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### Sarah says

This is the first book I've read by Julie Corbin and it certainly won't be the last. I really enjoyed this book. The story was really interesting. There was not one part of the book I wasn't interested in, I was hooked throughout the whole story. The characters (except for Phil and Kirsty) were likeable which I haven't found in a few of the previous books I've read. I definitely recommend this book.

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### Geraldine Evans says

#### Excellent

I really enjoyed this novel. The characters are thoroughly convincing and portrayed wonderfully. I was gripped throughout. A well-deserved five stars.

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### C.L. Taylor says

I bought this book in a second hand bookshop when I was in Cornwall and I'd finished the book I had with me. I was sucked into Olivia's world and, by the end of the book, I was mentally shouting at her for making decisions I felt were stupid and illogical (which, I think, always shows that you're emotionally invested in a book). I loved the last couple of lines of the book - they perfectly summarised the emotional journey Olivia had been on.

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### Mary Geraghty says

#### Another great read!!

This book was a real thriller. The characters were great, especially ? No that would be a spoiler ,? read it and see. Fabulous.

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### Jackie says

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By

Julie Corbin

I was lucky enough to get an early copy of this, the 3rd book by Julie Corbin. I loved both her other books so I was excited to start on this one. Luckily I woke very, very early this morning, so settled with coffee at 4.30 I started.

I was so happy I could read it all in the one sitting as I would have had a very hard time to leave it! It got

right under my skin, and I had to know what was going on! The main character, Olivia, is a GP, and single parent of a teenage boy Robbie, and his younger sister Lauren. She is recently divorced from Phil, another doctor, so is a little emotionally raw still. Then one night it starts.

She gets a phone call that Robbie has been rushed to hospital, and it turns out that although he had been drinking a little, he had a very nasty drug in his system which had caused him to hallucinate and eventually collapse knocking his head. The drug doze was such that it could have killed him, and in fact his heart did stop beating at one stage. Olivia is convinced that her son is telling the truth, that he does not take drugs, and so the only explanation is that his drink was spiked! But why? And who?

Olivia struggles to make the police and her ex-husband believe that her son is not into drugs and that a crime has taken place. The events that follow begin to show that the family are being targeted, and so Olivia is right.

While trying to understand what is going on, looking into the past to find a reason, and then to discover who could be behind it all, Olivia becomes close to the policeman, D I O'Reilly, who is investigating the case, but when Olivia begins to think she has worked out what is going on she is reluctant to share the information with him.

The action is fast, the characters real, the brutal revelations from the past hard to live with, but they all bring the situation up to date. The human mistakes and lies which are revealed are both shocking and yet real, and help to paint the picture of the current situation. Then Olivia begins to realise that events are moving too quickly and they have real reason to be terrified.

Apart from the odd cup of coffee, and changing of the CD, I sat and read to the end, as I already, said, I was just so glad it was Sunday and I was in a position to do just that. This book is highly recommended, but please make sure you have plenty of time, because I promise you will not want to put it down.

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## **Dale Harcombe says**

Three and a half stars.

When Olivia receives a call to say her son is in hospital as a result of alcohol and drug overdose, she cannot believe he has willingly taken them. Olivia Somers, a doctor herself, believes someone must have spiked his drink. The drug is GHB which this person had to stop and look up to find out what it was. Once I read a little I saw how easily someone else could have added this drug to a drink. How did it happen? Olivia is determined to find out. Her ex-husband Phil, a psychiatrist, seems prepared to believe Robbie took the drug willingly.

Then other nasty things start to happen, which convince Olivia, the problem is not Robbie but more to do with her and something that happened 18 years earlier. Someone is after revenge? But who?

I found this an interesting and fast paced read. The closer I got to the end the less chance I was going to be able to put the book down till I finished it. This was despite the fact that at times I queried Olivia's decisions, especially towards the end. One decision she made there, really didn't ring true at all. But the trouble is the plot at that point tends to hang on it. For me this weakened the impact. My other problem was the ending which seemed both rushed and over the top. I also had a problem with something I thought the police officer should have picked up on and he didn't. So, for me the ending let this book down and this brought my rating down a little. Still, overall it was a good read with a few twists and turns throughout.

## **Karen says**

### **A mother's love knows no bounds**

A page turner. A twist I didn't see coming!

This book has it all - a thriller which includes family values, love, friendship, medical thread but also how revenge can ruin so many lives.

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## **Debbie says**

Highly enjoyable. The past rises up for the good doctor Olivia and there is nothing she can do to stop the bad things happening to her family. Brilliant story I definitely recommend.

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## **A.J. Waines says**

When her teenage son Robbie's drink is spiked, Olivia Somers is devastated. She has spent her adult life trying to protect people and keep them safe - not only as a mother, but also in her chosen profession as a doctor. So she tries to put it down to a horrible accident, in spite of the evidence suggesting malicious intent, and simply hopes no-one tries to endanger those she loves again. But someone from the past is after revenge. Someone closer to her family than she could possibly realise. Someone who will stop at nothing until they get the vengeance they crave. And, as she and her family come under increasing threat, the oath that Olivia took when she first became a doctor - to do no harm to others - will be tested to its very limits.

I loved the 'writing' in this book - it's feels like it's in 'full-colour', lots of real-life detail so that you feel like you're actually there, rather than 'reading about' it. That's lovely in a writer (although there are also times when I want to read the kind of book when I can be more aware of the writing style itself; the poetry, rhythm, imagery, originality etc.)

I sailed through this book, although I didn't feel the plot itself had me by the throat. It's a familiar theme; a family drama about the way a mistake in the past creates a problem (revenge) in the present. It didn't throw up many twists or shocking moments, but nevertheless, it felt real and involving. One issue, however, is that we know the identity of the culprit very early and this leads to a bit of an anti-climax. I also found some aspects of the book very unlikely - the main character goes away to Ireland leaving her two teenage children behind when they are clearly in danger - somewhat implausible given that she's portrayed as a deeply caring mother. Otherwise, the main character is well-rounded and worth rooting for. I would certainly read more by this author.

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## **Bill Kupersmith says**

Do Me No Harm gratified my trust in Julie Corbin. I thought her debut novel Tell Me No Secrets had

promise but suffered from weak characters. She really has got better, as writers who stay at it often do, and Olivia, or Liv, or Dr. Somers, the narrator, is a strong and interesting character, devoted to her children, her friends, her charitable work, and her profession as a physician. All are threatened when someone slips a dangerous drug into her seventeen year old son's drink. It seems someone is trying to get back at her for something in her past, someone who sneaks into her house and paints the word MURDERER on her wall.

Olivia's life is made more difficult by the constant interference she receives from her ex, the children's father Phil, who is a wonderfully drawn portrait of a sleaze. I happen to have had two friends who had the misfortune to have ex-husbands like Phil who constantly tried to manipulate their children to hurt their former spouse. When they adopted a tone of caring and concern, you can be sure that they are up to something underhanded and sneaky. I loved the way Phil referred to "our children" and he even has the temerity want his twelve year old daughter to be maid of honour at his marriage to his mistress for whom he dumped her mother Olivia.

Because the story is told in the first person, the reader cannot learn anything that Olivia cannot know or find out. She believes, rightly, that she is being hounded for an error she committed as a junior doctor when overworked and under pressure gave the wrong medicine to a patient who then died in childbirth. Her supervising physician regarded it as a pardonable mistake and Olivia went on to a very successful career and has just received an award for her civic contributions. But some out there hates her.

Unfortunately we cannot get into the mind of that character, whom I shall refer to as "the revenger." It does not take long for Olivia to discover who the revenger is--we find out exactly half-way through the book, and it is someone Olivia already knows. But the revenger remains an enigma to me. A person of great talent and inventiveness, but reputed to be a bully and gratuitously cruel. I wish we had more of the revenger's thoughts and motives, even if the author had to resort to some obvious device like finding a diary or confession.

In the final part of the book the mode switches from mystery to thriller, when Olivia and her policeman friend and soon to be lover are trying to rescue her son from being thrown off the Forth Bridge. Like some other readers, I found the ending a trifle rushed. But I'd still give this book a solid four stars for an engaging plot and interesting characters.

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## **Narnia says**

The story starts out strong because it's not usual for boys to have their drinks spiked and you really feel for his mother. However, once you find out who done it, it gets a bit taxing. Not to mention that lax romance and the Ireland story interludes that were meant to mean something but just seemed like something the author really wanted to write about even if it made little difference to the story.

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## **Rea Cobb says**

Do Me No Harm is the first book I have read by Julie Corbin so I wasn't sure what to expect.

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I sat and devoured this book in one sitting it was so thrilling and gripping that it just didn't feel safe to put down!

Each of the characters had a great depth to them which is great considering the amount of characters that were involved in this storyline. Olivia is a great character in this book she brought all kinds of emotions from vulnerability to tough and focused woman when trying to discover the truth and we see the lengths she would go to to protect her children and I genuinely felt for Olivia when we found out the secret she was hiding from her past.

I don't often read mystery/thrillers as I find with so many twists and turns, I often lost track with what's going on and who are on the good side and who are on the bad side but with this book it wasn't the case, there were twists and turns but everything flowed smoothly so you don't lose track and it becomes quite clear who is on the dark side!

Some parts were a little predictable but there was such a big storyline that it really didn't affect the likeability of this book. I loved the romance that is slowly blossoming under the dark storyline it helps to lighten this tense read.

A compelling and gripping read that needs to come with muscle relaxants!

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### **Leanne Keenoo says**

Olivia is a recently single parent of 2 kids who is a GP.

Her son Robbie gets his drink spiked leading to a hospital admission which is bad enough but then the following week Olivia and her kids come home to find the word 'Murderer' painted on her lounge wall.

Olivia has things in her past that she believes may have something to do with this and sets about finding out putting her life as she knows it in jeopardy.

An easy read with some good plot twists

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### **Carol Doherty says**

I always like this author's style. Most enjoyable.

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### **June Jones says**

Great read would recommend

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