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You trust her.

You shouldn't.

That picture you just posted on Instagram? I've seen it.

The location you tagged? I've been there.

You haven't been careful enough, have you?

Because I know all about you.

But when I meet you, I won't tell you that.

I'll pretend. Just like you do.

You'll like me though. You'll trust me enough to let me into your life.

And then I'll destroy it.

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Maggie61 says

I can never get enough of this genre of books. This psychological thriller is a 4 1/2 for me.

When Taylor and her husband Jake move to England from the states, it was supposed to be a fresh start, leaving his infidelity behind and soon to be a family of three. Taylor involved herself in a walking group in order to have some friends and not be so isolated.

But Taylor has a hard time letting her suspicions rest. Jake travels a lot for work and she sees potential unfaithfulness everywhere. Is it Caroline, a blast from his past? Or maybe Sarah, she throws herself at him all the time? Her one constant is Anna, also pregnant and they quickly become friends

But someone is targeting Taylor. Or is it Anna they are targeting? We never really know as clue by clue, we are given little hints. But who would target either of them and why? Maybe someone a little too interested in one of them?

I wavered a couple of times on who that second narrated voice was and what he/she wanted. This was a quick read for me and I loved the twist. I will be looking for me by this author.

Dita says

I was completely absorbed and enthralled by this book. I was so eager to get to the end even as I didn't want it to end.

Very pregnant Taylor has just moved to London from the States after patching her marriage back together with her unfaithful husband, Jake. She is eager to connect with others and joins a book club and a walking group. She makes four different friends; Caroline, Anna, Simon and Sarah, all a little nuts in their own way and each perhaps harboring their own secrets.

Taylor tells the story but there is another POV as well, the voice of a deliciously sadistic stalker who is hellbent on ruining the life of one of the five and uses social media like a weapon to do so. But we don't know who the stalker is and we don't know their target.

This was a fast, fun, heart thumping read and I just had to find out who and why...and I was happy to be so surprised when I finally did.

Thank you to Annabel Kantaria, Crooked Lane Books and Netgalley for this ARC in exchange for my honest opinion.

Liz Barnsley says

I Know You was a fast, addictive read that will genuinely make you reconsider what you put out there on social media.

Taylor has moved to London with her husband Jake to try and rebuild their marriage following infidelity. Pregnant and lonely, Taylor looks for new friends with the tenacity of a limpet – but maybe she would have been better off solo...

Its a cleverly woven narrative in which we hear Taylor's story and also know that there's nefarious intent – but from whom and towards whom we cannot be sure.

I liked the characterisation here – Taylor is a little obsessive, a little dismissive and our unknown “bad guy” is chillingly engaging. The relationship dynamics of all parties are highly intriguing, it's a page turner for sure.

Overall a very good psychological thriller- one you sink into and the read is excellent throughout and delivers a very satisfying ending.

Recommended.

Brandy says

“You trust me. You shouldn’t.”

And with that quote - let the madness and mayhem ensue!

I Know You, is a dark, leathery, vexing tale that checks all of my “must have” boxes when it comes to being a good thriller. It was a read that drew me in like a stranger offering candy- I was enticed by it's sweetness and held captive like a prisoner up until the last page.

What can I say, other than, I'm a sucker for a tale that limelight's a psychotic villain hell bent on getting revenge! So, with that said, I give *I Know You*, 5 bright shining stars!???????????

Misty says

British author Annabel Kantaria has written what is sure to be one of the most talked about books of the year. *I Know You* is a suspense novel that features not only rich characters and a brilliant plot but also writing that catapults the reader into the action almost as if an active participant in what unfolds.

Taylor and Jake are an attractive young married couple, recently transplanted from sunny California to the grey skies of Jake's hometown—Croydon, England. As the novel opens, it is revealed that the couple is in the UK seeking a fresh start after Taylor discovered that Jake was having an affair. England, however, isn't all that the then pregnant Taylor thought it would be. Her husband is gone for long periods of time with his work, and she is bored, lonely and desperate for friends. She immerses herself in social media, recording and sharing every moment of her life in an effort to feel more connected. When she joins both a walking group and a book club, Taylor begins to build what she hopes will be lifelong relationships. Not all is as it seems, however, and she is about to learn that the old cliche “be careful what you wish for” is far more accurate a warning than she could have ever imagined.

The structure of the novel is that of a first person narrative, though it's clear from the start that chapters alternate between at least two different perspectives. On one hand, Taylor tells the straight forward tale of what transpired during her pregnancy. She is, however, painted as perhaps an unreliable narrator, which adds to ever-building tension. The second narrator isn't identified until the denouement, but the writing in those chapters is wicked, gritty and full of anger and resentment. The author moves fluidly between the two voices

in an ebb and flow that rocks from comfort to unease and back again.

Within this unusual format, Kantaria develops her characters in a way that makes them easily believable, even if not particularly likable. Through their dialogue and actions we learn that they are all in some way flawed, which is perhaps why they are so engaging. There's no doll-house facade here, as the true nature of each is portrayed, raw and uncensored. Taylor is obsessive, short tempered and needy. Jake is flirtatious, aloof and lacks self-awareness. Even the more minor characters are exposed as imperfect human beings who are sometimes victims of circumstance and other times just victims. It's clear that Kantaria understands what makes people tick, and she moves forward manipulating that knowledge, making us squirm as we catch glimpses of ourselves.

My single complaint was in the fact that although Taylor is presented as an American, she uses British terminology and spelling. She calls her friends "mates", a cooler becomes a "chiller" and in the narration "favorite" is spelled with a u. There are myriad examples of this throughout, and it is these oversights that kept this from being a five star read.

Overall, this is a wonderful book that gains momentum as it moves toward a finish that, while possibly predictable, is nonetheless exciting. Highly recommended for anyone who enjoys a suspenseful thriller that keeps the pages turning. Thanks to NetGalley and Crooked Lane Books for providing me with a copy of this for review!

Nicki says

I wonder how many readers out there remember the old song from Sesame Street? you know the one that goes, One of these things is not like the others, one of these things is not quite the same. Well almost all the relatable, vivid characters in this twist packed thriller have secrets, lie and are totally untrustworthy. But one of them is so many sandwiches short of a picnic, they need to be thrown into a padded cell and the key conveniently lost somewhere were no one will ever find it, ever, ever again. What the reader has to figure out is which one of our cast of characters is the victim and which one or is it more than one is our psychopath. We have Taylor who had recently moved to the UK from the USA, she is married to handsome Jake and is heavily pregnant with their first child. Then there's Taylor's new BFF Anna, they met after Taylor decided to join a walking group, hoping to do exactly what she did do, find a new best friend. Anna is married to Rob and is also pregnant. Taylor also becomes friendly with another walker called Simon. There is also Sarah and Caroline, two women that Taylor becomes friendly with after Sarah invites her to join their book club.

Most of the story is voiced by Taylor, a complex character who I struggled to like at times. I had my doubts and suspicions about all of the characters as this riveting story unfolded, the misdirections and suspicious behaviour of the characters certainly keep the reader guessing. The feelings of tension and anxiety increasing as the story moves towards the final shocking, nail biting confrontation. Throughout the book there are chapters that give the reader a insight into the twisted mind of the devious, cunning, manipulative antagonist. It was really scary and eye opening how much this person was able to learn about their intended victims life through that person's activity on social media. You don't stop and think how much you are giving away just by posting that innocent picture of the tree or plant in your driveway that also includes a shot of your car or front door. The selfie that you post as you enter a park, shop, pub, hotel or any other location, the selfie that informs any potential stalker exactly where you are. Anything that we post on line gives people who intend to harm us a open window into our lives.

This thriller is not fast paced but it is #creepy, #intense and #Thoughtprovoking. This is the first book that I have read by this author and it most definitely will not be my last.

#HappyReader #HighlyRecommended #EndOfReview

Many thanks to HQ for a arc of this book via Netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

Leona says

I have to admit when I started this book I wasn't sure if I was going to enjoy it. However after a few chapters I got sucked right into it and by the end I absolutely loved it. A disturbing psychological thriller that I highly recommend.

Shirley Revill says

I don't think I will ever look at social media in the same way again. You just never know who is watching you online and what the consequences could be. You share your life online even posting pictures of your home, your kids and your family for all to see. This knowledge in the wrong hands could cost you everything you hold dear but you just didn't think at the time when you shared your life with the world.

I really enjoyed listening to this audiobook. The story really makes you think about what you share online with complete strangers. Lot's of twists and turns in this story and an ending that I didn't expect. I'm looking forward to reading more stories from this author as I enjoyed this book so much.

Miriam Smith says

What a thoroughly absorbing thriller "I Know You" is! From the gripping start it had me hooked and I was constantly picking it up any free time I had, to continue reading it.

I've read a couple of social media stories of late but by far this was the most realistic, entertaining and compelling. I really thought throughout the story that I had the plot worked out but oh no I was so wrong and the thrilling ending had me glued to the pages reading with my eyes on stalks!

Everyone knows these days that there are some very dubious people stalking social media sites and it is becoming increasing more difficult to spot these imposters so I liked how the author made this so authentic to a point I'd have probably interacted the same way on the sites. There's a lot of secrets in this book and it's difficult for the reader to know who to trust themselves without the characters doubting each other too but this just adds to the intrigue and tension keeping you right on the edge of your seat. The well executed story has been fantastically plotted and thought out - I thoroughly enjoyed this psychological themed thriller and thought it one of the best I've read. It truly is an ongoing worry, wondering who you are making friends with, online and in real life, since there are so many fake profiles being created these days. I thought the pacy, creepy and addictive writing was just superb for this type of story, it oozed paranoia and distrust and I highly recommend this to all readers of psychological fiction, I guarantee you'll be intrigued from the very beginning.

I'm embarrassed to say that I've never heard of the author Annabel Kantaria and therefore not read any of her very popular books, however I will remedy this and read "The One That Got Away" in the near future and hopefully read her others very soon too.

A well earned 5 stars for a fabulously entertaining book!

Tasha Louise says

OMG!!! I loved every bit of this book

Joann says

Now that I've reached the end of the book I feel like I've been duped. I am so mad at myself for even beginning this book. GRRRRRRRR!! It started out well enough and it did hold my attention for the most part but I could see the ending coming and was hoping it wouldn't be what I was thinking - but, and this is a BIG but, the ending, for me, was a total cop out. How could the author do that and get it published with a straight-face or was there a huge grin?

That ruined it for me, so I will give this a 3 star and not recommend it to serious mystery/crime lovers.

Sarah says

Wow this book was incredible. It was one of them books you are desperate to keep reading to find out what's going to happen but you also don't want to finish it as it's so good. It was a brilliant story with all interesting characters. I was really interested on who was writing the I know you.... parts. When I found out I was surprised but in a good way. It was a very well written book and I definitely can't wait to read more of the authors books. This is easily one of my favourite books. Definitely recommended to anyone. It was an amazing book.

Linda Strong says

Taylor Watson and her husband, Jake, have recently moved from the US to London. With her husband away from home for 1 - 2 weeks at a time, and with her being pregnant, that she really misses her friends and family. Finally, after joining a walking group and a book club, does she start making friends.

Taylor's new friends are Anna, Sarah, Simon and Caroline .. but after awhile she suspects that they all have secrets of one sort or another. One member of the group seems to have a thing for Taylor's husband. As he was caught cheating early in their marriage, Taylor is not especially pleased. And Simon .. the token man ... harbors some feelings for Taylor.

This story is told by Taylor's perspective. However, there is another voice ... one who is stalking someone in the group. From the beginning, we learn the stalker is following very closely the posts on Instagram and Facebook. The book revolves around the use of social media and how we allow people to know everything

about our lives, without actually knowing anything about them.

I KNOW YOU is a fast, addictive read that will genuinely make you reconsider what you put out there on social media. Multiple suspects keep the reader engaged and guessing ... until the very end.

How well do YOU know your friends?

Many thanks to the author / Crooked Lane Books / Netgalley for the advanced digital copy of this psychological thriller. Opinions expressed here are unbiased and entirely my own.

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Lou says

"You trust her. You shouldn't".

Excellent, another great thriller that revolves around technology, namely social media and how we believe that what we see online is to be trusted. But what we must realise is that most of what is on the internet has been put there by someone, and just as you cannot trust everyone in real life, you have to be even more careful with who and what you trust online.

One of my massive bugbears is when a book has a fantastic concept or premise but the author falls short in terms of execution. It always feels as though they've missed a trick. There was no such issue here though.

"I Know You" is a thoroughly absorbing thriller. From the first couple of pages Kantaria had me hooked and I kept on reading way past my bedtime, eventually placing it down at 4am as my eyes would no longer stay open. The characters are all well-developed and relatable as well as realistic and likable. I particularly enjoyed the finale, unlike a lot of thrillers I have read of late, that have very disappointing endings.

This book highlights the risks of sharing via social media and as a result is a thought-provoking and provocative read. I hope it makes people think before posting information about themselves online, I am certainly very careful as to what details I provide, not just because of the type of people who may see it, but because of the social media companies themselves, who have filled news headlines recently with regards to members privacy.

This is well worth your time and would be the perfect beach read this summer. Recommended.

Many thanks to HQ for an ARC. I was not required to post a review and all thoughts and opinions expressed are my own.

Melissa In The City 🥂 says

UNPUTDOWNABLE. ADDICTIVE. TWISTY. FULL OF WTF MOMENTS!

All the Stars!

Fast moving story with characters we really got to know. There was nothing in this book that wasn't needed or didn't lend itself to the plot. Everything and everyone were somewhere intertwined.

I absolutely loved every minute of this book. The big twist was an added bonus to an already addicting story!!

I recommend this book with 10 stars! It was so good i finished it in one night!

Thank you #NetGalley, the publisher and the author for my ARC copy in exchange for my honest review! I can't thank you enough for the opportunity to read this book which comes out in June. Will also post to goodreads.
