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Joanne Hunter's secure suburban world is falling apart. Her husband's desertion after twenty years of marriage leaves her stunned. Eve, her best friend, is strangely distant. Her grandfather, who's been a pillar of strength and support, lies ill and helpless in a nursing home. Lana and Robin, her teenage daughters, claim every ounce of her energy. Only one person seems to care -- a stranger with a rasping voice, a tormentor with a vicious mind. Danger and despair close in with each ring of the telephone. Each deadly message lures her inexorably towards the deep end...

Joy Fielding is the bestselling author of the now-classic SEE JANE RUN, as well as STILL LIFE, NOW YOU SEE HER, SHADOW CREEK, WHISPERS & LIES, MAD RIVER ROAD, THE WILD ZONE, and other acclaimed novels of suspense. She divides her time between Toronto and Palm Beach, Florida.

“Once you've got into it, there's no escaping.”

--*The New York Times*

"Runs rings around Mary Higgins Clark"

--*Kirkus*

The Deep End Details

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Debbie Whetstone Collinge says

This book really kept me guessing the whole way through.

Dawn Dorsey says

I think this book would be what is currently called psychological thriller, which is not my genre. However, if you like that theme, it is a well-written mystery, that misdirects your suspicions until very near the end. You have to decide not only who is stalking the heroine, but whether the threat really exists at all, or if she is reacting to extreme stress.

Lumi says

I read this such a long time ago my only vague memories are of a woman in a house with an unfinished pool in the backyard having to deal with a creepy stalker and an absent, douchey husband. Reading other descriptions about this book, I'm surprised I couldn't remember a thing about the unsupportive psychosomatic best friend next door and the fact that the protagonist, Joanne, has two teens living with her and a beloved grandfather in hospital. I guess that speaks to how alone Joanne truly is in her struggle with the creepy caller but it might also speak to this book being fairly pedestrian and unmemorable.

LInda L says

While I truly loved this book and couldn't put it down, it did have a few shortcomings. I was not thrilled at the total dependency of the heroine on her husband. She should have gotten a job long before she did. Her BFF was nuts and no help to her at all, and finally had a total breakdown. Her husband was a worthless wuss -- forty some years old and "going to find himself". He needed to be home taking care of his spoiled, bratty children. About the nicest person in the book was Ron -- the guy who gave her a job. And the grandfather, of course. Eve, her husband, and her mother ALL needed some psychiatric intervention. Oh, I almost forgot -- her brother seemed sane. Even if he was a surgeon and STILL wanted to be an actor. I guess this book could have been about friendship, but the fact that one of them was totally crazed made it hard to envision. All in all, I STILL love Joy Fielding. And even her less-than-great books are wonderful. Once I get hooked on an author, nothing will change my mind.

Victoriaskrams says

Okay, wirklich kein schlechtes Buch, aber der Buchrücken verspricht eindeutig mehr Spannung.

Lola says

Joanne's husband leaves her because he wants a separation to think things over.

She begins receiving threatening phone calls. Her next door neighbor who is her best friend, seems to be losing touch with reality. Her grandfather is nearing the end of his life at age 95. Her two daughters are away at camp. Joanne is home alone.

Through out the entire book, I waited for the phone caller to show up at her house with intentions of killing her. With only 20 odd pages left of the story, he shows up while she is asleep.

The author tells us some of that confrontation and then drops the story line!! Disappointing.

Very disappointing.

Wendy says

This one hasn't really stood the test of time although the plot is familiar: man has midlife crisis (read fling with young thing) and faithful, loving, caring wife hangs and hangs and hangs in there. Eve character was just too freaky.

Rebecca says

Only so-so, a lot of build up to an abrupt and anticlimactic ending. Fielding ratcheted up the suspense but fizzled in the end.

Laurie says

This is my first by this author and it won't be my last. I like the way she writes.

Nina Draganova says

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Tilly Slaton says

Weird.

The Dead End is a psychological mystery thriller.

I found this book at a sidewalk sale for 25 cents. The back cover:

The phone rang. She picked it up and a chilling voice said: "You've been a bad girl. I'm going to take down your panties and spank you...And them I'm going to kill you...."

What can I say? I'm a sucker for spankings and death! Sold!

Unfortunately, the only reason I finished this book is because I HAD to find out WHO the stalker psycho was. I suppose that's the point of the book. Some nutjob makes weird phone calls and scares the crap out of a housewife and mother. Her husband recently left her. Her kids are at summer camp. Her friend is completely losing her mind. What more can a girl ask for?

The first 25 pages slammed me into a coma. I slept so hard and woke up revived! Best night's sleep in a long time.

Next 50 pages, I'm trying to decide whether or not I should toss the book aside and hope it never resurfaces or to organize my kindle.

The next 150 pages, the drama and back and forth became pretty damned tiresome.

Joanne struggled through this entire book and deserving so. The problems with her children trying to eat each other alive is the least of her problems. Her best friend of 30 years scares the shit out of her. And her bastard of a husband "needs more time to think about his life." Bastard.

What do you do, she asks herself, when somebody suddenly stops loving you?

Out of all of the screwed up bits in this book, the relationship with her husband irritated me the most. I mean, being married for 20 years is something to fight over! Sure, that sounds wonderful. But what if there is a little skanky blonde named Judy that's buffing your husband? Do you still wait around hoping he'll come home? Do you still pretty yourself up just in case he wants to have coffee?

That about says it.

I did not like this book. It was slow and about bored me to death.

I will not recommend this book to anyone. I'm sure there are others out there that just soak this kind of book up. Not me. Let them recommend it, I'm sticking with my story! Heh .. Coma worthy. On the other hand, a great sleep aid.

Rebecca McNutt says

The Deep End is an incredibly eerie and intense story. Joanne, the main character, is having bad news thrown at her left and right, but to make matters worse, a pervy creep is repeatedly calling her. She assumes that it's an obscene prank, but is there something more sinister at work?

I usually don't write reviews that are very long because I read a lot and I'm working much of the time, but I really enjoyed this little psychological thriller so I felt like it deserved it. This book was very well-written, bringing terror into the safety of the suburbs with vivid vocabulary and vibrant descriptions. The swimming pool throughout the book has many deep meanings, so *The Deep End* was a very fitting name.

Kelsey Howlett says

Not my favourite by Joy. I was left feeling disappointed at the end- and I found the climax of the novel rushed. The buildup, that took the entire novel expect the last 20 pages, was drawn out, a little confusing at times and just didn't seem to flow well.

Lesley says

I can only say I remember reading this I think in the late 90's and I liked it enough to keep reading her books!

Brenda Noonan says

A book I didn't want to put down.
