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Inspired by today's headlines, this riveting new novel by the Edgar Award-nominated author of *The Girl Next Door* tells the story of a young newlywed who survives a brutal attack and must confront the possibility that her husband tried to kill her.

Married to a Stranger Details

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Cyndi says

I was hooked from the beginning. I love when I can figure out who the killer is, but love it more when I can't. That is a sign of excellent writing, and Patricia MacDonald does not disappoint. She has you guessing until the very end.

Kat says

[("I just got attacked with an ax, better go play Nancy Drew!"). (hide spoiler

Andrea Corley says

For a more in depth review, please visit my blog, Chorley Chroniclas, [HERE!!](#)

I have to start out by saying that I am absolutely appalled at the current rating of 3.53 (on Goodreads) of this book, because I thought that it was such a good book!!! This was my first read by Patricia MacDonald, but since finishing, I've already sought out other titles that I can pick up by her!

Bernadette Dunne is a fantastic narrator, and does this title all the justice in the world! She has such an easy listening voice and keeps it an entertaining read. She has the perfect reading tones and I thoroughly enjoyed listening to her! It was quite an easy, quick read/listen!

Patricia MacDonald did an awesome job writing this suspense novel and keeping the reader guessing the outcome throughout the whole book. Throughout the whole book, I kept changing my mind as to what the outcome was going to be, only to find out after 6 or 7 guesses, I was still wrong! This is exactly the kind of book that I love!! The plot was well thought out and concise with a nice ending. The characters, although cliché, were good characters to read about!

Overall, I am so happy that someone steered me toward Married to a Stranger and the writing of Patricia MacDonald, because I found a new author to watch out for, and found a book that satisfied all of my mystery and suspense needs!!

FLaure says

Il y a des livres que vous avez du mal à lâcher.

Ma chronique complète : <http://vie-quotidienne-de-flaure.blog...>

Jusqu'aux dernières pages, rien n'est dévoilé. C'est la surprise complète. On croit avoir tout compris et puis un événement nous fait changer d'avis. Malgré des incohérences, surtout dans le dénouement, je vous conseille de lire ce livre si vous aimez le suspense.

Aribear23 says

Love this author! This was a great book?

Kevin Catapusan says

This is an easy read. Although the murderer of this story remained a mystery until the last part of the book, the build up of the resolution is not as engaging as other thriller and murder books (e.g., Patterson, Brown).

Melissa says

Mystery about a quick marriage and murder attempt. Pretty surprising book.

alexis gibboney says

I loved that this book kept me guessing the whole time.

Sheila says

Great story. Had me guessing the entire way.

Barbara Bryan says

Awful awful awful. Just finished because it was book on tape and i had no others to listen to. Writing was terrible, story didn't hold together. Everyone dies but the main characters and i wanted them to die very badly. Psychologist marries guy she doesnt know at all. They are having sex constantly, get married and first day of honeymoon he won't have sex with her, just wants to chop wood. They never tie ends up in it. Save your eyes and don't read this book.

Donna says

Fast read, suspense filled, twists and turns.

Charybdis says

I finally figured out why some writers' protagonists keep nodding and shaking their heads in discussions instead of just saying yes or no. This author even let her heroine nod when she had a splitting headache after waking up in a hospital, oh and don't forget the time she nodded when she was on the phone.

I realized it's because the Cheap Writing Course suggests this method to avoid having to use *he said/she said* all the time. You just write:

"Did you go the movies?", she asked.

He nodded. "We saw Jaws".

So we readers will know it's he who went to the movies. Which also could have been said by just writing *"Yes, we saw Jaws"*, but apparently we need to be reminded constantly which sentence is whose. Readers can deduce that from the context in most cases, but well, you paid for the Cheap Writing Course, so please do as you were taught.

This author followed the instructions religiously. People nod, shake their heads, frown, grimace, stare, shrug etc. right before their contribution to the discussion is given. It's actually very distracting. Not that the story was very engrossing, so at some time I found myself merely listening for the same construction being used over and over again.

Next time I'll want to try a book by a new writer I'll use an e-book to count how often the verb nod is used, so I don't have to bother if it's an author who followed the same Cheap Writing Course.

Authors, please look at yourself and people close to you: how often do you see them nod or shake their heads instead of saying yes or no? Not nearly as often as your fictional characters do, I'm certain.

Oh, a comment about the story before I forget (it). Once you've read the book and think about the whos, whys, wherefores and hows, you'll realize nothing makes sense. Totally ridiculous, though I never once laughed..... :(

Alicja says

3,5/5

C'est lui, c'est lui, c'est forcément lui... ah, bah non ! En ce sens, ce thriller a fonctionné ! Je ne me suis pas ennuyé et me suis vraiment pris au jeu. Le dénouement est franchement tordu mais après tout, pourquoi pas ! Je pense qu'il plaira sûrement plus à un public qui lit de temps en temps des thrillers plutôt qu'à de grands aficionados.

? histoire captivante, de nombreux suspects potentiels (sans s'y perdre), une tension et un rythme bien maîtrisés

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? la révélation sur qui est le tueur est aussi intéressante que tirée par les cheveux -risque de ressentir une sorte de supercherie-

Leslie says

Okay, so the disclaimer is that I would never have chosen this book to read. That may, in fact, be said of several of my reading selections over the past several months. But I'm faithfully working my way through my father's and grandmother's books, and trying to read those which I can unload first in order to make room on the bookshelves for those that really matter to me. That being said, this was a quick, relatively

entertaining read. It's not particularly well-written, nor is it a tight plot, nor are the characters 3-D or believable, but I don't think they're supposed to be. A good thing to read in the airport, when you want something for your minimal attention span that you don't care if you remember later.

Valérie says

[je me doutais bien que ce n'était pas le mari. Trop évident! En revanche je n'ai pas deviné l'identité de l'agresseur. (hide spoiler)]
