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Single mother Maisey Addington has always fallen short of her own mother's expectations—never married, a bit adrift, wasting her high IQ on dead-end jobs. The only thing Maisey's sure she's gotten right is her relationship with her twelve-year-old daughter, Elle...until a phone call blows apart the precarious balance of their lives. Maisey's mother is in a coma, and her aging father faces charges of abuse and neglect.

Back at her childhood home, Maisey must make a heartrending life-or-death decision. Her confused father has destroyed family records, including her mother's final wishes. Searching for answers, Maisey uncovers one unspeakable secret after another when she stumbles upon a shattering truth: a twin sister named Marley.

Maisey's obsession with solving the mystery of her sister forces her to examine her darkest memories and triggers a custody battle with Elle's father. Will Maisey's love for her daughter be strong enough to break a cycle of abuse and create a new beginning for them all?

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??? Shelley ??? says

3.5 stars

First I'd like to say that I love the cover of this book and that Kerry Ann King, like me, is from Canada and I love supporting Canadian authors as much as possible.

More than just a family drama, this novel is packed with secrets, betrayals and deception. This book is a well written enthralling story, with excellent character development, which takes the reader through the emotional effects of domestic violence. And while I liked the character of Tony and believe that his story was an interesting addition to the novel, I think it might have been better without the romantic angle...to me it undermined the ***be a strong woman*** message. All in all Kerry Anne King balanced the heartache and tragedy with joy and unconditional love that finally brings this family together.

Barbara Sissel says

Kerry Anne King writes with such insight and compassion for human nature, and her latest novel, WHISPER ME THIS, is no exception. The families on which the story centers have secrets they've kept through the years out of concern for the damage that might be done if they were exposed. But in the end as the families' lives become intertwined and their secrets come inevitably to light, what is revealed to be the most riveting heart of this book are the gut wrenching choices that were made in terrifying circumstances. One such choice haunted a mother throughout her lifetime and left behind a legacy of mistrust and confusion and a near unsolvable mystery. Following the clues is an act of faith that sometimes wavers. There's no guaranty the end will tie up in a neat bow, but the courage of the human spirit, its ability to heal, is persistent and luminous throughout the pages of this very real and emotive story. I loved it.

Linda Zagon says

“Whisper Me This” by Kerry Anne King, is a thought-provoking, intriguing, intense and emotional read. The Genres for this novel are Fiction, Women’s Fiction, and Mystery. Kudos to Kerry Anne King for discussing issues of physical and emotional abuse and how it affects others. In this novel, the author not only describes a woman’s point of view, but shows the men’s reaction as well. The author writes about the importance of family, mother-daughter relationships, emotional support, honesty, love and hope. This is also a novel where the characters have many dark secrets. The timeline is in the present and goes back to the past when it pertains to the characters or events in the stories.

The author describes her characters as complex and complicated. As deep, dark secrets start to unravel, single mom. Maisey Addington finds that her world as she knows it will change forever. Maisey has a strong connection to her young daughter Elle, and would do anything to protect her. A phone call brings Maisey and Elle back to her hometown where her mother is in a coma, and it looks like her frail Dad might be responsible for it. Someone is responsible for older fractures and broken bones that Maisey’s Mom has.

When Maisey was a child, she would have an imaginary friend named Marley. Whenever Maisey would mention Marley's name, her mother would go into quite a fury. Now it seems, that there really is a Marley, Maisey's twin sister. Maisey becomes obsessed in finding her sister, and could be in danger. I would recommend this captivating story to readers that enjoy a thought-provoking, and suspenseful novel. I received an ARC from NetGalley for my honest review.

Tulay says

Promising start.

Amazon First read, July novel. Story of hope's and dreams of teenager, growing up in dysfunctional family. Abused since birth. Good plot, but I missed or author missed to convey me the point she is making. Liked author's writing style.

Dawn Doria says

I guess this genre is just not my cup of tea. Reading this is a kin to watching a sappy Life-Time or Hallmark channel movie. The plot line was so predictable and the stereotypical characters were so one-dimensional and flat. I couldn't connect with any of the characters and eventually even grew to dislike them! Please, who would let the nosy neighbor make your mom's funeral arrangements? Who would go to a concert the evening prior, and then show up late to your own mom's funeral? And then sit there being bored and preoccupied during the funeral. The relationship between Maisey and daughter Elle was so not right. Putting your 12 year old into adult situations time after time, relying on a 12 year old as if they were an adult, letting a 12 year old call her own shots and yours. The mother daughter roles are reversed here. I also didn't enjoy the many slams and put downs on Christianity. Everything about this book was just, for me, out of whack! Overall I found it hard to swallow, I just couldn't buy into the characters. I read this because it was free and the description sounded like it could have been really good.

Lori Anderson says

For Pete's sake.

I knew this book was about all sorts and types of domestic violence. I once upon a time lived through several abusive relationships, so I wanted to see how this book handled it. (It was a free book, thank heavens.)

Major issues.

1) Do NOT have a character come to bury her mother, take care of a father with the beginning stages of dementia, and by day two talk about your tingly bits feeling something for someone you just met a day ago. Girl, you're crazy.

2) Do not allow your 12-year old, however precocious, to know too much. Or for that matter, be the only one with a grain of common sense. Just don't. That's not what kids are for. Find a therapist.

3) ONE Google search. Just ONE, and you found a long lost family member? GTFOH. I can't get that kind of result looking for a decent restaurant. Convenient. And stupid. Lost respect for your storytelling there.

4) Since the new-found family member is a bit of a star (ie, has money to get the hell out of Dodge), DO IT. This particular character is no shrinking violet, is surrounded by big burly guys in her payroll....just head for Nashville, do not pass go, do not play in any more Thai restaurants. Speaking of which, Thai and Country Western? I'll take my Pad Thai to go. Good lord.

The book got two stars because I got hooked it a particular storyline and had to figure it out, which I did, as it was a bit trite. I also enjoyed some of the smart-assery the main character do it out.

Do not read this.

Lisa-Books Smiles says

4.5 stars

Bark says

Amazon First selection.

Susan Peterson says

My favorite books are those that make me think, and feel; books that tackle a difficult subject...abusive relationships in this book...without pulling punches, but leaving me hopeful in the end. Kerry Anne King has written this spectacular story, one which left me in tears, feeling all of the emotions...fear, anger, love, pain, desperation, strength, grief, courage. I felt like I was right in the room with the characters; flesh and blood characters who were complicated and complex; I was suffering along with them and cheering their victories. This book is a triumph; thought-provoking, heart-wrenching, and incredibly moving.

Reading.Between.Wines says

?????? / 5 rounded up.

When I first started *Whisper Me This* by Kerry Anne King I was speeding through it and expected to really like it, unfortunately it ended up falling a little short of the mark for me.

In *Whisper Me This* Maisey has never quite lived up to her mother's expectations. She has held a series of dead-end jobs, and has never gotten married - two things that her mom desperately wanted for her to change. When Maisey finds out her mom is in a coma and her dad might be charged with abuse and neglect, she goes back to her childhood home with her daughter Elle and must come to terms with her confused father, what to do about her mom, and what she feels are her own shortcomings and failures.

There is a mystery theme in this book that kept me reading and turning pages. The book switched between Leah's journal (Maisey's mom), Maisey, and a love interest for Maisey - Tony. Tony is holding onto his own guilt and secrets, as well as Maisey finding out she has a sister that her mom made her believe was a figment of her imagination. Slowly the story unravels, both the story of Maisey's mom and Tony's story, and it was definitely a slow burner of a story overall.

The biggest thing for me was that I wasn't a huge fan of Maisey and didn't really find myself rooting for her, at least not at first. She seemed incredibly flighty and childlike - even though she has a 12 year old daughter she is supposed to be raising - but we find out there is a reason for the way she acts. I did think she redeems herself towards the end, even though I wanted to smack her over the head a few times to stand up for herself. I think this was a pretty realistic description though so you can't really be mad at her too much. She is dealing with some pretty tough sh*t in this book.

Which brings me to the next thing, so many trigger warnings for this book and they all deal with abuse. Verbal abuse, physical abuse, etc. all directed at females or children. I have to admit it was a pretty tough book to read even though the author tries to infuse hope into it. The end is more uplifting than the majority of the book, and I found myself in tears more than once. Just know it is a very tough read despite the hopeful bits.

Final Thought: There was just something about this book that didn't sit quite right with me, but hell if I can articulate what it is. The mysteries that unravel just produce even more pain, and although I felt slightly better at the ending, the overall feel of this novel was pretty melancholy to me. Well written, but read at your own risk! I think I just found it too sad and frustrating, but that's just me and other people will probably really like this book and the message it delivers.

Tammie says

Whisper Me This was a solid 4 stars for me. An interesting book that centers around a woman named Maisey-who heads to her childhood home after discovering her mom is in the hospital and her dad is in a serious confused mental state. Maisey has much to contend with, including uncovering a family secret that will change her life forever. The big secret wasn't all that shocking and the book was somewhat slower paced than I liked, but I would still highly recommend it to readers that like fictional slice of life type of books.

Katie B says

3.5 stars

I'm kinda on the fence about whether this is a 3 star or 3.5 star read but since it did hold my interest I will round up. Maisey receives a phone call that her mom is in a coma and her father might be charged with abuse and neglect. She races to her childhood home in Washington with her daughter and attempts to figure out what the heck is going on and why her father was trying to destroy family records. As Maisey digs around for answers she discovers she has a long lost sister.

Like I said before the book held my interest but I can't say it was the most satisfying read. I hate to say that

because the author did attempt to tackle a serious subject but I think the execution was slightly off. The first half of the book worked better than the second half because you are curious about what secrets Maisey's mother is hiding. By the time everything is revealed it almost feels underwhelming. There were parts of the story that I thought were underdeveloped towards the end. I thought the introduction of Tony and his family didn't feel natural although at least there was an interesting backstory there.

I think the best way to describe this book is it feels like a Lifetime Channel movie. The plot is interesting enough for you to watch, or in this case read, over the course of an afternoon, but it really isn't anything you haven't seen before. I do think some people will connect more with this book than others given the subject matter that is more of a theme in the second half of the book. Overall, it was a decent selection for my free Amazon Kindle First ebook.

Barbara White says

Rich in emotions and characters, WHISPER ME THIS is a stunning tale of dark secrets, broken memories, and ultimately hope and resilience. The novel quickly pulls the reader onto a roller-coaster ride through grief, mystery, and cryptic journal entries. At the heart of the story is a twelve-year-old with more sense than most adults, and her mother, Maisey, who discovers the power of her voice and the courage to fight for her destiny. I can't recommend this book enough. A perfect book club pick!

Tammy says

Whisper Me This is a page turner filled with family secrets! Maisey is a single mother trying to raise her daughter. Maisey's mother is found sick and neglected and her father is a suspect. While dealing with the aftermath, she finds a long buried secret from her mother's past. Kerry Anne King is a new author for me and I will be looking at her other books!

Carol Boyer says

Whisper Me This is an incredible emotional drama with generations of unspeakable secrets, fragmented memories, lies, deep grief, fear and yet love and hope. Maisey is brought suddenly back home with her 13 year old daughter Elle to deal with her dying mother and father who appears to be in an unbalanced state of mind. This story is written with such compassion, and relatable characters your heart just aches for, and others so horrible you want to do then in. There are journal pages that give clues to the old mysteries, and add heart pounding moments to the story as it enfolds with moments of indecision, and suspicion. I fell in love with Elle, for her wisdom and courage; she was her Mom's best support. Haunting memories that were squelched for Maisey when she mentioned her imaginary friend Marley when she was a little child kept reappearing as nightmares as she goes through her present day. A book I devoured from the first pages, I keep seeing these characters in my mind, you don't want to miss reading this one!
