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The second in the thrilling *New York Times* bestselling series from Mary Higgins Clark and Alafair Burke, follows television producer Laurie Moran as she investigates the cold case of a bride who went missing days before her wedding.

Five years ago, Amanda Pierce was excitedly preparing to marry her college sweetheart. She and Jeffrey had already battled through sickness and health, although their livelihoods looked set as Amanda was due to inherit her father's successful garment company.

Then Amanda disappeared the night of her bachelorette party.

In present-day New York, Laurie Moran realizes a missing bride is the perfect cold case for her *Under Suspicion* television series to investigate. By recreating the night of the disappearance at the wedding's Florida resort with Amanda's friends and family, Laurie hopes to solve the case. Laurie and her *Under Suspicion* host Alex Buckley soon find themselves overwhelmed with theories and rumors about the "beloved" bride from those who were involved with the wedding, including Amanda's former fiancé, a jealous sister, and plenty of playboy groomsmen.

One thing is certain, whoever was behind Amanda's vanishing plans to keep the truth hidden "until death do they part."

### All Dressed in White Details

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## From Reader Review All Dressed in White for online ebook

### Holly says

\*3.5 stars

This has been my first MHC book I've read in years! Back in the day, I only read mysteries and she was always one of my top authors to read. I don't know why I stopped reading her books. Her books are easy fast reads but manage to capture your attention to keep you reading late into the night. What I like about MHC books is that its just simply a mystery. Not a lot of suspense and gore; just trying to solve the case. There's no intricate details either. It was a classic MHC story. I haven't read the first book in the series, The Cinderella Murder, but I'll be looking forward to getting to it soon.

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### Magdalena aka A Bookaholic Swede says

I've been going through my eARCs and the best part is when I discover that my audiobook service has books I have had for a long time to read. Like this one. Confession, I have never read a Mary Higgins Clark book before, despite that she has written A LOT of books. So, this one was my first and I quite liked the book.

The book feels a bit like reading Murder she Wrote episode if you know what I mean. A crime has been committed and someone in the group around the person has committed the crime. Now the person investigating the crime, in this case, Laurie Moran who has a cold case TV series. I liked Laurie Moran, she is a good character and I liked how bringing all the people to a reenactment of the wedding finally gave some answers to the missing bride question.

This is not the most complex kind of story, but it's very pleasant. The narrator was good and I quite enjoyed this not too long story about a missing bride. Frankly, this book was so pleasant that when I found a Mary Higgins Clark book in the library at work, where we can leave and take books, did I bring it home with me. I liked the structure of the book and I definitely will read more Mary Higgins Clark books when I feel like I want something between heavier and more draining books.

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### Vi~Inkvotary says

Inkvotary

A very good thriller. Nice, solid entertainment and a huge surprise at the end. Never expected this figure to be the bad person who took all these lives. But I would have liked it very much to get to know a bit more about the relationship between Amanda and her elder sister Charlotte. But okay, you can't have everything. I liked the way this thriller was written, very much. Fast, diversified, a great plot and characters who aren't what they seem to be at first sight. If you like Mary Higgins Clark in combination with Alafair Burke, you should read this book.

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## Monnie says

Every now and then, I just want to sit back and be entertained. Mind you, I still want a good whodunit - I'm just not in the mood for blood and guts, big guns blasting in the desert or super-heroes (or heroines) who can take down a dozen martial arts professionals with one hand tied behind their back and the other in a cast.

Enter Mary Higgins Clark, who's pretty much guaranteed to come through on that score, and this one - the second in the *Under Suspicion* series co-written with Alafair Burke - fills the bill nicely. It's well written in what I'd call "civilized" language, has a well-thought-out plot and believable characters and held my attention throughout.

Like its predecessor, *The Cinderella Murder* (which earned 4 stars from me, BTW), this one features New York reality TV show producer Laurie Moran, who's trying to settle on the cold case to showcase in her next investigative series titled *Under Suspicion*. Just as she's about to make her pick, she's visited by the still-distraught mother of an almost-bride named Amanda who disappeared on the eve of her wedding in Palm Beach five years ago. The mother pleads with Laurie to do a show about her daughter, and after some checking around, Laurie agrees it's a great idea. So, she and her team head to Florida to recreate the pre-wedding activities at a posh hotel, reeling in members of the wedding party to be interviewed by show host (and Laurie's love interest) attorney Alex Buckley.

The actions and emotions of all the wedding participants are put under the microscope as Laurie, helped by her retired-cop father, start digging deeper into what really happened. As might be expected, just about every character comes under suspicion at one point or another right up to the end, when the murderer is revealed. I didn't guess the identity of the culprit beforehand, but neither was I surprised since they all had reason to at the very least dislike Amanda and most also had means, motive and opportunity.

If you like murder on the lighter side - even once in a while, like me - give this one a try. I don't think you'll be disappointed.

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## Jan says

Amanda Pierce disappeared just before her wedding was to take place in Palm Beach at the Grand Victoria Hotel. Five years later, her mother begs Laurie, developer of the Under Suspicion team to investigate Amanda's disappearance. Clark, in her usual form, fully developed her characters and added vivid detail to each and every scene. All in the bridal party were suspect, especially the groom and as the interviews with each of them are concluded, one isn't positive who was guilty despite everyone having their own theory. A delight to read.

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## Sara says

Very, very tricky Ms. Clark...just when I start to complain (loudly) that you're losing you're wonderfully campy, melodramatic edge you up and start writing with the super fresh and super talented Alafair Burke!!!! Well played madame, well played...

If you've read any of my previous Mary Higgins Clark reviews (which I encourage as they are funny) you

will know that I hold this lovely, perfectly coiffed (to the point where I am certain she shellacs her head every morning) maven of the soap opera mystery scene warmly in my little, mass market mystery loving heart. No where else will you find better looking heroines! No other author quite manages to describe in astoundingly minute detail every single piece of furniture in a room down to its builder and price, the exact paint shade of any wall, or each article of clothing each of the characters in a scene are wearing like Ms. Clark. There is simply no other author who quite lands the incredibly tricky "total psychopath murderer who murders people just cause!" trope like her!

But, but, but it must be said that her last several novels have missed the mark. Oh the heroines are as successful and well dressed as ever and the murderers are still murdering for no good reason but the spark has kind of gone out.

Until now!!!! I am pleased as punch to tell you all that the delightful Ms. Burke who's own *The Ex* so delighted me a few weeks ago, has breathed some much needed life back into the old girl! We still get all the Clark trademarts (overly described clothes and hairstyles and more characters than you'd find at a Duggar family reunion) but the plot is moving again! There's even some dramatic tension and I found myself full of a shocking amount of interest in whodunnit!?!?

*All Dressed In White* is actually the third in what they're calling the "Under Suspicion" series which began with a book I lambasted called *I've Got You Under My Skin* where a television "news" program called "Under Suspicion" under the direction of the (beautiful and well dressed and well off) Laurie investigates cold cases (and thus far conveniently solves all of them) by forcing everyone involved to relive the entire horrible sequence of events usually in the place their loved one either died or disappeared. But she's really nice to everyone while she forces them to relive their trauma so its okay.

In this case the TV crew is trying to solve the disappearance of Amanda who vanished five years previously on the eve of a destination wedding in Florida that she may not have wanted to go through with. Her family is torn between believing her dead and wondering if she started a new life somewhere else and there's a list of suspects a mile long. But, Laurie and her team are on the case and before we can say "Random Psycho" five times fast she's accused practically every character and stumbled onto some pretty obvious evidence actual police somehow missed and all comes to a happy end!!!! Well except for the dead people. And the psycho.

This was super fun, and trashy but (and I strongly suspect Ms. Burke's hand here) there was a surprising and totally uncharacteristic amount of depth and feeling to some of these characters and some hidden agenda's that went more than a little above and beyond the usual Clark "I'm just doing this cause I'm crrraaaazzyyyyyyy even though I've seemed totally normal up till now" plot. I sped right through this and was heartily entertained the whole way through!

Huzzah for trashy mysteries!!!!

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## Alex is The Romance Fox says

*All Dressed in White* by Mary Higgins Clark and the 3rd book in the Under Suspicion Series, written in collaboration with Alafair Burke, featuring Laurie Moran, a television star, who has her own show that investigates cold cases.

Laurie is asked by a distraught mother, to investigate the disappearance of her daughter, Amanda Pierce, on the night before her wedding five years ago.

Labeled all those years ago as the Runaway Bride crime, it had never been resolved.

Laurie's producer agrees to her doing the show, she immediately gets the wedding party from that event together at the place where the wedding was supposed to have taken place.

It felt a bit like an Agatha Christie novel.....get all the possible suspects together in one place and gather more information about the night of the bride's disappearance.

Having accepted to appear in her show are the missing bride, Amanda Pierce's parents, her groom who has since married Meghan White, her friend and bridesmaid, Charlotte Pierce, her sister, Kate Fulton, friend and bridesmaid, Henry Pierce, her brother and the groomsmen, Nick Young and Austin Pratt. All seem to be keeping secrets and grudges.

Revelations include family drama, deception, rivalry, money that ends in the most unexpected and shocking climax.

The writing style is smooth, clever misdirections about who could be the killer, great plot, likeable characters, fabulous location, romance, suspense, mystery...all adds up to another great read by these authors.

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## Vivian says

Laurie Moran and her team have been researching and preparing pitch ideas for the next Under Suspicion television show. They've narrowed their choices down to three unsolved cases when the mother of the so-called "runaway bride" comes in and asks that they find out the truth about her daughter's disappearance. Laurie is sure that this case is the case for Under Suspicion to investigate in **All Dressed In White** by Mary Higgins Clark and Alafair Burke.

Normally Laurie and her team has weeks, if not months, to prepare and investigate a case for their television show. All that changes with the impromptu visit of Sandra Pierce, on behalf of her missing daughter and bride-to-be Amanda Pierce. Now the team has less than a week to do the background on each member of the wedding party, obtain everyone's permission to appear on the show, and book the Florida resort the wedding would have taken place at five years earlier. It doesn't take long before Laurie realizes that not everyone saw Amanda in the same loving light as her mother. Amanda's sister had and continues to have jealousy issues? Amanda's best friend and maid of honor is now married to Amanda's former fiance. And Amanda's fiance stands to gain a couple of million dollars in her will despite an ironclad prenuptial agreement. Did Amanda get cold feet and simply walk away from her fiance, job, and family or was her disappearance due to more deadly motives?

I found **All Dressed in White** to be a fast-paced and enjoyable read, as well as a great addition to the Under Suspicion series. This story provides just a little more background and insight into Laurie and Alex's growing relationship, adding a little bit of a romance element to this mystery. I found the characters to be well-developed, realistic and likable. The authors provide just enough information to the reader that almost every member of the bridal party becomes suspicious until the bitter end (no, I won't reveal whodunnit...read the book!). The story takes a few twists and turns along the way, but that only added to my overall enjoyment. If you enjoy reading mysteries or simply are looking for something a little different to read this fall, then I suggest you grab a copy of **All Dressed in White**.

## Ti Emme Rock says

Una trama banale e ricca di incongruenze. Il libro si legge piuttosto velocemente, anche perché privo di consistenza. I personaggi non suscitano particolari emozioni e non ci sono colpi di scena, fatta eccezione per il finale (senza senso!). Ma per favore!!! ???

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## Daniella says

I've been reading Mary Higgins Clark's mystery thrillers for a decade now, and I've read so many of them that I've already lost count. She is my go-to writer whenever I want a heart-pounding mystery. And this book did not disappoint in that aspect.

*All Dressed in White* is the second novel in her *Under Suspicion* series, which features our heroine, Laurie, as she tries to uncover the truth about Amanda Pierce's disappearance. Amanda went missing 5 years ago, just a day before her dream wedding. Everyone assumed that she had "cold feet," or she planned out the disappearance to get away from her family's overbearing presence in her life.

But of course, things are not as they appear. Everyone is a suspect, each having their own motive to silence Amanda. Lies are spoken, secrets revealed.

And the most terrifying thing about this story? **Mary Higgins Clark narrates it in a way that draws you in the maelstrom of deceit, hatred and envy.** You have no way of escaping.

So if it's such an emotionally compelling book, why the three stars? Well, the ending was underwhelming, and Laurie was not what I expected from Mary Higgins Clark's heroines. Some of the characters I absolutely hated (yeah, I'm a big stickler for morality and I just couldn't tolerate what they did). Plus, the romance between Laurie and Alex was handled rather poorly.

Would I read more of this series? I'm not really sure. I honestly prefer her stand-alone books.

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## Vilija Jankūnaitė says

Po emocijų proveržio skaitant "Mes dedame tašką" norėjosi kažko, kas šiek tiek prablaškytų. Dėl to ? rankas pasiūpau "Dingusi? nuotak?", mat pagal aprašymą buvo galima spręsti, jog tai bus detektyvas.

Nesu detektyvų profesionalė, tad nežinau, kaip juos reiktų vertinti, tad vertinu tik pagal vieną dalyką - arba ?traukia, arba ne. Deja, šįkart nebuvo taip, kad žibtų degiaiu noru vėl imti knygą ? rankas ir skaityti. Dėl to pati knyga nėra bloga - nors joje tiriama dingusios nuotakos byla, rašytojos puikiai sužaidžia su skaitytojo smegenimis ir ko gero kiekvienas knygos herojus spėja bent kartą pabūti ?tariamuoju. Tačiau didžiausias šios istorijos minusas man buvo knygos nesusetumas. Skyriai labai trumpi (kas šiaip yra plusas, nes aš mėgstu trumpus skyrius), bet šiuo atveju jie buvo labai neišpildyti, dėl to pats detektyvas yra lyg ir sudarytas iš atskirų gabalų. Tačiau reziume skaitymas buvo malonus - patiks visiems, k? domina ?vair?s dingimai ir mirtys, detektyvai, televizini?s laidos ir porų/draugų/šeimos santykių analiz?s.

## Brenda says

*Under Suspicion* had become very successful in the short time Laurie Moran had been running the show. When searching for their next cold case in the series to investigate, Laurie had been approached by Sandra Pierce, the mother of a young woman who had been touted in the media as "The Runaway Bride" – five years previously Amanda had been with her family and bridal party at The Grand Victoria Hotel in Palm Beach in the days before her big day. Then with only one full day left until the ceremony, Amanda had vanished.

As the *Under Suspicion* team researched and investigated, their preparations took them to the Florida hotel, where they were to recreate the night of Amanda's disappearance. Even though the members of the original wedding party had moved on with their lives, they had all agreed to come together to try to discover what had happened. Along with Amanda's fiancé now being married to her best friend, also a member of the wedding party, Laurie could tell the vibes from other people within the group were varied. The jealousy and blame, theories and speculations were intense – Laurie and her team, including host Alex Buckley knew this mystery would deepen; the lies would intensify, before the truth would hopefully be exposed...

When I read the first in this series, *The Cinderella Murder* by author Mary Higgins Clark and Alafair Burke I thoroughly enjoyed it. Book #2, *All Dressed in White* is another gripping instalment; I'll be continuing with this series! Filled with twists and turns that lead the reader first one way, then the next; I found I couldn't put it down. *All Dressed in White* is a fabulous crime/mystery novel which I have no hesitation in recommending highly.

With thanks to NetGalley and the publishers for my copy to read and review.

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## Joanne Robertson says

Getting your hands on the latest Mary Higgins Clark book is just like popping on an old pair of comfy pjs and knowing exactly what to expect, a cosy, easy to read, mystery. This author has written many books and her formula seems to work very well, a murder (or disappearance in this case) a cast of suspects who all seem to have something to hide, told in short chapters (just one more before I go to sleep!) with a neatly tied up ending.

This is the second novel about the *Under Suspicion* tv series that Mary has well-written with Alafair Burke (another favourite writer of crime mysteries). It is a stand alone that takes place after "The Cinderella Murder" and again features Laurie Moran who's husband Greg was murdered in "I've got you under my skin". Laurie is visited by Sandra Pierce, the mother of Amanda, who disappeared the day before her wedding 5 years ago. Known as *The Runaway Bride*, it is assumed she got cold feet but Laurie suspects foul play and gathers all those in the wedding party back to the luxury resort where the wedding was due to take place 5 years beforehand. With host Alex and the team they plan to film *Under Suspicion* and hopefully solve the mystery of what happened to Amanda.

Don't be put of by the addition of Alafair Burke here as this is a classic Mary Higgins Clark mystery, its formulaic approach to solving the crime is as its always been with the short, easy to read chapters. Laurie is a likeable heroine with her cute little boy Timmy and she again has the help of her dad Leo with both childcare and investigating. Her side story of a budding romance with Alex also continues, albeit as a very slow burner!

Recommended for fans of the old Mary Higgins Clark novels and for newcomers to this series. I received a copy of the book via netgalley in return for an unbiased review.

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## Kathy says

4.5 stars.

*All Dressed in White* is the latest addition to **Mary Higgins Clark & Alafair Burke's** *Under Suspicion* mystery series. In this outing, the cast and crew of the cold case TV show are profiling the unsolved disappearance of a bride who vanished five years earlier.

Television producer Laurie Moran is about to pitch her latest ideas for the next episode in her popular television show when Sandra Pierce drops by her office in hopes of convincing Laurie to feature her missing daughter's case. Dubbed the Runaway Bride, Amanda Pierce vanished without a trace the day before her destination wedding and no one has seen or heard from her again. Despite a thorough investigation, the police could not say with any certainty that foul play was involved in her disappearance, but Sandra remains convinced Amanda's fiancé Jeff Hunter murdered her for financial gain. Once all of the members of the wedding party and Amanda's family agree to participate in the show, Laurie, along with her cast and crew, head to Palm Beach to reenact the events leading up to Amanda's disappearance in hopes of solving the case.

Laurie is no stranger to losing a loved one to murder and she understands better than anyone Sandra's need for answers about her daughter's disappearance. Laurie's preliminary research supports the theory that Amanda did not leave under her own volition but with a plethora of suspects, which includes not only Jeff, but his current wife (and Amanda's best friend) Meghan White, and Amanda's sister Charlotte, Laurie still has a lot of work ahead of her. New clues emerge after reviewing the security footage from the hotel, but there is still very little evidence as to the perpetrator's identity. During the course of the investigation, it also becomes apparent there are several members of the wedding party who are harboring secrets they are reluctant to have revealed.

The pool of suspects is vast and the information that Laurie uncovers does not help narrow down her list or their possible reason for murdering Amanda. Jeff is a natural suspect since he stood to gain a vast fortune in the event of Amanda's death. His rather quick marriage to Meghan also paints him in an unflattering light but does that also make him a killer? Meghan also falls under suspicion considering her marriage to Jeff but Laurie also discovers the two women were quarreling in the days leading up to Amanda's disappearance. Close friend Kate Fulton is afraid a secret she is keeping will be exposed but does this have any bearing on what happened to Amanda? Jeff's groomsmen are obnoxious and seemingly harmless but their actions are also closely scrutinized throughout the investigation. A surprise suspect emerges after the wedding photographer remembers his assistant was not initially questioned after Amanda's disappearance. News about the murder of a student from the same campus where several of the key players attended college piques Laurie's interest but is there any connection between that long ago homicide and Amanda's case?

Intricately plotted with a fantastic cast of characters, *All Dressed in White* is a cleverly written whodunit. This engaging and fast-paced mystery will stymie readers as Laurie and her team investigate their latest cold case in hopes of discovering the truth about what happened to missing bride Amanda Pierce. Another excellent collaboration from **Mary Higgins Clark & Alafair Burke** that old and new fans of the *Under Suspicion* series are sure to love.

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## **Melissa says**

As a longtime fan of Mary Higgins Clark I am always excited about reading her newest books. Honestly though her books lately have gotten predictable and not as exciting but her newest series Under Suspicion with Alafair Burke has helped returned her to her spot as the queen of suspense.

All Dressed in White like my other favorite Mary Higgins Clark books was hard to put down. I sped through it enjoying all the twist and turns that kept me caught up in the story and having to know what happened next. The moment you think you solved what happened to Amanda Pierce something new is added to send you back to square one. This is actually the first book in a long time that I did not figure out right away and left me surprised.

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