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BEWARE THE KINDNESS OF STRANGERS

The phone and the radio were dead, but they'd already heard the news: a mass murderer was on the loose. Hannah and her younger sister Meg were miles from the nearest neighbor, trapped in a raging blizzard, home alone. Until the knock at the door. Two strangers burst into the house, wounded, bleeding and nearly frozen. Hannah couldn't just turn Lance and Jonathon away, so she made them promise to leave in the morning. But they stayed, insisting the girls needed protection. Wary of Lance's brooding good looks, Hannah was drawn to Jonathon's reassuring presence. Until the dog, and the axe, disappeared--and the girls wondered "protection from whom?"

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Natalia Arriaga says

[even though he isn't and was just trying to protect everyone since he knew the actual killer would go to their house (view spoiler)

Jason says

I bought this book back in 94 when it came out. I read it then.. Almost 20 years later I picked it up again. I couldn't remember much about it really, other than 2 girls stranded in the house with strangers. And I always loved the cover art for some reason.

A story about 2 girls left stranded at home during a blizzard without their parents. After their parents call to tell them they are stranded at the airport the girls settle in for a long couple of nights. Later that night two strangers arrive.. hurt and in need of help.

For me this story kinda dragged on. There were creepy things happening here n there but no real buildup of suspense. And how stupid is that Hannah girl? I mean, her boyfriend threatens to kill her and all she can do is pine over him?! wtf... she got on my nerves.

One thing I did really like was the ending. Great ending! Was NOT expecting that. I think this would make a pretty good movie actually with an ending like that.

Would have given it 4 stars for the good/satisfying ending but it lost a star for the boring/slow pace.

Melissa says

This book wasn't bad it was just a bit slow. Things happen throughout but it is really little things that do not impact the story much. Of course there is the usual paranoid female who someone is after and you have to figure out who wants to hurt her.

Juliette Caron says

I loved horror novels when I was a teenager and Richie Tankersley Cusick was my favorite. I enjoyed rereading this book now that I'd forgotten how it ends. I look forward to trying one of her more recent novels.

Marian says

I have no idea how I missed this book as a kid. It's right up my alley, or at least mine when I was younger. Kids are stranded in their home that's miles away from neighbors and civilization. There's a murderer on the loose, a crazy ex-boyfriend lurking, and two guys appear at the door in the dead of night.

Hijinks do not ensue, but a body count certainly does.

Points off for slacking off in the back story of the actual killer, and the ending will either be perfect for you, or perfectly annoying.

Stefanie says

I remember loving this book in middle school!

Gabriella says

3.7*

Her wishy washy feelings on who it is kind of annoyed me. I predicted a majority of the stuff, but I didn't get it right who the killer was. Which is good, cause otherwise the book would be pointless.

Hayley says

I absolutely loved this book

Nikita says

This is my second Cusick book, after reading Trick of Treat. It follows the same pattern of "our parents are away, so creepy things will happen now." It definitely played on my fear of people I don't know, especially in/around my home. The little sister was kind of annoying, but not enough to dislike the book. Again, it was a really quick read and it was fun to guess how it would end. The snowman on the cover is a bit of a giveaway to a suspenseful arc. Overall, good read, especially during the hellish weather of the Polar Vortex. I like that her books are a little dated because it means they are even less connected to everyone else (no cell phones or WiFi).

Vicki says

a good classic horror tale well worth a read.

Moe says

Too slow for me. The protagonist and her sister keeps on whining throughout the book. 240 pages for this book is way too much.

Lisa Konet says

I cant believe I found this book in the bottom of my box of books from my move out west! I enjoyed this book as a young teen (what seems like eons ago). Perfectly creepy and with scenarios that could indeed happen, even though it is a work of fiction. Easy read

Lizzie says

3.5 rating

Hannah and Meg are stranded home alone during a snowstorm. There is a knock on the door and two mysterious injured men are at the door. When strange things start to happen are these two men to blame, Hannah's ex boyfriend Kurt, the escaped lunatic or are one of the girls doing it?

The story was exactly what I wanted. It felt like a horror movie that you could enjoy but didn't need to think about too much.

Nickrijns says

A fun and quick read. It wasn't anything special and to be honest I didn't really like the characters that much. There were a lot of moments where I rolled with my eyes and thought: "get over with it! This doesn't make any sense."

So not really good, but also not bad.

Rating: 6,5/10

Kimberly says

This was only my second RTC book, and I was not disappointed! It definitely had me guessing until the very end. I kept thinking it was one person, then another, then another. However, I didn't like the way it ended :-/ I wish there were a part 2. Oh, well. I found it on Open Library and was able to read it for free! Sometimes these older books are hard to find ANYWHERE!!! I can't wait to find another awesomely 90's YA horror

novel!!
