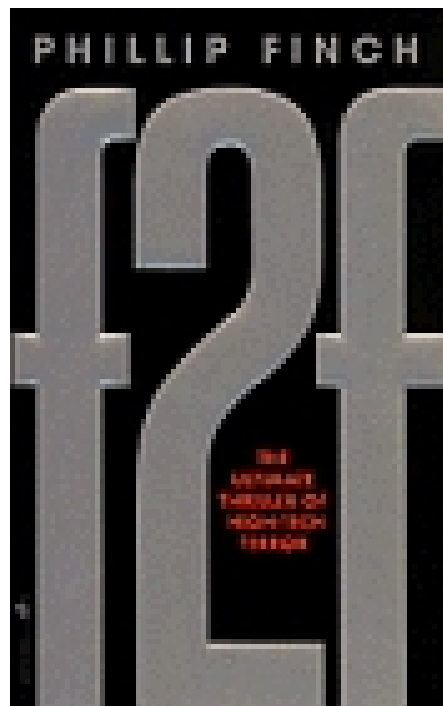




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When a murder threat appears on an electronic bulletin board, most consider it an ugly prank. Intrigued, Jane Regalia tries to argue with its author, yet instead of a debate, she gets a cryptic warning: You have been noticed. Then, as police are stymied by a series of brutal homicides, the name and address of a member of Jane's online women's group appears on one of the victim's computers. And suddenly, the killer's threats have turned deadly serious.

F2f (R) Details

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Maria Elmvang says

I've read this several times when I was younger, and honestly remembered it as being better than it was. Whether that's because I'm misremembering, or because my standards were lower back then, I don't know, but it was interesting to see.

It's obvious that it's very dated though. All the explanations of computers, internet and online forums are almost naive, and I'd think just about *everybody* would know enough not to run an exe-file received from somebody they don't know. That's just asking to get infected!

Other than that, it's still a fascinating book and a sobering thought that we're not nearly as anonymous online as we'd like to think.

Agustina says

Nada wow... por ahí me llamo la atención la parte en la que Ellis empieza a darse cuenta quién es el responsable. Pero, al fin de cuentas, nada wow (tampoco se merece 1 estrella).

???????? says

One of my all time favorite thrillers. Read it several times.

bette says

A thriller published in mid 90's. Lot of internet action so technical stuff beyond me. Fast read and sort of a "hard to put down book".

George K. says

Βασικ? θ?μα του βιβλ?ου ε?ναι οι υπολογιστ?ς και το διαδ?κτυο και πως ?νας μανιακ?ς δολοφ?νος ειδικ?ς σ'αυτ? τα πρ?γματα, μπορε? να γνωριστε? με ?λλους χρ?στες, λ?γοντας φυσικ? ψ?ματα για την ταυτ?τητα του, να εισβ?λει στους υπολογιστ?ς τους, να βρει τις διευθ?νσεις τους και, φυσικ?, να τους σκοτ?σει με διασκεδαστικο?ς γι'αυτ?ν τρ?πους.

Δεν ξ?ρω πως ?ταν οι υπολογιστ?ς και το ?ντερνετ το 1995, την εποχ? που γρ?φηκε το βιβλ?ο δηλαδ?, φαντ?ζομαι ?μως ?τι ο Φιντς ?βαλε λ?γο την φαντασ?α του να δουλ?ψει, βλ?ποντας β?βαια και τις τ?τε τ?σεις της τεχνολογ?ας. Σ?γουρα με τα σημεριν? δεδομ?να πολλ? στοιχε?α του βιβλ?ου ?σως φανο?ν κ?πως ξεπερασμ?να, για την εποχ? του ?μως ?ταν μες στα πρ?γματα και ?θετε

κ?ποιους σοβαρο?ς προβληματισμο?ς για την ασφ?λεια και την ανωνυμ?α στο διαδ?κτυο και τους κινδ?νους που μπορε? να υπ?ρχουν σε περ?πτωση που κ?ποιος ευφυ?ς και συν?μα μανιακ?ς δολοφ?νος σ'?χει β?λει στο μ?τι μ?σω αυτο?.

Σαν θρ?λερ δεν θα ?λεγα ?τι ξεχωρ?ζει απ? τον σωρ?, υπ?ρχει μεν μια σχετικ? αγων?α για την συν?χεια, αλλ? τ?ποτα το τρομερ?. Δυνατ?ς ανατροπ?ς στην πλοκ? δεν συν?ντησα και οι χαρακτ?ρες μου φ?νηκαν κ?πως επ?πεδοι, π?ντως ε?χε λ?γη δρ?ση και η ατμ?σφαιρα ?ταν αρκετ? σκοτειν? και μ?ριζε nineties. Επ?σης η γραφ? μου φ?νηκε απλ? μεν, ευκολοδι?βαστη και ξεκο?ραστη δε.

Γενικ? πρ?κειται για ?να ενδιαφ?ρον θριλερ?κι που θα διαβαστε? υπερβολικ? γρ?γορα, χ?ρη στην πλοκ?, την γραφ? και τα πολλ? μικρ? κεφ?λαια, αλλ? θα ξεχαστε? μετ? απ? λ?γο καιρ?. Π?ρασα ωρα?α ?πως και νά'χει.

Sally Bisbee says

This is another book I'd have given more than 5 stars if it wasn't cheating. "The Verba Interchange is an electronic bulletin board, a virtual meeting place where anyone with a computer and a modem can exchange views, flirt, or argue with complete anonymity. But an ingenious serial killer is using the vast potential of the Net to choose victims for a deadly f2f - a face-to-face meeting." Truly terrifying given the world we live in.

This book was published when social networking was still in its infancy. It's still terrifying after all these years. I don't remember how many people I gave this book to after I read it and asked them to pass it on. That's the kind of impression it made on me.

Anthony Papillion says

F2F is the kind of book that will make you look at the darker side of technology and wonder "what if". It's well written, has a strong plot, and a great set of characters. While the technology discussed in the book is definitely pre-internet (BBS's) it's still worth the read.

Cynthia Frazer says

Read this just for the technical, hacking stuff, like Van Eck phreaking. That part was alright. To be fair, I don't care for thrillers generally, but the concept of using the missile silos on Angel Island was interesting.

Juuliimarino says

Tiene una trama atrapante e intrigante, pero no lo disfrute tanto como queria porque habia muchos datos informaticos y apenas lograba captar lo que decia.

Igualmente, te deja una especie de enseñanza (o advertencia, como lo quieras tomar).

Skip says

It's hard for me to believe this book has an average rating of 4.8 stars on Amazon. Technothriller, where a killer uses executable programs nested in a computer game (like Doom) to track down people who have reacted negatively to the killer's ranting post on an Internet chat board. Too many names/people to follow, with their real names and their handles. The showdown was pretty good, estranged couple, teenage hacker, and the maniac on an island in the San Francisco Bay. Finch was definitely ahead of his time as this was published January 1, 1997.

Susan says

EXCELLENT, scary mystery about cyberspace. DO NOT read this if you are online and have tendencies toward paranoia.

Gabriel says

It's barely good enough to read. The story line is crazy, the characters are hard to believe. It's kind of a thriller with a lot of techie stuff but it's not very good on either. I wouldn't say don't read it, I'd say don't expect much.

Creepy Crepa says

Creo que pudo haber tenido un mejor final... pero todo lo demás estuvo súper cool! ha sido de los primeros libros que leo de ésta índole y me pareció fascinante. Creo también que Phillip Finch hizo un excelente trabajo al mantener el suspenso hasta el final y la intriga en el lector.

Clarelis says

This is a book that I read pretty fast a long time ago, but very interesting and keeps you glued, but now with the great advances about computers and internet maybe lost a little consistency.

Iris Georgette says

Esta historia me atrapo desde el principio al ver el mensaje tan sutil de copo de nieve en Verba, y ver como poco a poco iban cayendo las victimas sin lugar a duda un gran suspenso.

Todos esos alias, esos seudónimos, nos hacen creer que nuestras identidades están a salvo pero en realidad,

esta novela nos hace ver que a Diario pones en riesgo nuestra identidad y vida por Internet.

Ellis Hoile un genio si lugar a duda poco a poco y casi por accidente descubre los terribles crímenes de este asesino de Internet, pero lo que el no sabe es que , esta en la mira de Copo de nieve. Una serie de hechos que te va envolviendo en la historia lo hacen toparse con un misteriosos pretendiente de su ex esposa Kate; a quien todavía ama.

¿Pero quien es en realidad Copo de nieve? Acaso, el invalido mal humorado, el misteriosos inquilino, y el nuevo pretendiente de Kate.

El autor narra con lujo de detalle como asesino a sus victimas,y Stephen, que ocurriera con la mente joven y brillante de Stephen, con la tan terriblemente trabajadora Kate y el genio de Ellis.
