkable. Gosh!

A few details about the story just to pique your interest...

Jessica Farris is a make-up artist living paycheck to paycheck in NYC, and money is an issue for her like it is for many people. She finds herself participating in a paid psychological study on ethics...But from the start, something doesn't feel right with it...But then again, Jess needs the money.

The study keeps going, becoming more invasive, and eventually Jess begins interacting directly with the psychiatrist in charge of the study, Dr. Shields. Jess develops a strong amount of paranoia early on, which never wanes though she doubts herself, again, because money is an issue.

An Anonymous Girl is a story of obsession, right versus wrong, and betrayal. There are creepy characters that will make your skin crawl, a character you may champion (I know I did), and a few characters in the middle that you just can't figure out.

The chapters are the perfect length. The writing flows perfectly in a race to the finish of the book, and the tension builds at a nice pace. I was hooked very early, and I never lost my connection to this book. The storyline is massively original, full of twists and turns, and I will never forget this dark tale of suspense, deviousness, and questioning morality.

Thank you to St. Martin's Press for the complimentary ARC. All opinions are my own.

My reviews can also be found on my blog: www.jennifertarheelreader.com

(From my teaser review in December)

This was the book I read on my actual birthday earlier this week. It's unputdownable, tense, completely original, and written with the easy flow I wish all thrillers had because it makes me flip through the pages that must faster, keeping the suspense going.

I will have my full review up in January on pub day, but until then, I have to say, *The Wife Between Us* by these authors is my favorite thriller of 2018, and *An Anonymous Girl* is already at the top of my list for

2019!

Chelsea Humphrey says

Happy Pub Day!

You're Invited: Seeking women aged 18-32 to participate in a study on ethics and morality conducted by a preeminent NYC psychiatrist. Generous compensation. Anonymity guaranteed. Call for more details.

Ok, so you know how every year there are books that come out of the gate hyped up? I'm talking a full calendar year before publication, these books are already being shoved in our faces and by the time they come out we are underwhelmed and sick to our stomachs of seeing said book floating around social media to the point we scream and rip out our hair? **Don't worry, this isn't one of those.** That's not to say we won't see it floating around prominently for the next six months, simply that it is in fact worthy of every bit of hype it's already receiving. In all honesty, I was a bit nervous picking up the sophomore novel following readers' beloved *The Wife Between Us*, simply due to the high bar that was set with this author duo's debut. In my humble opinion, *An Anonymous Girl* was even better than TWBU, and I mean that as the highest compliment that I can give!

We all have reasons for our actions. Even if we hide the reason from those who think they know us best. Even if the reasons are so deeply buried we can't recognize them ourselves.

This is one you need to go into the plot blind folks. Where *The Wife Between Us* is known for that massive twist (you know the one I'm talking about), *An Anonymous Girl* slams you over and over again. It's not comprised of a single, WTF twist; this one hits you time and again with OMG-Oh-No-She-Didn't whiplash. Every time I thought I had this one figured out, it turns out I had misjudged and things kept changing. It was the type of complex, thrilling novel of suspense that I have't come across in quite awhile. It's getting harder as an avid reader of mysteries to find ones that I can't figure out immediately, and this one proved to me that there ARE still new tricks and writing techniques that can be used to fool readers while keeping them engaged with the characters. *And talk about some wicked nasty characters... My favorite!*

I'm going to shut up now and let you decide if this is a book you're interested in, but just know that I enjoyed it so much that I'm contemplating re-reading it before publication date just to see if I can catch any of the clues that I missed the first go around; it was that good. I even bumped my initial 4 star rating up to a banging 5 because I can't stop thinking about this book. If you are able to get your hands on an early copy, don't put it off until publication date. If you are the type to pre-order, PRE-ORDER THIS BABY. Seriously, it's such a fun read with a sly and delicious cover; your bookshelf will thank you! Your family, your boss, and your to-do list however will not; they'll be sorely disappointed that you stayed up until the wee hours of the morning binging this juicy drama.

Many thanks to the publisher for providing a copy for review.

Deanna says

My reviews can also be seen at: <https://deesradreadsandreviews.wordpress.com>

I really enjoyed Greer Hendricks and Sarah Pekkanen's previous novel "The Wife Between Us". So as soon as I saw the cover for this novel and read the synopsis, I knew I just had to read it.

I devoured this novel in just a few hours, ignoring everything and everyone as I read.

The book opens as twenty-eight-year-old makeup artist; Jessica Farris is heading to her last appointment of the day. She travels to her clients instead of them coming to her. Even though she doesn't always know who will answer the door, Jessica doesn't fear strangers. She's learned that "**more harm can come from familiar faces**".

Jessica enjoys what she does. Her appointment is with two young women who are going out to a club that evening. As she applies their makeup, she loses herself in her work, barely hearing the women chatting to each other. But then she overhears a voicemail message one of the women plays...

"This is Ben Quick, Dr. Shields's assistant. I'm confirming your appointments this weekend, for tomorrow and Sunday from eight to ten a.m. The location again is Hunter Hall, Room 214. I'll meet you in the lobby and take you up."

Jessica doesn't know that this message will change her life completely.

A psych professor needs subjects for a study on morality and ethics. Applicants will be paid to answer questions. Jessica could really use the money. So when she hears that her client likely won't be attending, she decides to go in her place...

She's accepted into the study and will be bound by a confidentiality agreement. Jessica is told there are no right or wrong answers, she just needs to be completely open and honest. The questions are personal and may trigger very emotional responses....

"Could you tell a lie without feeling guilt?"

But Jessica surprises herself and the doctor when she doesn't shy away from the questions. When the sessions are complete, the doctor asks if Jessica would consider expanding her participation in the study. It would mean more would be asked of her.... **SIGNIFICANTLY MORE**. It would also mean more money.

Jessica really opens up to the doctor. She talks about the pressure she's under and the secret she's kept for so many years. **"Guilt is always the heaviest thing I carry"**. With Dr. Shields, she's able to reveal things she's never talked about before.

But as the project expands, Jessica starts to wonder what the doctor is doing with all of the information collected. **What will the doctor do with Jessica's innermost thoughts? Her confessions? Her mistakes?** Then the assignments take a strange and unexpected turn. Is she just being paranoid or is something sinister going on?

"An Anonymous Girl" was a thought-provoking and phenomenal read. It pulled me in from the beginning and wouldn't let go. The chapters are a nice length and alternate between Jessica and the doctor's point of view.

In my opinion, Greer Hendricks and Sarah Pekkanen knocked this one out of the park. This was a fascinating psychological suspense novel with a great storyline, excellent characters, and twists and turns that kept me

flipping pages at a rapid pace.

A wonderfully dark and suspenseful novel about love, anger, betrayal, morality, and obsession.

I'd like to thank St. Martin's books for giving me the opportunity to read this book in exchange for my honest review.

????? ? says

You ever reading a book and thinking, "why was this so expensive? I'm not even having a good time"? Me, the whole time reading this.

Mary Beth *Traveling Sister* says

4.5 stars!

Jessica Farris takes a friend's place in a psychology study of morals and ethics ran by Dr. Shields, since she needs extra cash. She thinks it will be easy money and that all she has to do is answer a few questions. But the questions become more and more intense.

She begins to feel that Dr. Shields may know what she is thinking and what she is hiding. Jessica becomes constantly concerned and fearful and doesn't know what she can trust. She is fearful that her life could be in jeopardy.

I love these two authors! I loved the book *The Wife Between Us*.

Discover the next blockbuster novel of suspense, and get ready for the read of your life.

I can not say that I was hooked straight from the very beginning. This one has a slow burn going into it. Once I got into it though I couldn't put it down. It was like a rollercoaster ride filled with twists and turns. I found this psychological thriller to be very addicting once I got to the suspense.

The chapters are very short, so it is a fast paced read. This book is very well written. I loved the dialogue, and the writing style. The characters were so well developed. This one kept me on the edge of my seat and kept me intrigued to find out what was going to happen next. This was an unpredictable read for me. It was so surprising. I could not put it down and kept wondering what was going to happen next. The book ended very well. It kept my attention and amazed me. It has several jaw dropping moments.

I recommend it. I want to thank Netgalley, St. Martin's Press and the author for the copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

(Bern) Mom to 2 Posh Lil Divas says

4.5 compulsive, page turning stars ?? for *An Anonymous Girl*

I must start off by simply saying I thoroughly enjoyed this story. I'm a fan of cat & mouse type thrillers and this played right into that captivating me from the start and never letting go!

"In every lifetime, there are pivot points that shape and eventually cement one's path."

Jessica is a make-up artist, living in NY, struggling to make ends meet. While working on a client she hears about a morality and ethics research study that pays its subjects lucratively. Knowing the client will not make her appointment Jess makes the decision to take her place. Not knowing much about the study, she walks in and becomes simply "Subject 52". The rules are simple: *Be open and truthful, and avoid pivoting away from any embarrassment or pain the questions provoke*. Soon Jess finds herself divulging her deepest secrets via questions posed on a computer screen.

Dr. Lydia Shields, the psychiatrist conducting the study is equally drawn in by Jess' responses to her questions. At the end of her two sessions, Jess is invited to expand her participation in the study for higher compensation *but at what cost?*

What ensues, told in alternating POV chapters between Dr. Shields and Jess was a fast-paced, twisty, scheme filled story that you simply won't be able to get enough of. It was like a guilty pleasure, walking in each of these women's minds. Every time you think you have it all figured out - a new piece of the puzzle is dropped into your lap.

"You can't judge someone's internal state by their external attributes."

This was my first book by Hendricks & Pekkanen but it certainly won't be my last. They know how to hook their readers and keep them wanting more. This book has made me a fan of this writing duo and I can't wait to see what else they create together.

Many thanks to Greer Hendricks and Sarah Pekkanen, St. Martin's Press and NetGalley for an arc of this book.

Lindsay - Traveling Sister says

4 stars! A gripping and thrilling page-turner!

Struggling to make her rent payments, Jessica Farris, finds herself involved in a well-paying psychology study revolving around ethics and morality. The compensation is too good to pass up. Upon attending the first study meeting and completing the initial questionnaire, Jess is offered the opportunity to proceed further into the depths of the examination with the mysterious Dr. Shields. Tension builds as Jess begins to feel paranoia and anxiety about her involvement and she begins to question what Dr. Shields objectives truly are.

This was extremely well written! I was glued to these pages, devouring every single word with curious and hungry eyes. The pace, flow and narration were excellent! Told in alternating chapters between Jess and Dr. Shields, I felt the urge to read 'just one more chapter' from start to finish – I simply couldn't get enough of this unique and mysterious story. The characters were well developed and each one kept me curious as to their true intentions throughout the novel.

After the intensity of the storyline build up, the ending was a bit of a let-down for me. It didn't fit with the

excellence of the rest of the book, which took away one star. I still would highly recommend this novel as it kept me highly intrigued and guessing all the way through.

To find this review, please visit our blog at:

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Thank you to NetGalley and St. Martin's Press for providing me with an ARC in exchange for an honest review.

An Anonymous Girl is available now!

Susanne Strong says

4 Stars.

Completely Intriguing and Totally Unexpected!

Jessica is a makeup artist in New York City. After hearing about a paid ethics and morality case study, Jessica jumps at the chance to participate even going so far as to take a spot from a client of hers, who canceled last minute. Is it a choice Jessica will live to regret?

Jessica is Subject 52. As a part of the study, questions are posed at a computer terminal: "Could you tell a lie without feeling guilt?"; "Describe a time in your life when you cheated?" Her answers are such that little does she know, at the end of the two sessions, she is the only subject left. Her answers are intriguing and unsettling. Dr. Shields, who is in charge of the study sees something in Jessica and hopes that she will not fail in her role... her doing so would be less than ideal. For both of them.

"An Anonymous Girl" is a book that took me by complete surprise - the premise was a breath of fresh air - it was unexpected and honestly it made me feel, well, dirty, slimy and scared, if I'm telling you the whole truth and nothing but the truth (ha ha, get it, I mean this book is about morality and ethics, right?!). It gets under your skin and makes you wonder how you would answer the questions posed and makes you fearful, terrified even, when you realize what Dr. Shields has in mind for Subject 52 (and no, I'm not going there, in case you were hoping I'd give you a clue!). This is a fast-paced crazy novel whose twists and turns made for a heart stopping novel. I highly recommend it for mystery / suspense lovers. It'll keep you on your toes for sure.

This was another fabulous buddy read with Kaceey!

Thank you to NetGalley, St. Martin's Press, Greer Hendricks and Sarah Pekkanen for an ARC of this novel in exchange for an honest review.

Published on NetGalley, Goodreads and Twitter.

*Will be published on Amazon upon release.

Holly B says

Loved it! Devoured it!

Devious to the max!

I devoured this book in two days and didn't want to put it down! A riveting story of psychological suspense. I was quickly questioning every move every character made. From beginning to end, I was all in! Yes!

With a promise of anonymity and a fat paycheck, Jessica weasels her way into a study on morality and ethics. She was assigned the name of **Subject 52** and presented with numerous questions. I could feel her tension growing as the questions progressed into the realm of ***what would you do?*** I quickly got the feeling that this test was quite a ***mind game!***

Dr. Shields may go done as one of the most perplexing doctor characters I've encountered. What was her motivation for recruiting these women? Jessica wonders how the doctor seems to know her thoughts.

I had some adrenaline surging moments as the tension amped-up and the plot unfolded. Everyone seems to have something to hide. The ending was just so perfect!

Highly recommend this suspense filled mind game that pushes all the boundaries.

Thanks to SMP for my Arc. Review will post to my blog on 1/08/18

megs_bookrack says

WOW! First book of 2019 on record and **WOW**, I loved it!

An Anonymous Girl follows two main perspectives:

Jessica: Single, late-20s, living in NYC and working as a freelance make-up artist. Jessica lives a fairly solitary life. She has a sweet little dog and a couple of close friends but most of the time, she's alone. A bit haunted by her past due to an incident that occurred with her little sister. She has a lot of residual guilt stemming from that which flairs up from time to time. Also, due to this incident, she sometimes finds it painful to be in contact her parents, who are under extreme financial distress.

Dr. Lydia Shields: A wealthy and successful psychiatrist and author who works at a local college teaching seminars and performing research studies. Her area of interest = morality. Her perspective is written in 2nd person which I did find jarring at first but eventually became used to and even enjoyed.

Jessica and Dr. Shields become acquainted when Jessica lies her way into participating in one of Dr. Shields

psychological studies. Motivated exclusively by money at first, Jessica eventually finds herself drawn deeper and deeper into Dr. Shields web.

The relationship lines are extremely blurry with Jessica and Dr. Shields. I was so confused as to who was the predator and who was the prey. They both seemed so enamored with one another.

To add to the complication we get Dr. Shields husband, Thomas, thrown into the mix. Again, is he good or is he bad?

Everyone in this book is just too damn smart for their own good! **Manipulation FACTOR 10!!!**

The story is extremely fast-paced, with a lot of twists and turns and ups and downs....

Someone pass the dramamine! There was mystery, investigation, a spectacular game of cat-and-mouse...I **ABSOLUTELY LOVED IT!**

In my opinion, this could definitely be one of the top Adult Thrillers I read in 2019...if not, the top. I know it is early but I have pretty much lost my mind over this book.

Thank you so much to the publisher, St. Martin's Press, for kindly providing me with a e-copy to read and review. I always appreciate the opportunity to provide my feedback. This book is definitely a winner. The Greer Hendricks & Sarah Pekkanen combo is something very special! I hope they continue to write books together in future, as I would certainly love to read them!

When money and morality intersect, the result can illuminate intriguing truths about human character.

j e w e l s says

FIVE STARS

I don't know their secret, but whatever it is (SUPREME TALENT), authors Pekkanen and Hendricks need to bottle up their magic Mojo and spread it like fairy dust over readers around the world. Their ingenious writing technique is guaranteed to pull you up by the bootstraps - out of any debilitating reading slump you may occasionally find yourself in. Believe the hype. It is real. The dynamic duo is currently hard at work on a sure-to-be third mega hit-- ?PRAISE YEEZUS!

This is what you need in your life, people. Their blockbuster debut, **The Wife Between Us**, is a soon to be feature film and this currently unreleased **An Anonymous Girl** is already in development for a television series by the same people that slayed HBO's **Sharp Objects**. And as readers know, YOU MUST READ THE BOOK FIRST TO HAVE PROPER BRAGGING RIGHTS TO YOUR FAVORITE SCENES! So hop to it.

Synopsis: When Jess signs up for the psychology study conducted by the mysterious Dr. Shields, she thinks all she'll have to do is answer a few questions, collect her money, and leave. But as the questions grow more intense and invasive and the sessions become outings where Jess is told what to wear and how to act, she begins to feel as though Dr. Shields may know what she's thinking...and what she's hiding. As Jess's paranoia grows, it becomes clear that she can no longer trust what in her life is real, and what is one of Dr. Shields' manipulative experiments. Caught in a web of deceit and jealousy, Jess quickly learns that some obsessions can be deadly.

Oh my gawwd, read the fine print before you innocently sign up for a paid research survey! Even if you really need the cash. Especially if you really need the cash.

This book is I M P O S S I B L E to put down! You will be sneak reading it under your work desk and dining table, it is so freakin' addictive! I swear I developed a physical need to figure out what was going on and solve this puzzling plot. There aren't huge in your face twists, but subtle ones that lead you in different directions than you thought you were going in...an anagram of a story that is told in a refreshingly modern and streamlined way.

Unreliable narrators, interesting and unlikable characters, and a realistically creepy story of obsession (without graphic violence)- these things I love. I know you will love it, too. It is set for release on January 8, 2019. Pre-order yourself a New Year's gift!

Thank you to my book fairy, Jordan, at St. Martin's Publishing for my early copy. You guys are killing it over there! As always, all opinions are my own and you know I'm not afraid to write a negative review?.

Liz says

Wow! Five big stars. For once, the hype and buzz are deserved.

Remember the rules: Be open and truthful, and avoid pivoting away from any embarrassment or pain these questions provoke.

This book grabbed me from the get go. A twenty eight year old woman sneaks herself into an ethics and morality study in order to earn some extra income. I was able to immediately put myself in her shoes. The initial questions had me wondering how I would answer.

The chapters alternate between the woman and the doctor heading up the study. It quickly becomes a fast paced ride. Definitely entertaining. There are some real twists so that the tension keeps getting ratcheted up. It's a hard book to put down. I can even see this being made into a movie.

Don't look for believability here. But that doesn't mean there aren't some interesting concepts being explored. Power. Trust.

Jessica is such a well thought out character. Out of her depth, but a real fighter. No dummy, but she's up against a master. I was entranced trying to figure out how she would extract herself from this game of cat and mouse.

I would love to know how Hendricks and Pekkanen write together because the finished product is seamless.

If you like dark psychological thrillers, this one's for you!

My thanks to netgalley and St. Martin's Press for an advance copy of this book.

Meredith says

Completely unbelievable, yet totally enjoyable!

A psychological study on morality turns into a game of cat and mouse. Who will come out on top? The subject of the study or the doctor who is playing much more than a game.

That's all I am going to say about the plot. **It's best to go into this blind.**

I didn't love *The Wife Between Us* due to the number of twists and some other elements. I decided to go into *An Anonymous Girl* with an open mind. I knew this was going to be over-the-top, but I decided to suspend my disbelief over the plot. Once I did, I had a lot of fun reading this.

The narrative alternates between doctor and patient. I found the former to be cartoonish, but the latter was intriguing.

This is a fast-paced, entertaining read that requires one to suspend disbelief. There might have been a few times where I was laughing out loud at moments that probably were not meant to be funny, but I found them so. With that being said, the plot is original and engaging. There were a few threads that felt incomplete and I was left with some questions. **However, in spite of these moments, the entertainment factor won out in the end.**

I received an ARC of this book from St. Martin's Press and NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

Melissa says

Twisted. Intense. Deviously fun. Why was it that I skipped this co-author's debut?

This writing duo—composed of Sarah Pekkanen and Greer Hendricks—wields some kind of power with their combined words. That elusive “*it*” factor present, allowing readers to succumb all too easily to the

manipulation. It's the very experience I hope for each and every time I pick up a book—*realistic or not*. Life effortlessly fading into the background as the intensity and promise for something truly twisted takes over—no matter how loud the tv might be, who's begging for attention, or the myriad of things niggling on your conscience. Believe me, *none* of those things will matter in the face of this devious page-turner. In fact, at times, coming up for breath might not feel optional.

Looking back, there are a few reasons I chose to pass on *The Wife Between Us*. Number one being the hordes of hype. The overwhelming availability, constant marketing and utter feed domination turned me off. Bottom line, hype leads to grandiose expectations, which typically leads to disappointment. Something I've become all too familiar with in the literary world as of late. I'm sure there's bound to be an exhaustive campaign here as well; getting in front of that the only way I was able to keep my expectations at a manageable level. With that said, in my humble opinion, *An Anonymous Girl* deserves any and all of the hype that's put out there. If *this* book is any indication of the sheer cleverness involved in *The Wife Between Us*, count me in.

Sarah Pekkanen and Greer Hendricks introduce readers to Jessica—or Jess—just another anonymous girl working in New York as a freelance makeup artist. Eager to earn some extra cash, Jess manages to finagle her way into a psychological study she overhears one of her clients bailing on. Referred to as *Subject 52*, Jess is asked to answer a series of moral and ethical questions honestly, via a lone laptop in a barren classroom.

I'm not used to expressing myself like this. Writing about hidden thoughts is like washing off makeup and seeing a bare face.

Much like Jessica's theories surrounding the study, this book is *nothing* like what I had envisioned going in. **This is so much more than just another anonymous title, floating around faceless in what's become a saturated genre.** Addictive, original, gasp-inducing, *An Anonymous Girl* meets all of the requirements necessary to be tagged as a memorable suspense read.

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Emma Giordano says

I really enjoyed this book! Deceptive, creepy, and unsettling.

CW: sexual assault, suicide, death

I devoured *An Anonymous Girl*. This book was so easy to engage with. I really enjoyed that the book is actually told in two perspectives; One in first person, one in second. This element really added to the creepy factor of the novel, as it's almost disturbing to think of someone's internal monologue constantly being geared towards the actions and thoughts of another character without their knowledge. I would totally recommend the audiobook for this reason as the voice actors did a fantastic job.

One issue I took with the novel is the theme of morality and ethics was too oversaturated. I had a similar issue with Riley Sager's *The Last Time I Lied* with the theme of lies. I can't stand it when a book is shoving a certain subject matter at me from all angles and does not allow me to pick up the subtext myself. The way morals decisions are integrated into the storyline was obvious and clever enough until the characters

constantly started referring to the topic in plain conversation. It was repetitive and tiresome. I think the book would have benefited from more subtlety.

Additionally, I felt Jessica was too skeptical as a character. She's not particularly clever or smart, but is constantly questioning the motives and truth of EVERYTHING without any sufficient reason to in the beginning. It created a real contrast between how Jessica prepared herself for conflict and how she attempted to actually resolve it. It seemed as if the authors were insecure about the audience's inquisitive abilities and spoon-fed readers questions to consider before they could form them themselves. This is another huge pet-peeve of mine and I likely would have enjoyed the book more if I spent less time questioning the authenticity of Jessica's thought process.

Finally, *An Anonymous Girl* is not the most shocking, horrifying novel I have ever read. It's pretty light on gore and violence, which I feel makes it a great choice for those who want to read thrillers without being scared or grossed out. The twists were sometimes clever, but mostly unsurprising when not expected. I would have liked more shock factor, but the charm of this story is more the overall ambience of the novel. The disconcerting vibe that follows you from beginning to end. It was not the most unbelievable mystery I've ever read, but it was twisted, unsettling, and unique. Would definitely recommend!!
