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Viola's always been *that* girl from *that* family, so a scholarship to a prestigious private school in Florida was supposed to be her ticket out of poverty and into a brand-new life. But Viola's secrets have followed her. Her relationship with the intelligent and gorgeous Riel should have been the salvation she needed—he understands her troubled past better than anyone. But then weird things start to happen.

Frightening messages.

Missing personal items.

The unsettling feeling that she's being watched.

Viola's never been one to give her trust easily, but she'll need to trust in Riel if she's going to survive her stalker. Because she's not fighting for a new life anymore—she's fighting to stay alive.

## Watching You Details

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# From Reader Review Watching You for online ebook

## Kate (beautifulbookland) says

I mean, this book is okay, but that's as far as I can go for it. Put it this way: I have set reading times throughout the day, and in the run up to those times, I never felt excited to read - it actually felt like a chore.

So why didn't I just DNF it? Well, I usually only DNF books if they're literally too painful to read, and this one wasn't as bad as that. It was just really average.

### What it's About

Viola is determined to make something of her life, to provide for her family and make them proud. And when she gets a scholarship to her dream school, things are finally looking up. But Viola lied about her background on her application form, and she can't help but feel like an outsider amongst the other privileged rich kids - and then there's the unsettling feeling of being watched and followed. Viola must fight to keep her secrets hidden, and her attraction to the brilliant Riel under wraps.

### The Writing & The Characters

What could be a very gripping story was let down by flat characters and mediocre, slightly cheesy, writing. These characters felt completely 2D to me; they were just average and boring. I felt no emotion towards them at all - I was reading their story, but I didn't *feel* their story.

### The Verdict

Yeah, this wasn't the book for me. When you're reading a fab book and then have a break from it, you should be looking forward to getting back into the story - you definitely shouldn't be looking for excuses not to read it because you just weren't enjoying it. Unfortunately, that's what I found myself doing.

\*thank you to the publisher for providing me with a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review\*

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## Elaine says

This is a contemporary young adult thriller set mainly in a prestigious private school in Florida. Viola would never have been able to afford to attend such an establishment and is only going there because she has been awarded a full scholarship. Unfortunately, part of the reason she won that award was that she lied in her application, striving to hide her less than salubrious upbringing. She sees this is a step on her way to get out of the poverty and make life better for her Mum and siblings.

When she starts at the school she discovers that her award means that the person set to Mentor her no longer receives the award – and he comes from a somewhat similar background to her. The two are definitely attracted to each other but both try to deny this. Riel's young sister is the catalyst to bring them together. However, someone is stalking Viola. The reader is shown the stalker's thoughts and action but there are no clues as to their identity. Things are going missing. Viola keeps feeling like she's being watched. Is she imagining things or is there deadly danger around the corner?

This is a romantic suspense story with an intriguing plot but definitely has, for the most part, more romance than suspense. The motivations of the teens are well portrayed and most of their reactions seem very appropriate for their age group. There are the usual cliched groups in the school, especially the rich kids who look down on those less well off or not as entitled as them. It is an easy read with a touch of thriller and I enjoyed it, even though I'd have been even happier if the stalker's motivations had been clearer. It is a delightful teen romance and I really liked both Viola and Riel as characters.

I requested and was given a copy of this book, via NetGalley. This is my honest review of the book after choosing to read it.

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### **Holly says**

Holy Moly, was this a good read! Just reading the first chapter of this book, you knew that this was going to be a book that will keep you up all night and still thinking about it, long after finishing it! You can't help but to be on Viola's side from the very beginning for what she had to do in order to get into this very elite school. I don't condone lying on your application but just seeing what she was dealing with back home in Tennessee, you kinda get that she was just trying to provide a better future for herself and her family.

Then, you have this hot guy named Riel pop up during a unexpected moment that turns into this competition that later ends up being a love story for both Viola and Riel. Having two characters dealing with some pretty hard stuff in their past and with Riel still having to shoulder the responsibility of caring for a younger sister while trying to better their lives, you can't help but to fall in love with Riel as well!

It was that one moment in the book when the chapters turn into what the stalker is doing, you knew then that something bad is going to happen but you just don't know when that will be. Things will start getting weird to the point that you think you know who the stalker is but it's going to be someone much closer to both Viola and Riel that it's going to be a shocker for anyone reading this book. It's all going to come down to a fight for their life moment that will leave you glued to the pages until it's all over with!

Then, only then will a happy ending will leave you with a smile on your face for what certain characters had to do in order to survive that got them to that point!

If you are looking for a book with a love story mixed in with a thrilling twist, you need to read this book now!!

Thank You to Shannon Greenland for this amazing story that left me speechless and wanting more at the same time!!

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### **Erin says**

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Watching you is a thriller YA book that follows Viola on her journey to getting her family out of the situation they are currently in. To do this she first needs to go to a school in Florida for smart kids (which she is) and then she plans to go to MIT and get a great job! All sound like really great goals and like she has it all figured out. But of course, we have a few problems that happen due to admissions changing some requirements and her student advisor being someone who is just as smart as she is.

Viola is a very likable character. She worries about things, studies and does just normal life things that tend to get left out in books. I did feel like she could have done more things at times to stay safe, or to let someone know what was going on. But I also kind of understand why she didn't.

Overall I really enjoyed reading this book. I couldn't stop reading it and I wasn't able to figure out who it was until it was revealed! This is becoming a rare thing for me anymore as I've been reading so many mystery/thrillers recently. The whole mystery part of this book I really enjoyed, the stalker's point of view that we got to see every few chapters was extremely creepy and ominous that it really kept me interested in trying to figure out who it was. While I did have multiple suspects it was no one that had even been on my radar from the beginning.

As for the romance part, I didn't mind it for the first half of the book it was always just on the back burner in my opinion. The farther into the book the more prominent it became and it took over basically in my opinion which was a little disappointing because it seemed at first like Viola was going to be flying solo until she got all of her education. I will say I am so so glad that we finally got a YA book where both of the people in the relationship are super smart and still have the same goals even after getting into a relationship they just want to work on them together! I also really liked how involved Viola and Riel were in his little sister's life. She was never made to feel like a burden and they worked around her schedule. In fact, Riel could be my new book boyfriend just because of how caring he was about his sister, and making sure he was there for Viola but didn't push any boundaries.

If you want a lighter mystery/thriller book that has romance in it than this book is for you.

I also do want to mention that this book does have a few scenes where sex is implied. It never gets graphic though and is just briefly mentioned.

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## **BriaKnits & Reads says**

Such a great read!

It was so refreshing reading about high school teenagers written as actual teenagers instead of grade schoolers. (If you read my review on "Tradition" by Brendan Kiely, then you know what I'm talking about). I am so sick and tired of reading high school teenagers as the cliche morons that a lot of writers seem to think they are. Or at least, the authors that I have been reading lately.

So imagine my surprise when I bumped into this jewel of a book on my e-reader. I could not put it down, hell I even forgot to log it into my goodreads as 'currently reading', I was so into the book.

Characters were so very relatable from when I was a teen. A lot of things were fun and happy, but most of the time, we forget that teenagers can be the most serious human beings on the planet because they are still processing life around them, trying to understand relationships they are in, trying to figure out and navigate through situations that force them to straddle that line between still being a child with a "get out of jail" pass and being an adult so you should know all the answers.

Yes. The puberty in this book was real!

This coming-of-age thriller was such an awesome read because the author gave you a vivid picture of two young people who, although still viewed by the adults as children, were forced to make very adult decisions and although there was real struggles for both characters as individuals, they handled very well. I absolutely loved all the characters in this book. As a reader, I was able to connect with all of them in some small way that left me wanting to learn more about them. The author did such a fantastic job of taking you on a journey with the two main characters and yet still able to provide that epic thriller quality that you would find if the characters were adults.

All in all, a wonderful book that will keep you guessing until the very end who the antagonist is and will have you loving the mini love story underlining it all.

I highly recommend this book! Not only a great read, but also a fast one.

Happy Reading!!!

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## **Katherine Paschal says**

\*\*4.5 Stars\*\*

?Viola might have fibbed a little (or a lot, whatever) on her entrance essay for the scholarship, but the hard work and grades were all her. When she is awarded the scholarship for the prestigious high school in Florida she always wanted to attend, she jumps at the chance to leave her life in the Tennessee public housing and poverty behind and be the first person in her family to graduate from High School! But then she meets Riel, the boy who she basically stole the scholarship from- the boy who deserves it so much more. Now she has to work so much harder to prove herself, all the while she has a feeling she is being watched...?

?Yet again, Entangled Publishing likes to prove to me why they are one of my favorites! I can pick pretty much any title they offer and I know the book will be great and I will find it completely engaging. Seriously, I have discovered some of my all time favorite books and authors ?from their new releases, and Watching You was no different.

?I really enjoyed this romantic mystery/suspense! The characters were teens, but both the MC and her love interest were 18 and very mature (as in self sufficient adults) and the content in the story was pretty mature so I would say that this is a YA/NA crossover. I loved that there were tons of suspects and motivations that kept me guessing as to who was really guilty and the why. Shannon created such a fantastic, believable, flawed yet totally lovable main character in Viola, I just wanted her to get everything possible out of life (...even if she didn't fully deserve it, per se) but alas this was real life which does not come wrapped in a nice tidy little bow, but with disappointments mixed in with the happy. ?

Gawd, Riel (the rival/love interest) was just about perfect! Really, this guy was dreamy... If he weren't fictional, 18, and so great together with Viola...just saying. Sigh, the way he was with sister Mar- actually the way they both were with Mar was endearing (their future kids will be so lucky!). For two characters that at first seemed so disparate, they could not have been more compatible in personality, brains and passion. The sparks between him and Viola started on page one, be it sexual or hostile, and I could not put the book down. Between wanting more interactions between him and Viola, and the mystery and suspense the book built up sneakily on me, I seriously could not stop reading and staid up late to finish it when I should have been adulting aka sleeping.

This was the first book I have experienced from Shannon and I loved the suspense she created as well as the characters- I have now just added pretty much all her other books to my need-list to read. The ending gave me warm fuzzies because of just how perfect it was for the book and the people. I highly recommend this romantic suspense read for anyone who loves swoon worthy guys, tough yet sweet southern girls and an interesting stalker!

I am voluntarily reviewing an advance, complimentary copy of this book.

Come see me at <https://smadasbooksmack.blogspot.com/>

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### **Carrie says**

Watching You by Shannon Greenland is a young adult/new adult contemporary suspense. This one really reads a bit more like contemporary romance with a side of suspense to it though but more on that later.

Viola has had a pretty rough start in her young life, her mother is a stripper, father in prison and a drug addict for a sister. Viola however is determined to get out of that situation and to help her other two younger siblings out too so her plan was to win a scholarship to a prestigious private school in Florida to complete her senior year then onto M.I.T.

When Viola arrives in FL however she finds that her rival for the scholarship was none other that the sexy Riel and she begins to feel bad for taking away, especially considering her lies about her family life on the application. Viola had no intention of thinking about boys and relationships though so she tries to avoid Riel and just stick to her studies but she just can't shake the feeling someone is watching her every move.

Now Watching You was certainly not a bad read at all thus why I'm still giving it 3.5 stars but I would warn to those that really love a good thriller for the intensity that this one was probably 80% romance and 20% suspense... or around that ratio. It was still fun to watch Viola adjust to the rich boarding school life complete with mean girls and cute boys included though in a lovely warm weather setting. I would warn too that there is sexual content included, not overly graphic but definitely there.

As for the suspenseful side of this tale it is easy to remember that something is coming around any turn of the page because occasionally the author inserted short chapters coming from the point of view of the stalker. This creepy unknown narrative is enough to keep that side of the plot on a slow burn until things get brought out a bit more in the story.

I received an advance copy from the publisher via NetGalley.

For more review please visit <https://carriesbookreviews.com/>

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### **Kristi Housman Confessions of a YA Reader says**

Watching You was a pretty good mystery with a love story, too.

Viola hasn't had an easy life. Her mom is a stripper, dad is in jail, one sister is an addict, her mom has been married many times, they are poor, and she had a bad ex boyfriend. She has to work full time while going to school. But her goal is to get into MIT. In order to have the best chance, she applies for a scholarship to a private school in Florida. She has the grades, but they added community and family information. Viola decides to lie on those parts of the application and gets approved.

Riel was getting the scholarship before Viola. He and his younger sister (that I adored) live alone in an RV. Riel works while going to school and takes care of Mar alone. They have such an incredible relationship though.

Viola finds herself drawn to Riel. But another girl at school likes him. This girl's father is the one who gives out the scholarship money and she is determined to ruin Viola's life if she does anything with Riel.

During this time, Viola starts feeling like someone is watching her. Her ex was just arrested for rape and is possibly a murderer, too. Viola starts to wonder if he followed her to Florida. She also struggles over the fact that she was with him for a year and loved him. She realizes how toxic their relationship was.

Some of the chapters are told by "stalker". This person is playing with Viola and it's only a matter of time before they attack.

There was a lot of mystery, but the book also focused on relationships. Romantic with Riel, friendship with her roommate, and the problems with the mean girl at school. One thing I liked was that this book was sex positive. Viola does turn eighteen, but she wasn't a virgin. Her roommate encourages her to have sex, even if it's just with a friend. They don't shame it except that Viola receives a message that says "slut". There is some sex in the book, but nothing graphic.

Overall, I really liked the book and had fun trying to figure out who the stalker was. This person definitely had some serious issues and I was glad that it was addressed a bit at the end.

Thank you to Entangled Teen for sending me a copy for review (through netgalley). I gave this one 4 stars.

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### **Shelley says**

\*Source\* Publisher

\*Genre\* Young Adult / Suspense

\*Rating\* 3.0

#### \*Thoughts\*

Shannon Greenland's *Watching You* is a young adult, mystery novel featuring Viola Burnett. Viola is the recipient of a full ride scholarship to attend Ponce De Leon Academy in the Florida Keys. Being from Tennessee, Viola is the girl who lives in the projects, whose mother is a stripper, whose her father is in prison, and whose older sister is a crack addict. She is someone who is trying to rise above her past, her family, and being one of those girls who could never get out of a life that was apparently meant to be her fate. She wants badly to do what's right for her younger siblings while aiming for acceptance into MIT, even if it means twisting the truth a bit.

\*Full Review @ Gizmos Reviews\*

<http://gizmosreviews.blogspot.com/201...>

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### **Mihlean says**

**Rating:** 4 stars

Drama, suspense and intrigue. Those are the three words I'd involve to describe this novel.

*Watching You* is, like the synopsis tells you, about Viola. A girl who tries her best to escape the no good town she came from by getting a scholarship to a prestigious school and to start providing for her mother and two sisters. When she arrives, she expects it to be possible to hide her past and start anew, with a clean slate. Unfortunately, pasts have the nasty habit to come back to us and bite us in the arse. And that, just when everything seems to be going so well.

I just.. I didn't even expect to like this story too much, but I ended up being so intrigued? The first thought that pops up into my head when thinking about this book is still: *shit, I did not expect that ending.*

I feel like the side characters could've had more depth, which is why I'm not giving it the full stars rating but don't let it fool you; I kind of really, really, *really* loved reading this.

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### **Danielle says**

The romance in *Watching You* was really good but I was a little disappointed when I found out who the

stalker was. I'm all about romance and so for me, this book was really good. I'm going to try and explain without giving too much away.

Viola has a secret. She wants to attend MIT more than anything. She applies for a scholarship at a top high school but she may have fabricated her admissions essay. She isn't rich but works hard to maintain good grades.

Riel has held the scholarship position for most of his high school years but unfortunately this year they have to give it to someone else. His circumstances are less than perfect but he has his sister who he loves dearly.

The pair are cut from the same cloth. They have so much in common and fight for what they want.

Viola comes from a family with troubles. Her sister is an addict, her mother pays the bills by stripping and her ex-boyfriend has a criminal record. Her record isn't squeaky clean either. Viola wants to show the world she can be so much more and her past won't hold her down.

The stalker adds a creepy edge to this story which I liked. Someone has it in for Viola. We know she isn't perfect but she's a great character. She's loveable and kind but her stalker doesn't agree. My problem with this story is the fact I was waiting for a deeper meaning and there wasn't one.

I really liked the flow of this book and enjoyed the ride. 4 stars out of 5. This would have been 5 if the stalker had a greater reason. The book kept me interested from beginning to end.

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\*I received an ARC in exchange for an honest review.

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### **Bex (Beckie Bookworm) says**

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ARC BOOK REVIEW

Release Date-2/7/18

"Watching You" by Shannon Greenland was a well-written page-turner of a read.

My first experience with this particular author and pleased to say it was a positive one.

Genre-wise I would place this in the Young Adult/New Adult category.

I'm undecided between the two as there is some mild content near the end the might lean this more towards the New Adult camp.

It's nothing hard-core and is really rather mild in nature but does stop this short of being a completely clean read.

What I did like about this particular content was how realistically it was portrayed rather refreshing and makes quite the change from the norm.

So moving on slightly; this was romantic suspense set in and around a prestigious boarding school. where our main girl Viola is attending on a scholarship that shes slightly fudged about on the application process to receive.

Here she runs into her new crush the gorgeous and Spanish Reil.

Almost instantly upon meeting Reil, she senses a deeper connection; but there are certain obstacles that seem

to be standing in her way of a friendship the most important being the scholarship that Viola has acquired under less than honest circumstances.

There are so many parallels in her life that she can compare with Reil and this understanding and solidarity understandably brings her feeling much closer to her new friend.

So with her goals of school well underway Viola settles into her new academy life but it's not long before events for her start to take a rather sinister turn.

And with the added complication of mean girls and her well-hidden secrets becoming common knowledge. Viola is not enjoying her senior year as much as she originally anticipated.

So I really did enjoy this a lot; Yes it was probably more romantic than overall suspenseful and was slightly predictable in some places.

But and here's the main kicker for me; I couldn't put this down and for the reason alone this deserves for me its whole five stars.

I actually started reading this at my bedtime with every intention of a couple of chapters and then getting some much-needed shut-eye.

Well, that was a complete wash-out; I ended up reading this all through the night and finished in one sitting, talk about bags under the eyes the next day.

And it was so worth it; "Watching you" in itself is not an overcomplicated story but it did deliver for me that thrilling excitement that I was actually looking for from this.

Managing quite easily to keep my attention throughout.

It has some great characters and so much to recommend itself making it a complete no-brainer in terms of would I recommend this.

And I think its safe to say I definitely would; this is one read that I am happy to give the green light to.

Thank You to the Author and Entangled Publishing for providing me with an ARC copy of "Watching You" of which I have reviewed voluntary.

All opinions expressed are entirely my own

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## Sharon says

It started with a lie. For Viola Burnett, the opportunity to study at a prestigious academy means a shot at her dream school, MIT. So she lied about a few things, who will it hurt?

On her first day at the academy, Viola meets the gorgeous Riel and she starts to question her decision. Riel is not only her peer mentor, he is also her rival. There's no denying their attraction, and I like the way the author ratchets up the tension between them while forging a real friendship. Riel isn't just a pretty face, he's intelligent as Viola. And she's tough as she is pretty. Viola can physically match Riel in endurance and discipline.

As much as this is a #YAsuspense, #YAthriller, #YAromance; #WatchingYou is also about the consequences of lying, even if it appears on the surface as an opportunity. Even before the lie is exposed, Viola has to face a real threat in the form of a stalker. The first person narrative by the stalker character works even while it had me guessing .... admittedly, wrongly for the most part. And that's what makes this so engrossing a read.

Finding out that Watching You was written by S.E. Green ("Killer Instinct" - one of my favorite series!) was a definite pleasant surprise and no doubt why the story hooked me. Her writing captivates. The characters are starkly drawn, flaws and all. The friendship turned to romance flowed effortlessly. The ending is believable because real life isn't perfect.

Mahalo to #NetGalley and #EntangledPublishing for the ARC, and to S.E. Green for continuing to write!

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### **Carlene Inspired says**

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More Young Adult Romance than Suspense, Watching You tells the story of Viola, a teen genius who is willing to do whatever it takes to get herself and her family out of the projects, even lie. A scholarship to her dream school puts her on the right path, but the steps she took to get there threaten to catch up to her. Both her competition and her mentor, Riel is as smart as he is gorgeous. He seems to understand her troubled upbringing, despite the picture perfect life she has presented. With no wealth and little connection with her fellow dorm mates, Viola learns to trust in Riel, especially once frightening things begin to happen.

I admit, I went into this with pretty high expectations and I'm sad to say it was a bit of a letdown. I really liked the premise of Watching You, because I think a scary stalker situation in an away school situation can have more suspense than your usual Young Adult suspense where parents and longtime friends can get involved. That said, the high school environment did not lend itself to the storyline. It came across as more romance with a hint of suspense and even then I wasn't engaged in the stalker storyline. I did, however, never guess who the stalker was nor their motives, so that was a nice surprise. I liked the breaks between chapter from the stalker's perspective, I just wish that Viola had been more concerned, because I certainly would have been. In her youth though she's definitely more concerned with the cute boy than the quickly turning dangerous situation she's in. Viola has a good reason for wanting to get away from home and to land a spot at the prestigious private high school. Desperate to get into MIT for college and to give her family a new life she takes a lot of risks, a lot of understandable risks that I couldn't fault her for. Riel, however, is the one who steals the show. He's a knight in shining armor with brains, beauty, and a heart of gold, it was impossible not to like him and to sort of resent Viola for her role in his life. As things heat up between them so too does the creepy feeling of being watched. Viola tries to ignore it, pushing onward in school and attempting to befriend the wealthy elite at the school, but strange happenings keep distracting her...that or Riel does.

After a lot of thinking, I have come to the conclusion that Watching You just might have been too juvenile for me. At times the characters seem more mature than their 18 years and at other times I thought I was reading a teen drama, it made it difficult for me to place the characters in this away from home setting and in the midst of a dangerous game of cat and mouse. Viola responds in a very young way and she seems to find every male attractive, so I struggled to accept that at 18 she is willing to move away to a school that's very similar to college, leave behind a family she claims she has felt the burden of taking care of, and that she'd find herself in such a serious relationship. Riel, on the other hand, reads much older and was definitely more college aged than 18. In fact, his storyline is more believable than any other character, primary or secondary, that we interact with. Ultimately, I've come to the conclusion that this novel might have gone through some editing that changed the setting and ultimately changed the presentation of the characters.

I think Watching You is fitting for the Young Adult genre, with the romance leading the story and the

suspense taking a back seat. However, I was disappointed with the setting and the lack of connection I felt towards Viola, there were a lot of missed opportunities with her. I did read this in one sitting \*extra point for that\* and I do think the suspense was written well, I just wanted more.

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## **T.H. Hernandez says**

4.5 out of 5 stars.

I love a good romantic thriller, and so much the better if it's also young adult. *WATCHING YOU* has everything I love — a tortured love interest, angsty romance, a deplorable antagonist, and buckets of suspense. Seventeen-year-old Viola lies on her application to get a scholarship at a prestigious prep school on her ultimate path to MIT. Or so she hopes. The problem is, her winning the scholarship means someone else lost out. That someone is uber hot, brooding Riel, the recipient the previous three years. Guilt and undeniable attraction wage a war within her as she wonders how Riel can continue to attend without the scholarship, and the more she learns about his situation, the guiltier she feels. When the inevitable romance heats up between these two, Viola knows her secrets will be her undoing, but she never counts on a stalker making her life dangerous as well as complicated.

### **Plot**

This is probably more of a romance than a thriller, but the suspense is tightly woven throughout the romantic elements, creating a gripping story that moves from the opening scene to the intense climax and satisfying conclusion. The attraction between Viola and Riel is palpable from their first interaction, and while they may not know if or how to act on that attraction, it drives some of the best conflict throughout the book. The mystery of who is watching Viola is well-done, with lots of red herrings to choose from. I never did figure out who it was.

### **The Characters**

At times, I found Viola to be a little too much. A little too good, a little too perfect. Other than lying on her application, which she had perfectly good reasons for, she has no real flaws, but her genuine friendship with Mar helped me overlook this aspect of her character. Riel, on the other hand, was a fascinating character. He was perfectly flawed in all the right ways and totally swoon-worthy.

### **Top Five Things I Enjoyed About *WATCHING YOU***

1. Riel. Having married my own hot latin guy, I totally appreciate the appeal that is Riel.
2. Mar. Both spunky and adorable, Riel's younger sister is easily my favorite character.
3. Angsty romance. My favorite kind.
4. Suspense. While more of a subplot, it had a way of driving the main plot forward and kept me turning pages.
5. Surprises. I love when an author can surprise me. I never did figure out who the stalker was until it was revealed in the closing chapters.

## Bottom Line

Angsty teen romance meets suspense.

## Disclaimer

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## **Michelle says**

Thank you very much to Entangled Publishing LLC & Netgalley for allowing me to read this arc in exchange for an honest review ??♥?

First and foremost I must admit that I flew through this book! Both the plot and characters were extremely intriguing and I found myself wanting to know who was stalking Viola! I didn't want to stop reading until someone gave me some answers about where her running shorts went or who was crouched in her dorm room! Creepy!!!!

Also I must say that the sex scenes were very well done! Very steamy & not too overboard or obnoxious! Perfection!

This book was well thought out and even had a great back story ---- the ending had SO much potential but it bombed! So great until the stalker was revealed ---- Noooooooo!

Spoiler ALERT---- do not read below here-----

How in the world can you mistake a woman attacking you for a man ? Not once was it mentioned that this girl was 6'2" tall! I mean that is unusually , aka " model" tall for a young girl !! I even looked it up and less than 1 percent of women are over 6 foot tall. This is just not even remotely believeable! Also, her voice was " garbled"...say what???? What does that even mean!? Thirdly, it was only very briefly mentioned about her Dad having a new girlfriend and was NEVER once discussed about her brother Peter drugging a girl or her ex leaving her for another girl. This information was just thrown at the reader at the end to try to give you an explanation as to why the stalker was crazy. I don't get it.

I wish that I could rewrite this ending! It could have been Levi--- a long term friend gone nuts--- it could've really been Riel leading her on being the nice guy when really he was crazy all along! It could've even been the Dad who granted the scholarship gone crazy! Anything but that ending! This ending kind of made the other characters like the bald man on the boat and Manny seem pointless , why were they even in the book!?

3 stars for the rest of the book! It would have totally have been a 5 star read if the stalker was someone more believable ! I definitely will pick up another book by this author & give it another shot though, for sure!

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## **Paula Phillips says**

When I was approached about reading and reviewing this book, my answer was a definite YES as I love and read all of Shannon Greenland/ S.E Green's books to date. The idea of a stalker also fascinated me as I love

that suspense feel. Viola has started at a prestigious school on a scholarship and meets her peer mentor whom Viola has taken the scholarship from. There is a love/hate relationship between the two but we can see that there are sparks flying as, despite either one wanting to admit it, they come from similar backgrounds. During this book, we learn that Viola has a stalker and someone is watching her from the background and at one point even in her dorm room. This part had my heart pumping a bit. On a night out, Viola is attacked by her stalker but manages to be saved. I have to admit the ending of this book fell flat for me especially when the stalker was revealed as I was hoping for maybe a deeper reasoning behind the stalker and I also felt things, in the end, were rushed and the actions of the stalker swept under the rug. This is the reason, Watching You is getting 4P's instead of 5Ps. If you are looking for a YA romantic suspense that is a light-read then Watching You is a good read but if you are wanting a stalker book with deeper meaning then this is not the book for you as you will be slightly disappointed.

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### **Julie Parks says**

This is like a soft mystery or how do they call them...

Thank you Netgalley for this copy in exchange for my honest review.

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### **Lynda Dickson says**

Viola begins her senior of high school on a full scholarship to the prestigious Ponce de Leon Academy, where she meets Riel, the previous holder of the scholarship. Viola is consumed by guilt because she lied about her family background in her application. Things become even more complicated when she realizes she's attracted to Riel. On top of that, she has the feeling that someone is watching her. Who is the driver of the dark SUV that seems to be following her? Suspects abound. Could the stalker be Viola's ex-boyfriend Manny, her estranged father, one of her mother's many boyfriends, friendly Mr. Hamns, the bald deckhand who's always wearing sunglasses, Riel's estranged father, Riel himself, fellow student Peter, or even her frenemy Abbie?

The story is told in the first person present tense by Viola and is interspersed with accounts by the "Stalker", who has already killed one girl and is watching Viola's every move. The short chapters and quick scene changes keep the story moving and heighten the suspense. There is also the added bonus of a budding romance between Viola and the oh-so-perfect Riel.

Hard to put down.

Warnings: violence, sexual references, coarse language, sex scenes, domestic abuse.

I received this book in return for an honest review.

Full blog post (6 July): <https://booksdirectonline.blogspot.co...>

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## **? Jeri's Book Attic ? I like says**

I tried reading this book last weekend but I am afraid that the writing style does not work out for me.

The subject itself was fabulous and the story was well developed - but I felt that the age of the leads was not the right one for the way it was written.

It would have been a better placement in a college environment from the beginning on.

I like independent leads at a young age but something in this kind of plot was off for me I can not place my finger on it but...

The only way to explain it is that it felt like the author wrote it for something like a college environment and then at the last minute decided to place it differently BUT only the most prominent parts in the story were adjusted so the feeling of the college remained.

So I can not rate the book with more than 3 stars

So So sorry :-(

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