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New York Times bestselling author Joshilyn Jackson—"an admired writer who deserves to be a household name" (Kirkus Reviews)—displays her masterful talent in this dark and deliciously addictive tale of domestic suspense.

In this game, even winning can be deadly...

Amy Whey is proud of her ordinary life and the simple pleasures that come with it—teaching diving lessons, baking cookies for new neighbors, helping her best friend, Charlotte, run their local book club. Her greatest joy is her family: her devoted professor husband, her spirited fifteen-year-old stepdaughter, her adorable infant son. And, of course, the steadfast and supportive Charlotte. But Amy's sweet, uncomplicated life begins to unravel when the mysterious and alluring Angelica Roux arrives on her doorstep one book club night.

Sultry and magnetic, Roux beguiles the group with her feral charm. She keeps the wine flowing and lures them into a game of spilling secrets. Everyone thinks it's naughty, harmless fun. Only Amy knows better. Something wicked has come her way—a she-devil in a pricey red sports car who seems to know the terrible truth about who she is and what she once did.

When they're alone, Roux tells her that if she doesn't give her what she asks for, what she deserves, she's going to make Amy pay for her sins. One way or another.

To protect herself and her family and save the life she's built, Amy must beat the devil at her own clever game, matching wits with Roux in an escalating war of hidden pasts and unearthed secrets. Amy knows the consequences if she can't beat Roux. What terrifies her is everything she could lose if she wins.

A diabolically entertaining tale of betrayal, deception, temptation, and love filled with dark twists leavened by Joshilyn Jackson's trademark humor, *Never Have I Ever* explores what happens when the transgressions of our past come back with a vengeance.

Never Have I Ever Details

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Ann Boles says

I had a hard time getting started with this book because I immediately liked the main character and her family so much, and they were threatened, and I was scared for them. But as I read more and saw how smart and sweet Amy is, I relaxed a little and sped through the rest of the book.

Michele Coleman says

I picked up Joshilyn Jackson's newest novel expecting a light humorous chic lit for a change of pace. Was I in for a surprise! Never Have I Ever is definitely not a light fun read but instead a fast paced suspense that kept me hooked right till the end.

We try to hide our past in our own normal family lives but what if our past finds us and wants to tell our new family and life who we really were? How far would you go to protect your life from your past?

Abby says

This book had me engaged in the opening chapter and it continued to the very end. It all starts innocently enough with a friendly and fun neighborhood book club meeting and it goes rapidly downhill from that.

This book is about secrets, marriage, family, friendship, eating disorders, neighbors, stalking, tragedy, motherhood, forgiveness, betrayal, love, and evil. I loved it. It's fast paced, and has a wide range of characters that are likeable and others that I loved to hate. The main character, Amy, is a smart, likeable character and at times she is an unreliable narrator. She is tortured by her tragic past. I rooted for her as she played her frenemy Roux's game. There were secrets uncovered along the way that made me gasp as the book twisted and turned. I didn't know what to expect and it was really entertaining.

The ocean plays a supporting character because some of the characters are divers, and it offers a unique peek into the world of diving. The writing is descriptive and creates an ominous and foreboding atmosphere, which is something that I didn't expect with this kind of novel. It also has some really great prose. The characters are well developed with plenty of backstory to understand their motivations. It was easy to read and I would have binge read it in one sitting if I had the chance. The ending is full of surprises.

This is my first read of Joshilyn Jackson's and it won't be my last. If you like books like Jar of Hearts by Jennifer Hillier or The Lying Game by Ruth Ware, then this book is for you.

Jenn says

I received an ARC from the author for an honest review.

Amy loves her family. Her life is ordinary, maybe even boring, but that's her favorite thing about it. But when Angelica Roux comes barging into the neighborhood mom's book club, her life starts unraveling. Suddenly Roux has everyone spilling their secrets, but she already knows Amy's secret and she's determined to make her pay.

With *Never Have I Ever*, Jackson departs from the women's fiction she usually writes and goes right into the domestic thriller arena. Fortunately she does an excellent job with this genre too. This story has many twists and turns and few will have you saying, "Wait. What?"

I've read a few of Jackson's books and I liked them. I happen to like the domestic thriller genre too, so I was excited to read something in that area from Jackson too. There were several twists here that I absolutely didn't see coming. The first, I actually put my book down and said, out loud, "What??"

Candi says

Amy Whey is your typical suburban housewife with a doting husband, a teenage step-daughter that she actually gets along with and a new baby boy. Life is smooth with daily walks with her best friend, baking welcome gifts for newcomers and weekly book club until mysterious Roux happens on the scene. Roux is so different from Amy and her circle of friends...or is she??

It's been awhile since I last read a book that I didn't want to put down but I had high hopes for *Never Have I Ever* and Joshilyn Jackson didn't disappoint! I was hooked by about page 30 and couldn't wait to find out who will win "The Game". True to form, Ms. Jackson totally blindsided me with the twist at the end. Luckily for us readers, nothing is as it seems in Amy's world which lends to a suspenseful page turner bound to suck you in to endless hours spent with the book when we should honestly be doing other things, lol.

I received this book free of charge for review purposes. All opinions expressed are solely my own.

Jill says

3.5 rounded up to 4

Susan says

Joshilyn Jackson is known for her warm, spunky Southern women's novels, which I happen to love, so I was interested to see what she would do with a domestic/psychological thriller. *NEVER HAVE I EVER* is definitely an engrossing, addicting read that is very hard to put down. The characters are complex and interesting. The plot is propulsive and surprising (there was at least one twist I did not see coming AT ALL). The prose is tight and assured. In short, it's a taut thriller that definitely ... thrills. Compared to Jackson's previous novels, though, it feels a little generic to me, like any skilled writer could have penned it. It didn't have Jackson's trademark warmth, wit, and quirkiness, the very things that make her Southern fiction so appealing. So, although I sped through *NEVER HAVE I EVER*, I'm still sort of on the fence about it. Yes, it's a mesmerizing, can't-look-away thriller but it just doesn't have that sparkling charm I associate with Jackson's other books.

