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## **Backwoods Ripper Details**

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## From Reader Review Backwoods Ripper for online ebook

### Rita says

If you want a real thriller this book is for you!! I was thinking this was a horror movie. It sure would make a great one! I really loved how this book put me in suspense and wondering what would happen next! The author is amazing and definitely kept me scared and wanting to know how they would get out of their situation. I was surprised at the ending.

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### Cathy says

#### Sounded familiar

I couldn't help but notice the similarities between this and Stephen King's book "Misery." This book didn't have the jolt of Kong's book though. I'm still not getting this title, I thought I was going to run into someone like Jack the Ripper. Too much lovey-dovey stuff for me. I really don't like to see romance in my horror books. One more thing that annoyed me; everyone was picking their lips or touching them. I know that's a petty complaint but it bugged me. All in all the book was pretty lame.

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### Erik Empson says

An excellent take on the rednecks in the woods story theme. A non-supernatural horror story that will give fans of Stephen King a thrill.

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### Sarah says

At 187 pages, Backwoods Ripper was a quick and highly enjoyable read.

This is one of those brooding stories where you know that what is between the pages is going to be dark and it certainly was. If what leaves Hal immobilised isn't horrific enough, what comes later surely is.

Paige and Hal are a young couple who have everything to look forward to. That is until Paige has to enlist a strangers help. You can tell as soon as you meet Lizzy and her daughter Soona that there is something not quite right. The fact that they don't take them to the nearest hospital but instead take them back to a rambling estate that used to be a hospital for injured service men makes you know that there is going to be trouble.

The house I thought really added to the story. In a way some parts felt like they were bordering on the horror side but it definitely is more of a psychological/thriller/suspense read.

Backwoods Ripper is a dark, edge of your seat read that had me gripped through out. It will have the reader routing for Hal and Paige and hoping against all odds that there will be some sort of happy ending for the couple. If you want to know if there is or not then you will have to read it for yourself!

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### **TDCbookreviews says**

If you like horror books you won't be disappointed by this book. Expecting parents take a country drive before the preparations of their new baby when they stop to eat and find out that their tire has been slashed!

It takes you on a trip down all the good horror movies you have ever watched. It's almost like a movie because you can see everything that is happening. I would say this is a blend of a V.C. Andrews novel and a Stephen King.

You won't be disappointed by this book if you are looking for a good thriller during the Halloween season.

Blurb:

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### **chelepisbcbglobal.net says**

#### **FABULOUS.**

What a great book. I absolutely loved the characters and the story. The pace increased with each and every page. There were quite a few heart stopping moments until the mind blowing conclusion. Great book. Read it.

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### **Miriam A Averna says**

I was given an ARC of Backwoods Ripper and although it isn't my normal read, I must say it had me intrigued straight away. The tension was palpable throughout and the author does well to maintain

momentum. There are some obvious nods to Misery and although the premise not a new one, I still found the story and the descriptions used diverse enough, especially the amputation scene. I am totally baffled by the title as, unless I missed the point, there was no 'ripper' to speak of.

I would say this is more of a 3.5 star but as Goodreads doesn't do half stars, 3 it is.

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### **Kyleigh says**

I had a good time reading this and it did keep me on my toes so it totally did what a thriller should do. The main issue I had was that I've read this story before with minor changes here and there. The synopsis says that if you like Misery by Stephen King you'd like this but it's almost exactly like that book. It was really distracting while I read it.

All in all I had a good time reading but it had some distracting issue.

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### **Marie says**

This was an awesome story! Very suspenseful and very intriguing! I couldn't read it fast enough and kept wanting to know what was going to happen next. A couple are traveling through the back roads of Australia and end up breaking down. Someone comes along and seems to want to help the couple, but it turns out to be anything but help. What starts out as "help" turns into a twisted nightmare that makes the couple wonder if they will be able to survive this supposedly "good samaritan".

Get in your cozy chair, then strap yourself in for the ride to the backwoods of Australia. This was a debut book by Anna Willett and she has a second book already out. This book reminds me of early works of Stephen King. If you liked "Misery" by Stephen King, you will like this book. Five star rating for this book!

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### **Daileen says**

Couldn't stop reading it. Had me from beginning to end. Well written. Looking forward to reading this authors next book "Retribution Ridge"

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### **Nick Iuppa says**

#### **BACKWOODS RIPPER**

By Anna Willett

The book is billed as a gripping action suspense thriller, and I guess the fact that I was gripping the arms of my chair (actually holding on for dear life) as I read the last quarter of it proves that the billing is correct.

The danger in writing a book with a major character and situation that so closely resembles a very famous novel is that the author is pretty much demanding a comparison. At least, in this case, the comparison is very

favorable in spite of the fact that Backwoods Ripper's villain and its setting bear an unmistakable resemblance to those in Stephen King's masterpiece, *MISERY*.

Lizzy Hatcher is so close to Annie Wilkes that she thinks like Annie and talks a lot like her. But in spite of the comparison Lizzy's words and actions are totally in keeping with her character. Her motivation is different, though. Annie Wilkes wanted to force a famous writer to create a book to her liking. Lizzy wants a baby... a baby being carried by the wife of the man who allowed Lizzy to rescue him and his wife when his car broke down in the bush and he suffered a deadly snakebite.

Annie Wilkes uses cruelty and misguided medical knowledge to blackmail Paul Sheldon into bringing his dead heroine (Misery Chastain) back to life. Lizzy plans to kill Hal and his pregnant wife Paige as soon as she delivers and gets control of their unborn baby. But Lizzy's nursing skills don't measure up to Annie's and she comes close to killing Hal long before the baby is due.

Lizzy's decrepit home, Mable House, where she brings Hal and Paige, was once a hospital and still has some of the treatment facilities available to be used or misused by Lizzy. But Mable House has a heart and will of its own and seems to imbue its residents with murderous thoughts and dark ideas that eventually find their way into the minds of both Hal and Paige. (Okay, shades of *The Shining*.)

Backwoods Ripper has several original elements going for it. For one, the heroes are a couple whom Lizzy has captured, and who together give us some nice (though sometimes painful) synergy in finding a way out of their deadly situation. Second, there is Soona, a big mental-challenged woman who becomes kind of a wild card in the escape drama that Hal and Paige are forced to play out.

The ending to Backwoods Ripper is generally better than most of Mr. King's (to continue the comparison) but the very, very last chapter, for me at least, seemed trite.

Four stars, though, for gripping drama, great characters, and haunting settings. The book is a little slow near the half-way point, but in the end, it's a thrilling and satisfying read.

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### **Dhara Parekh says**

I absolutely LOVED this book. It kept me on toes the whole time. The characters were intense and brilliantly written, the plot was thrilling and the writing was solid. Both, the antagonist and the protagonist were interesting. While Lizzy terrified me to no extent, Paige's struggle made me root for her. Soona reminded me of Lennie from *Of Mice and Men*. The writing made you care for the characters. There was not a single dull moment.

Apart from few repetitive description of emotions, Backwoods Ripper was a flawless book. It's surprising it's Willett's debut novel. It's even more surprising that it's not even semi-popular. The book deserves more readers, specially people who love thrillers. I am going to recommend this book to everyone.

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## **Kim says**

### **Read this book in only two nights!**

While browsing my Kindle library for something to help me drift off to sleep, I found BACKWOODS RIPPER. Well, guess what-- I didn't, and you probably won't, either. Lots of death-defying, corkscrew twists and turns that began soon after I started this book and even up to the end until i found myself actually gasping for breath! Wow!What a ride!

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## **Maia Gomez says**

An absolutely absorbing read! This book reminds me of Misery meets The Hills Have Eyes! The writing is extraordinarily great with vivid descriptions and palpable emotions. As you get to know the characters, you can't help but feel for them and their struggle for survival. It was very interesting to see Paige's transformation as she battles for herself, her husband Hal and their unborn child. There were quite a few moments that had me cringing in delicious horror as chills raced up my back! The story is very well woven and flows beautifully, with plenty of plot twists thrown in. Every time it slowed down, a new thrill was thrown in, keeping me on my toes....and grateful I still have them all! This is a story that has stuck with me for days after finishing the book, and I find myself mentally shivering as I think of certain parts of it. This book isn't that gory, it's just the emotions you feel with the characters hit home so hard it feels like it's happening to you. This was a wonderfully written book that gave me a roller coaster of chills and thrills that I would recommend to anybody that likes a thriller, horror or just something deliciously suspenseful to read!

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## **Sandra Leivesley says**

7 months pregnant Paige and her husband Hal are travelling in the Australian Outback when their car gets a flat tire. As he is changing the wheel Hal is bitten by a snake on his leg and his other leg is crushed by the car. Paige sets off on foot to find help and when 2 women in a truck pull up and offer to help they their nightmare begins.

I was very excited by the synopsis of this book and couldn't wait to start reading. It wasn't quite what the title led me to believe. The term 'Ripper' in the title made me think this would be a slasher type book, perhaps a little like the movie Wolf Creek. Instead I would say this book has more in common with Stephen King's Misery.

I did enjoy the book which is very dark and disturbing. There was a deep sense of foreboding running through it. All the time you just knew something bad was going to happen! This sense of foreboding was helped by the descriptions of the crumbling ex hospital, Mabel House. The fact that Paige was alternately strong and then weak made her character believable. The character of Soonah broke my heart and I was glad to read that after the events of the book she was being looked after in a care home.

The ending of the book was satisfying and although we're not told by the writer, I hope that Paige will be able to have another child.

