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Welcome to Fear Street.

Don't listen to the stories they tell you about Fear Street. Wouldn't you rather explore it yourself...and see if its dark terrors and unexplained mysteries are true? You're not afraid, are you?

Don't open that present!

If only Reva Dalby had listened to that warning.

But beautiful, cold Reva won't listen to anyone. Reva thinks she can have whatever—and whoever—she wants. After all, her daddy owns Dalby Department Stores.

Now, someone has some surprises instore for her. Robbery? Terror? Even murder? Someone wants to treat Reva to a holiday she'll never forget.

Holiday cheer quickly turns to holiday *chills* for Reva. Someone is stalking her, someone is trying to get to her.

Her money can't help her. No one can.

After all, who can you turn to *when murder comes gift-wrapped?*

Silent Night Details

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From Reader Review Silent Night for online ebook

Ginger Woods says

[she is suddenly at the end a changed woman, with feelers, and just so happy and suddenly nice (hide spoiler)]

The Reading Puppet says

I read this when I was like 12, and apparently, I had forgotten half the storyline. Lol. I still liked this 25 years later. Although, I didn't realized Stine had/has a habit of writing very mean, conceded, spoiled female characters. I never noticed it when I was younger. Hmmm.

Lacey Thornton says

I remember reading R.L. Stine years and years ago. I thought it would be fun taking a trip down memory lane. This one just didn't catch my interest.

Liliana says

Reviewed on Lili Lost in a Book

Oh snobby, rich girl Reva Dalby. Just because her daddy owns the chain of Dalby Department stores, she thinks she's above everyone else, treating them all like sh*t. Even her own cousin Pam. She's definitely earned the wrath of many people with her actions. One of those people has decided to take revenge on the spoiled brat. But what starts off as pranks, soon turn more sinister. More deadly. Horrifying things keep happening to Reva. Someone is trying to scare her and it's working. But would they go as far as to actually *kill* her? Poor little rich girl Reva will have to learn her lesson the bad way, *before* she gets dead.

And there are SO many people trying to get back at Reva, even her own cousin! But I honestly cannot blame Pam—I totally get her motivation! I mean, it all started with a vicious prank on Reva's part, so this is all her own fault! I cannot believe her! She is so mean and I just don't understand how/why she is like this! But here's the thing, I loved that Reva was so awful! I mean, I didn't *love* it, but I like the fact that our main character is so bitchy and (mostly) unlikable! It's just very refreshing! This book was full of very interesting characters!

Silent Night is definitely one of the better **Fear Street** books out there! It had so many great plot twists I did not see coming—finding out who was sending Reva all these threatening gifts, and finding out who the murderer was... whoa. The mystery was just great! Plus I loved the setting! I've actually already read this one like three times now! And it's also a great holiday read... if you're into *sinister* holiday reads ;)

The Fear Street connection: Reva's cousin Pam lives on the dreaded street. Poor Pam.

Alex says

I remember this particular Fear Street being among my favorites as a kid, but I don't know why. Reading it again now was definitely fun; I honestly miss these books. They may be simplistic, but they just don't make them like this anymore.

This is the second book I've read so far since I decided to re-read my "horror series" childhood favorites, and once again I only had vague memories. It was kind of nice to not remember how this would end!

Lauri says

Lydia wanted to read this and I told her I wanted to read it first. While I enjoy a good murder-mystery, I did NOT enjoy this. The main character is stuck-up, cruel and a bully. While her character does change in the end, it is not until the last, very brief chapter. The other characters are all vindictive and seek revenge on those who have wronged them. I prefer not to have my kids read about murder, criminal activity, and cruelty in such a pointless story. I think there is MUCH better literature out there to read and would not recommend anyone waste their time with this. There was no bad language or sexual content, however, which was a pleasant surprise.

Amy Butcher says

Read these in high school quick reads fun almost Halloween so why not.

kylajaclyn says

I'm starting to doubt RL's ability to write women. This one features Pam, a girl who hangs out with two very stupid teen boys, and Reva, a girl worse than Regina George and Jessica Wakefield combined. Reva is our pro/antagonist. I don't know why all of the Silent Night books feature a kidnapping or break-in, but they do. Also they make me never want to visit a department store at night again.

So Reva has no discernible human emotions. She plays pranks on her "friends." She breaks up with her boyfriend in a cruel way. So she gets sent a needle in her lipstick, a vial of blood, and a creepy mannequin (those things are the worst). I felt like A was stalking Reva the whole time, honestly.

Since Reva won't give Pam, her cousin, a holiday job at Dalby's Department Store, Pam and her two "friends," Mickey and Clay, decide to rob the department store to get everything they want for Christmas and "pay back" Reva. Clay has an in with one of the guards. But when they arrive the guard isn't there and they are caught by one actually doing his job. Only this guard is shot... by Clay? Clay claims his pistol wasn't loaded, so that means someone else was in the store too. Then they find out money was stolen that night, and it's confirmed.

Then Mitch, a coworker whom Reva stole from his girlfriend, Lissa, turns up dead in the mannequin box originally sent to Reva. We find out Pam's boyfriend Robb/Foxy/Store Santa is the one who played the A pranks on Reva. When Reva goes back into the store to get her purse after this bombshell from Pam, she has a showdown with Mickey's dad, Mr. Wakely, the real killer of the guard and Mitch, and the thief who stole from the safe. He's pissed that Reva's dad fired him around the holiday season. But his death is awesome: he sails over Reva and the balcony, and gets shocked to death by the large department store Christmas tree. That alone earns this book three stars.

So, to recap: three dead bodies - the security guard, Mitch, and Mr. Wakely. Poor Mickey though.

Also, when Robb/Foxy/Santa was arrested on suspicion of killing Mitch, talk about destroying tons of kids childhoods!!

Barbi says

This book focuses around Reva and her father's store. She is spoiled rotten teenager who thinks that the world revolves around her. She likes to make fun of others and look down on those that are less fortunate than hers. So, when things start to go wrong for her, she has no one to turn to.

Jamie says

I remember enjoying this when I was ten. Revisiting it as an adult was rough. The surprise twists aren't that surprising at all, it suffers from too many villains, none of the characters are worth rooting for, and a lot of it is just padding. It could have been cut by 50 pages to bring it to regular Fear Street length and not suffered for it. This book confirms that Stine has no idea how humans react to things.

Read my full recap at <http://ogwnostalgia.wordpress.com/sil...>

Gretchen says

This book had nothing to do with Fear Street at all. I loved the Fear Street books as a kid, and thought I remembered that a lot of the spooky stuff always happened on Fear street. Because of that I was a bit disappointed. 2.5 stars. 2 for the story and 1/2 for the nostalgic value.

yyyasmin says

RL Stine (well, his earlier works like this book anyway) >>>>>> Scream Queens just sayin

Chelsea Gouin says

Re-Read.

Reva Dalby is a brat, she's cold-hearted and spoiled...all because her father owns Dalby department store. But Shadyside isn't so forgiving of Reva's antics. Some sick pranks are pulled on her, a bloody mannequin head...a needle in her lipstick...and eventually a dead body. After a robbery gone wrong, Reva knows she's in trouble but can't stop the horrors from happening in the department store. Quite a Christmas!

R.L Stine said this book was one of his two favorites he's ever penned and I can see why. Reva, although not likable, is well-fleshed out and enjoyable to follow along on this twisted journey. There were two plotlines going on but I was invested in both especially when they finally came together. It was a vivid imagery ending that still chills me. Worth a read!

Ashley Ehlers says

Originally posted on Paranormal Sisters: <http://paranormalsisters.blogspot.com...>

Reva is the type of character I don't see much in the main characters I read so it was interesting to read behind the eyes of a bully. Though I'm not sure she truly learned anything, hence the sequel, but as all the pieces fell together and she saw the error in her ways, I really enjoyed this book!

I wasn't expecting to read from two different point of views, which is why it kind of throw me off a little. There were two story lines that in the end connected. The other story was about Reva's cousin, Pam, who she is envy off. All Pam wanted was a job at her cousin's father's Department Store but Reva wouldn't have it. So this lead Pam and a couple of her friends to plan to rob her uncle's store. But of course that doesn't turn out as planned. It never does....

Throughout the story every character has motive to torment Reva because of her ways, so I was constantly bouncing back and forth trying to figure out who wanted to see her in pain and to scare her. Like, literally everyone had a reason to pull these pranks on her and I can honestly tell you right now that I cannot tell you for sure who did (not that I would spoil it, just out of the fact it's been over two weeks since I've read it haha). But I can definitely remember the main bad guy who did the killing and it was obvious/not obvious because literally it could have been any one of these characters! Reva was just that cold hearted!

Overall, I thought Reva was going to be tormented just a little bit more than she was. Because of this I sometimes felt bored when I was reading behind her point of view. So Pam's story was sometimes more interesting but it was still surprising to be reading behind someone else's view, so sometimes I wasn't sure how I felt about this book. Like, that summary doesn't give any hint to Pam's story so it throw me for a loop and I was wondering "what was the point" because she isn't mentioned in the summary so I just wasn't expecting that. However, I enjoyed both tales and how they connected and where they lead! Though I did wish for more scares and creeps, I am excited to read the next book!

Gary Butler says

31st book read in 2016.

Number 424 out of 524 on my all time book list. (2nd time read)

Review Pending:

Megan says

Book 1 in the Silent Night Trilogy

I was hoping for better.

Reva is the main character, she is absolutely mean and pretty horrible. She has no friends and goes through boyfriends as quickly as you can blink. Reva's father owns Dalby's department store. Reva gives out jobs to the boys she likes. However, someone is angry at Reva. She starts receiving horrible gifts. The question is who is doing it when everyone hates Reva?

This was just an okay story. I couldn't give more stars because the main character was just so unlikable. As a reader I felt that it was completely justified that someone was playing mean pranks on her. It seems like at the end of the book Reva completely changes her character, however, I have to report now that I've started reading the 2nd book in this trilogy, that Reva is back to her old mean ways again... *sigh*

Katy H says

It's a good bet that at some point, I read most of R.L. Stine's books (though I do have a hard time remembering each and every one). I distinctly remember Silent Night though! I must've read this one a zillion times - yes, I rounded up. I also may have exaggerated just a bit. But I definitely read this one a lot.

Justin Tate says

Just as good as I remember!

Kate says

The most memorable scene from this book (for me) was when the main character, a snotty rich girl who works at a department store, pulls out her lipstick to apply it and gashes her lip open because someone stuck a needle in it. Lots of creepy scenes in the mall after closing with mannequins and stuff.

Jennifer says

Wow, these books seemed so much more sophisticated in middle school. Now they read like nothing more than an episode of Scooby Doo.
