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Having a celebrity in the family can be challenging, especially when your sister's famous for being a missing child.

The disappearance of Millie Jones has dominated the news for eight years, ever since the mediagenic toddler was snatched from a department store at Christmas time.

Certain that Millie is alive, her mother puts family life on hold to fight for the search to continue.

However, this Christmas things are changing. A shocking development causes the police to reopen the investigation and a new hope dawns.

The Other Daughter Details

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Wendy Unsworth says

This is a short story about a family whose first daughter went missing in a busy shop at Christmas time. She was lively three year old at the time, when the second child of the family, also a girl, was just a baby. The story opens with an argument between Rebecca, the mother, and daughter Bethany. Rebecca has promised not to speak to the media yet again on the anniversary of Millie's disappearance and bring the whole family into the spotlight, but she could not keep her word. She is compelled even after many years to keep her daughters disappearance in the public eye. To not give up on her.

Rebecca's determination is tearing her remaining family apart, in turn she cannot understand Bethany and Daniel's desire to move on with their lives, celebrate Christmas and enjoy family life even without the presence of Millie.

Then there is a knock at the door, the police have arrived and suddenly there has been a development. Having read the story I really think the title was well chosen. The 'other daughter' I first considered to be the missing Millie but the story is as much about Bethany. The whole family have suffered in their different ways but it is only when they come together to consider their loss collectively that the healing process can really begin.

Into a straightforward study of a family in crisis is added a nice little twist.

This is the first story I have read by Rosen Trevithick; I loved her natural style and will definitely read more of her work.

Naomi says

While I found this short story to be good, I didn't find it quite as powerful as this author's other short story, On the Rocks. I didn't feel the connection to the characters as with the aforementioned book, although this story was, like the other book, absolutely heartbreaking. I can't wait to read more from this author

Kristy McRae says

An interesting story of loss, grief, and healing. My only wish is that it was longer! I liked the arc of the story and the journey of the characters (especially the mother)--everything wraps up nicely. I would have liked to get to know the characters better through more details, more fleshing out. Still, though, an accurate, well-written snapshot of grieving and coming out the other side.

Jud says

[It describes the emotions and the mental state of the parents very wel

Jen says

Quick read. Freebie on the Kindle. Not bad, but kind of depressing and kind of twisted with Jemma. I felt the worst for Bethany, having to live in the shadow of a missing sister. Kind of ironic, even though her sister was kidnapped, Bethany could walk to school without someone with her, at nine years old. Not exactly excellent parenting. But they left the chain on the door for kidnapping protection. Ummmm... No. The ending was good though.

Rachel says

This short piece is amazing. With Natascha Kampusch, Jamie Bulger and Madeleine McCann all being names of children that we are aware of in the media, this fiction tells the tale of a family who are dealing with the aftermath of their 3 year old daughter Milly being kidnapped from a family shopping trip. 8 years have passed, and husband, wife and younger daughter are all suffering and dealing with the trauma and day to day grind in different ways. Then they hear on the news, another child, an 8 year old, has gone missing....

When a knock at the door comes, and the police say that they may have found Milly, alive, the family now have a whole new set of emotions and problems to deal with.....

This tale captivated my attention from the start and I could not put it down. Given that it is such a relevant and sensitive story for many, it is handled delicately and you really get a sense of the parents feelings of loss, anger and hurt. Stunningly written, this tale has a few twists and turns and a bittersweet ending. Very thought provoking stuff. I look forward to checking out this author's other works.

Dorretta Hunter says

This was a short story. It's a tragic and compelling story with a surprising ending. It's the only book I've read by this author, but I would read more of her books.

Tim says

Highly charged and rather emotional shot story about a family coming to terms with the eight years anniversary of their daughter going missing. I couldn't help think, while reading this, about the parents of Madeleine McCann and what they must be going through.

Very different from other stuff I've read of Rosen's but worth a read. Blokes: don't read it where anyone can see you ;)

Aunty Janet says

I'm not normally a short-story fan, but really liked this one. A daughter goes missing and the rest of the family deal with each in their own way. Eight years later she is still missing - this story explores how each family member copes without her.

Emma says

This is a short story about a very tragic event and the effects it has on a family. I found this book to be very well written and I really liked the Authors style. I enjoyed all the characters and felt the dynamic between them was very realistic. I like how the story concluded and it made for an uplifting end.

Desley (Cat fosterer) says

A missing daughter, and how a family comes to terms with it.

Even though this is a short story, Rosen has managed to pack enough in to make you really feel for the characters and want to know what will happen.

As ever, another good read from Rosen, and I Can't wait to read more of hers.

Tracy Oliphant says

Interesting short story..

Andrew Lawston says

Rosen Trevithick's story The Other Daughter was a bit of a revelation for me as a reader of this author's stuff. I'd previously read her novel Pompomberry House and its prequel, as well as London, the Doggy and Me, so was used to comedy with a hint of the macabre.

The Other Daughter is a much more serious affair, dealing as it does with a family thrown into eight years of misery after the abduction of the oldest daughter on a Christmas shopping trip. Although Rosen wisely steers clear of child abuse in favour of focusing on the psychological trauma of parents losing a child, this is strong, edgy stuff, and a theme that seems more timely than ever in light of all the unpleasant things we're hearing about Jimmy Savile, not to mention the recent April Jones case.

Well-written and compelling, with an ending that just feels right, The Other Daughter isn't an easy read, but it's worth the effort.

Carina says

I found myself very disappointed with this book, from the description I expected something very very different from what I got. Now, I am fine with books having twists and turns and being different from what I expect but, with this one I felt more... lied to - despite the description being correct. What the description says is what happens in the book but somehow ... mm.

I'll admit it was well written, and I certainly didn't see the 'twist' coming. As other reviewers have said this is

a very sensitive and topical subject and I can imagine that the emotions conveyed here are very much what people in this situation would go through.

I might just have to class this as not being my cup-of-tea, but I will say that, for the 30 minutes or so reading this takes, you could definitely be reading a worse book.

LaMarr Wenrich says

This is a short story about a family whose first daughter went missing during the Christmas holidays. This little girl was a lively three year old at the time. Their second child, also a girl, was just a baby. This tale held my attention from the start and I could not put it down. In today's world, it is such a relevant and sensitive story for many. Rosen Trevithick handles it delicately while allowing the reader to really experience the parents' feelings of loss, anger and hurt. Beautifully written, this story has a few twists and turns and a bittersweet ending. It definitely causes one to think on things we otherwise wouldn't. Rosen helps us see the painful steps a family must endure in order to live with such a tragedy. Every family member suffers--even the baby sister Bethany--who did not know Millie. Only when they come together and accept that they've all suffered, can the healing process can really begin.

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