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## From Reader Review If You Ever Tell for online ebook

### Marca says

Crum Bum. Another romance-mystery. I like the mystery, but not fond of the childish pouting, arguing, and game-playing that comes with the romance. Teri Farr found her father and step-mother murdered in their beds when she was a teenager. She is now in her twenties and the serial killer, who originally confessed, now recants on his way to the death chamber for other murders. Nearly everyone in Teri's circle, including Teri, falls under suspicion for the murders. A man Teri once loved turns up and "the dance" begins. People start dying again. It all wrapped up a bit fast, but the mystery was pretty good. The romance dragged for me. I need to find a Harry Bosch novel. Now.

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### Teresa in ohio says

Even though this book was easy to put down it held my interest that I read a good chunk before picking up another book. Part of this the chapters weren't long but every chapter was marked into two or three sections with numbers

I also enjoyed this book since it was set in 2008. It was funny in a way to see them try to reach people when cell phones werent that common, gps didnt exist and people still used fax machines daily.

As for the ending it made the book a 4 star instead of a 3 star

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### Jennifer says

Although seventeen year old Teresa Farr did not like or get along with her dad and stepmother, she certainly didn't murder them, as some townspeople suspected. When a serial killer eventually confesses to the crime, Teresa begins to get her life back. However, eight years later, the "killer" recants his confession, and suspicion falls on Teresa again. Teresa begins receiving mysterious faxes, and objects from the past appear on her doorstep. Teresa doesn't know who she can trust anymore, as the threats and events continue to focus on her, and what really happened that night eight years ago.

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### Barbara ★ says

Theresa Farr has a serious problem - someone is trying to kill her. Theresa survived an attack eight years ago that killer her father, step-mother and severely wounded her step-sister. Now someone is terrorizing her and dropping pieces of the past on her porch.

I thought I had this figured out early in the book but the author kept throwing out false clues to muddle the air. The ending was truly a surprise but it nicely cleared up the remaining mysteries.

A few times in the book I was frustrated by the unnecessary repetition of things. But overall a good read. I

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would definitely read Carlene Thompson again.

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### **Kay says**

Great mystery. If you like Karen Rose and Wendy Corsi Staub you will enjoy this book. If you read Mary Higgins Clark, you will love reading Carlene Thompson's books [also Rose and Staub]. The killer is always a challenge to figure out.

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### **Toni says**

surprise, the last person I expected and I consider myself a little jaded when it comes to reading mysteries and guessing whodunit. My only complaint is that Teresa's family and so-called friends are depicted as about the most unpleasant people I've ever come across in literature lately. My continuing thought as she put up with this complaining, in-fighting, accusing relatives and associates was that she tell them all to shove it and get out of her life or shut up. Anyone with people like that around doesn't need an enemy sneaking up on her with a knife; they did enough back-stabbing as it was. Even Mac, who professes to love Teresa, doesn't come off particularly great in some instances, though he does stick by her in the end, and Teresa herself has one or two moments when she is very nice, either.

Other than that, it's a good read, suspenseful, with a suspect list that will keep you guessing. I changed my candidate for the killer several times before the end. So, if you can get past all the sniping and back-biting from the family and friends, you'll enjoy this story.

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### **Amy Phelps says**

Good story. A few misleading areas so it kept you guessing. The ending is sappy sweet but still it was a good story overall

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### **Guin says**

Ms. Thompson is once again in fine form! I recommend this book to all lovers of the gothic mystery. And not just because it's set in my home state.

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### **Mackenzie says**

What can I say?

I loved **If You Ever Tell**, I'm pretty sure it's the first book I've read by Thompson and to say the least, it will not be the last. I loved the plot of this novel, it was so well laid out and really well written. I loved the characters, they were all so realistic and likable. My favorite had to be Celeste, even though you didn't really

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get to know her until the end she was such a brave and strong girl. And of course, I loved the main character Teresa.

I was really surprised by who the murderer of Teresa's father and stepmother was. It completely took me off-guard. I stayed up until one in the morning to finish the book, just because it was getting to the end and it was really suspenseful. I couldn't wait until the morning to find out who the murderer was. The ending was incredible, I was really scared by it, haha. I had only a bedside lamp on and I had to turn the ceiling light on because I was too creeped out by what was happening. My heart was racing and I was so scared for the outcome. To me, that makes a really good book. I definitely recommend it. :)

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### **Polly says**

It wasn't the story line that made this book just OK for me - it was writing style. Many times it felt forced and cumbersome. this is the first book I've read by this author so I don't know if this is her usual style or if it's just unique to this book.

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### **Shonda says**

4.5 Stars

Theresa "Teri" wakes up one night and discovers the bodies of her father and step-mother in their bed. She immediately runs out of the room to check on her step-sister, Celeste, and runs into the killer. The killer stabs her in the arm, sparing her life, and flees into the night. A short time later, a serial killer confesses to the murders, despite the town believing Teri killed her father and step-mother.

The story takes place eight years later around July 4th weekend. The week of his execution, Roscoe Lee Byrnes recants his confession. Once again, suspicion falls on Teri. Meanwhile, Celeste is left mute after the murders and finally starts talking again. Memories flood her and soon she starts to piece together that tragic night. While she desperately attempts to recall the killer's face, the killer is watching and plotting his/her next move.

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### **Michelle says**

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### **Theresa Leone Davidson says**

Somewhat suspenseful story about a woman who, years after the murders of her father and stepmother, a crime for which she was suspected, is stalked by someone with apparent knowledge of the crime. Thompson tries a little too hard to channel her inner Agatha Christie and make everyone in the story a potential suspect; otherwise, it is a good mystery.

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### **Lennyb says**

Ein spannender Krimi, mit einer raffinierten Story - wie immer bei Carlene Thompson geht es um ein Ereignis aus der Vergangenheit - in diesem Fall einen Doppelmord, der 8 Jahre zuvor verübt wurde. Die Charaktere sind toll geschildert, die Geschichte bleibt das ganze Buch über spannend. Beste Krimi-Unterhaltung !!!

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### **Carol says**

Good mystery that takes place in Point Pleasant WV, my home state. Carlene Thompson is a good mystery writer along the lines of Mary Higgins Clark.

Teri Farr returns to her home town of Point Pleasant, WV, after the murder of her father and step-mother several years before, to open a riding stable. She had been suspected in these murders but a serial killer had confessed to them. Now, on the eve of his execution, he recants his confession of these two murders and sets off a series of mysterious events and more murders begin. Ms. Thompson keeps her readers on the edge of our seats to the end of the book.

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