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In the city of Seattle, no single woman is safe. From afar he watches the ones he so desperately wants. Willing to do whatever it takes to prove his love. But should his latest obsession betray him, he will have no choice but to punish her.

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Jordan Anderson says

In the last 12 months, I've read almost all of Kevin O'Brien's books. While he's ranged from the somewhat disappointing (*Final Breath*) to the addictive (*Viscous*, *Unspeakable*, *Tell Me You're Sorry*), *Watch Them Die* fits somewhere right in the middle.

If you've read one O'Brien novel, you've pretty much read them all, as every single one revolves around the same basic plot, contains the same basic characters and throws in the same basic twist ending. Obviously all the red herrings are in full effect and everyone is a suspect. No surprise there. But what is surprising is how long O'Brien waits to reveal the bad guy in this one. I'm usually pretty good at figuring things out about half way or so through these novels, yet in *Watch Them Die*, I'll admit I still kept questioning everyone up until the end. And even though the climactic conclusion was a bit on the weak side, and I wasn't a huge fan of who he had chosen to be the antagonist, I still have to applaud O'Brien for keeping me engaged all the way up to that pivotal reveal.

The problem is, aside from the constant rehashing and recycling of plot/character/unsurprising-surprising twist, that for some reason, this book quickly dates itself. Video stores? Pay phones? Even in 2002, these were on their way out. Reading about them now, in 2015, makes them seem archaic and old fashioned. True, I can't wholly fault the author on that, but I've seen much better examples of older novels still being able to hold their own, even in this day and age. It's not a huge deal, but for a "modern" thriller, this just didn't feel all that modern at times.

Lisa Currier says

Another great book by Kevin O'Brien!! The plot line is dark & twisted, numerous suspects for serial killer. Very tense, who can Hannah trust? hard to put down!

S. Rutherford says

I found this book in the Romantic Suspense section, but it's not romantic whatsoever unless you find the murder scenes exhilarating. Still, it's a very good suspense/murder/mystery book. I somehow managed to read this all in one day.

Cindy Boepple says

As a fan of Kevin O'Brien this is another great novel.

Steve Lozier says

One of my guilty-pleasure are these pop-fiction mystery thriller books, and Kevin O'Brien is great. This one is especially fun because of it's many movie references. Not only a good read, but I added a bunch of excellent films to my netflix queue!

Kim says

Ooh I did like this murder mystery. Nothing quite like a clever serial killer to have me up all hours reading when i should be sleeping. And this really is a rather clever serial killer story.

The serial killer shares with Hannah, a video store worker, snippets from old movies which show murder scenes which he then copies when killing someone she knows. So poor Hannah is warned of the crime before it happens in a most freakish way - she knows someone will be killed and how but she does not know where, when or why. and what's worse, because of her own personal history, she is unable to go to the cops. The fact that the videos containing the murder previews appear in her bag, in her shopping trolley, at her front door in a secure complex and other places not easily accessible adds the threat that the killer is actually stalking Hannah too - and getting very close to her without her even realising it.

I had an inkling of who the killer may be and I was sort of right but even thinking I knew did not make the rest of the book any less of a ride.

This wasn't a challenging read and I read the book in three sittings, but it was gripping. It would make a kick-ass movie too.

Serial killer books pose their own challenge to authors - there must be a theme which somehow links the murder victims, and there must be some similarities in the actual murders too. Without those two elements, the reader has no chance of working out who the murderer is (which we all try to do to show ourselves how smart we are), and the murders will appear to be just a random collection of violent acts rather than the methodical process of victim collection. Finding unique but believable ways to make these links is one of the tricks to writing a believable murder. O'Brien does this marvellously in this book. I am surprised no real serial killer has ever done this. If I were planning on becoming a serial killer, I may have adopted this idea. As a wannabe murder mystery writer I am bummed O'Brien had this idea, and executed it so well, before I did.

Very clever, easy to read but totally gripping - this tale and author are going on my favourite list

Lauren Sweeney says

My second Kevin O'Brien book and I think I've found my new favorite author. He is so great at making you think and letting you believe you're right until he throws more at you that makes you question everything you thought you already knew! On to the next Kevin O'Brien book!

Melanie Chabrol- says

OMG! IF YOU LOVE MYSTERY,THRILLER, WITH A HINT OF ROMANCE THIS BOOK IS FOR YOU, THIS IS MY FIRST BOOK READ BY KEVIN O'BRIEN AND IT WAS WELL WRITTEN AND HIGHLY RECOMMEND IT, I GIVE IT A 7/5 IF THAT IS POSSIBLE, THINK THAT KEVIN O'BRIEN AND CYNTHIA EDEN WOULD MAKE A GOOD DUO WRITER, THIS IS ALONG THE LINES OF DEADLY FEAR AND DEADLY LIES OF CYNTHIA EDEN. IMAGINE BEING TOLD IN ADVANCE THAT SOMEONE IS GOING DIE, THEY SEND YOU CLUES... YOU DON'T KNOW WHOM AND WHEN, IS IT A PURE COINCIDENCE? IT WAS INTRIGUING BY THE TIME I HIT PAGE 5! I COULDN'T PUT IT DOWN, PLUS BEING IN A CAR ACCIDENT WELL MY HANDS AREN'T THAT FUNCIONABLE BUT THIS BOOK WAS READ IN TOTAL IN 13 HRS.STARTED REALLY LATE THE FIRST NIGHT, AND ALL DAY YESTERDAY MINUS MY SHIFT AND 30 MINUTES THIS MORNING.

Mackenzie says

First line: "*He was crushing her, but Rae didn't complain.*"

WOW...

...what a read.

This is definitely one of the best novels I've read this year, hands down.

I found the plot to be very compelling and I had a very hard time discerning who the killer was until they were presented right to me on a silver platter. I think that is key in a mystery/suspense novel.

I really liked how different this novel was compared to others of this genre. It wasn't the typical "whodunnit?", in the sense that there were continual murders, each done in a specific way, but all different from one another. This made it really hard to establish a motive or a suspect, which just made it all the better.

All in all, this was a fantastic read! A good way to end off the year! I will definitely be keeping my eyes open for more novels by O'Brien!

Betsy says

I am not sure why it was difficult to get into Watch Them Die by Kevin O'Brien. I usually find that his books draw me in from the first chapter. Although I thought the book was fine, I always expect excellence from him. I will definitely continue to read his books. This one just did not show off his mastery of suspense writing. 3 stars

Janet says

I thoroughly enjoyed this book. I haven't read any of the authors other books. He's now on my list of authors-to-look-for.

The little slips of levity, often provided by Mr. O'Brian are a great addition to the story. It makes you smile just a little before turning back to worry and suspicion. Stephen King did this often and this is a major reason I like his writing so much. It's also a lot like real life.

It is obvious that Kevin has a talent for writing from both of the female and the male's characters' perspective.

Now for my only criticism;

I just hate books where the characters appearances are all gorgeous. Life is not like that. Like Mr. Brian's Joyce, often you do have a character that is not in the top 10 range in physical appearance. But it would be nice to see a few more relatable characters, maybe even main characters, that are just average looking. All readers could relate.

By the way, who wrote the blurb on the back of this book? It's wrong and the book is better than the blurb leads you to believe.

Linda says

I really enjoyed this one. The main character is stalked by an unknown man after she's made a new life for herself and her son after escaping a rich, abusive husband, and moving half-way across the country.

Sheila says

This author was recommended to me and I am so glad. I loved this book however "stalker" books always make me really uneasy because it could happen to anyone. This was definitely a page turner and I wasn't sure who "did it" until the very last page. I will definitely be reading more by this author.

Ryn says

Hannah is an abused wife who is in hiding with her young son. When she starts getting tapes that mimic deaths that come to pass around her, she is terrified that the killer is her husband.

This was another mystery by an author that I'd previously enjoyed. The book was well written and interesting in that it was almost impossible to have a clear suspect in mind; there were a whole host of characters who seemed shady. However, I didn't really like or empathize with the main character, some of the plot points were really weak and the ending was terrible. I'll still read O'Brien's books, but I'd definitely take a pass on this one.

Jan says

A stalker story taken to the nth degree - who's stalking who? Hannah and her 2 yr. old boy leave her abusive husband and family and no one knows where she is...yet. Having been part of Second City in Chicago, she naturally veers to a video store for work. She meets several people and is leery of their interest in her being paranoid about her husband finding her. Then people start to die, always with a video warning smuggled into her belongings. Parts were a little muddy towards the end but it was still an interesting concept. The video store is your clue that this was written awhile back.
