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Mary says

so glad I gave this author a second chance...grabbed me from the start and kept me on the edge of my seat...nothing like her first book I read...characters so real to life...it was as if it was happening in my neighborhood...did not even come close to figuring out who done it...until the second from last chapter...and then she still put a spin on it that had me triple guessing my choice...will definitely look for more of her books!

Jolie says

Whiny, ungrateful, one dimensional characters. I agree with a previous review, not enough of them die in the book.

Teresa in ohio says

Have read others by her and is on my list "to get current" this year with, I figured I had another good suspense novel to read. It needed some serious editing, I actually skipped about 100 pages and didnt lose the meaning of the book. It had too many characters, too many red herrings and too much of everything else, to be a good novel. What it did have was a stellar ending, that made it worth the read.

Lori says

I am a fan of Wendy Corsi Straub. However, this book was a chore to get thru. Too much about complaining moms and their kids.

Sheyna Galyan says

While I figured out the "whodunit" about halfway through, I mostly enjoyed seeing how the author resolved all of the red herrings. The biggest things that tripped me up throughout the book were two characters named Fletch and Mitch. One is an adult, the other a teen, unrelated to each other. but the "tch" names meant that I could not keep them straight. When I first tried to read this book, I had small children, and the opening scene terrified me. Now, years later, I could handle it. But if you are the parent of young children and sensitive to suspense, you might want to wait on this one for a while.

Jim C says

My actual rating is 2.5 stars.

A thriller where wives in a well to-do town are being murdered. This book keeps you guessing till the end who the killer is. This is not the author's best book. My problem with this novel is the author explained how these wives who seem to have everything are miserable and not leading the perfect life. The suspense took too long to build. Also, there were some aspects of characters that just were not needed. If you want a book where you have no idea who the villain is, this is the novel for you.

Lisa Greer says

I think of this one often. Tasha, the confused and worried housewife is no stereotype. She seemed SO real as did the busy husband. This is the best by Corsi Staub that I've read...

Rhonda says

A well written book that gives you at least 4 people that "could of done it". As the book progresses, if you catch the clues, you will start dropping suspects.

Be warned, the book is bloody, but suspenseful.

It's one of those that you won't want to put down, but be careful where you leave off if reading in bed at night. Might be hard to fall asleep!

Lori Henrich says

I have to say that it took me longer than normal to read this story. When you are slightly tired and trying to read this, it is confusing when the story changes from one perspective to another. The copy I was reading didn't have a break or space between each persons part of the story.

When Jane's baby girl is found and her mother is nowhere to be found the police are baffled. When more tragedy occurs the clues lead the police in the wrong direction. This story definitely gets you hooked and takes you on a wild ride with twists and turns that keep you guessing until the end. Definitely a wild ride.

Ladyslott says

Very good suspense story. There is a serial killer on the loose in quiet suburban Townsend Heights. Young stay at home mothers are the victims, all friends of Tasha Banks, and Tasha is afraid she's next. Staub's book is well plotted, with plenty of suspects and lots of red herrings. I have to say I didn't figure out the killer until the very end, and was taken completely by surprise, a rare thing for me. I will be reading more of Ms. Staub's books.

Jill Heather says

It's perfectly adequate as a thriller book, though mostly I regret that more of the characters in the book don't die, because they're almost all detestable.

Jennifer Jowsey says

lots of whining about being a stay-at-home mother, or complaining about their kids, anti-working women ... the mystery and murders were all secondary to what the kids were wearing or playing with. yawn.

Ralph McEwen says

There is the hook in the prologue. Then there is about 100 pages describing a bunch of whiney self centered characters, which left me hoping the murder killed most of them. Then the mystery of showing possible murders while giving them alibis. Finally the murderer is revealed and who it is was not as shocking as the author wanted.

(IMO -YMMV)

Lovviner says

So so.

Louise says

I have become such a fan of Wendi Corsi Staub and look forward with pleasure to her novels. They always keep me turning page after page after page and often find I read the novel in one sitting. She writes a good suspense novel, just when you "think" you've got it figured out, BAM another twist!!

From back cover:

"Townsend Heights is the perfect small town. Sleepy, treelined streets. Good schools. A quick commute to the city. The sort of peaceful, suburban existence Tasha Banks dreamed of living when she left her fast paced career for full-time motherhood.

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