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Laura Reed feels safe and happy in Cape Christian, a little jewel of Victorian architecture and quiet streets on New Jersey's southern tip. The children's books she writes are earning her modest fame; her husband Jimmy's art gallery is flourishing; and Cape Christian is the right kind of small town in which to raise their little boy, Michael. She never dreams that this New Year's Eve her nearly perfect life will end. That a man in a ski mask will break into her house, knock her out, and shoot her husband dead. That it will be nearly one hour before she revives and calls 911. That those missing minutes before her call will convince the police that she committed the crime. Although there is too little evidence to arrest her, Laura feels the eyes of the entire community - including her in-laws' - accusing her. Even her lawyer, Jimmy's business partner, doesn't seem to believe her. Her only ally is Gary, a young wheelchair-bound painter. His faithful devotion and the bouquets he sends brighten Laura's days. Then Ian Turner docks his sailboat in Cape Christian, and a chance meeting brings him into Laura's life. His marriage, too, has ended in tragedy, and he not only believes Laura, but falls in love with her. For the first time since Jimmy's murder, Laura dares to feel alive. Until she begins to sense that danger is near.

## **Secret Admirer Details**

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## **From Reader Review Secret Admirer for online ebook**

### **Janita says**

I enjoyed this book. It was pretty good. The Main Character seemed kind of gullible to me throughout most of it. She made some foolish decision, but all in all it was a good book that had a good surprising ending! I enjoy Patricia Macdonald's books, they are easy reads, hold your interest and very fast reads....

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### **Wendy says**

Starts slowly. The ending is very disappointing and abrupt.

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### **Dixie says**

Did not know 'who dunnit' until last few pages...good book.

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### **Karen says**

Laura Reed, a children's book author, is living happily in a quiet seaside town in New Jersey when she & her family are suddenly attacked in their home, her husband is murdered, & all evidence points to her.

I really liked this one, I couldn't put it down. The only criticism I have it that it ended very abruptly, like a movie you might watch, and just as the bad guy is discovered the credits roll and I say, "what? what? what?" I like have a more leisurely ending when all is unraveled and maybe even a epilogue from a month or a year later showing where things went in the future.

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### **Zézinha Rosado says**

Aqui está um policial mesmo como eu gosto, daqueles que ao virar de cada página pensamos: "ai, ai... e agora...??? O que é que aí vem??"

Normalmente nos policiais, quando chego a meio do livro, começo a ter alguns suspeitos e algumas certezas sobre os presumíveis culpados do crime.

Neste livro não consegui... a cada capítulo ficava mais baralhada e mais curiosa para saber o desfecho e quando cheguei ao final o meu pensamento foi "Olha que esta!!! Quem diria!!!"

Esta é sem dúvida uma autora que não desilude os seus leitores, pois abordando temas tão sublimes como o amor matrimonial, o amor de mães para filhos, a desconfiança, a dor da morte de um ente querido, etc, nos consegue prender à história e mantém o suspense no ar.

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### **Jessica says**

I just couldn't get into this book at all.

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### **Bev Davis says**

Patricia MacDonald is one of the best whodunnit authors around. I am on a historical fiction trend but picked this up to read for some good escapism and it did not disappoint

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### **Bruno says**

Vários suspeitos.

Final surpreendente.

Gostei.

Um bom livro para desanuviar entre livros pesados.

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### **Joanne Freitas says**

Foi uma boa leitura mas houve partes que foram meias previsíveis. Fala de que as vezes não sabemos quem está do nosso lado e quem está contra nós como também fala que pessoas que não esperávamos trazem-nos surpresas boas.

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### **Idalina says**

Achei pouco interessante. As personagens não me cativaram e o enredo é demasiado "morto", um romance disfarçado de policial. Foi o primeiro livro que li da autora e agora temo que não tenha coragem para ler os outros dois que aqui tenho. Vou dar um tempo, pode ser que depois me esqueça do desapontamento.

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### **Linda says**

A melodramatic soap opera of a romance masquerading as a mystery.

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### **Kristin Danko says**

Questions arise when the unsolved murder of a husband and the unexpected arrival of an acquaintance who is interested in his widow coincide...

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## **Lady Grey says**

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On of the books, which are read very fast. I thought I know how it ends, but it surprised me. Another good book from MacDonald.

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## **Kat says**

ladies husband was shot and killed when she was sleeping in her sick sons bed. turned out it was a hired killer. meanwhile 5 months after he died a boy she had saved with a broken leg in a pit when they were little sailed into the harbor of her town. they reunited and got married way too fast. the police are investigating if the two of them had anything to do with her husbands death. i dont like the new husband but there is a man in a wheel chair that likes her too so im not sure who did it.

turned out the friend in teh wheel chair had a crush on her husband and his mother hired the killer. the man in the wheel chair met a man in the city and was going to move there. his mother tried to kill the new husband and the wife after she got out of jail. i still didnt like the new husband, the woman fell down the stairs in the fight ...

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## **Dengelsbel says**

Great! Very tense. Surprise ending.

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