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**‘AMAZING. I read it in one go. I was totally hooked.’ MARIAN KEYES**

**‘Utterly addictive. Compulsive, twisty, tense.’ CLAIRE DOUGLAS, author of Local Girl Missing**

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But as Emily is about to discover, no one’s life is perfect ... and not everything is as it seems.

## Her Name Was Rose Details

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### Dannii Elle says

When Emily lets a young mother step in-front of her when leaving the lift she never imagined that she would follow her onto the street and witness her murder. This woman took her place and has become the most recent headline horror story as the victim of a hit-and-run. But as this woman took her place, perhaps, Emily reasons, she could take hers in return?

Emily provided such an interesting psyche in which to peer at the world through. She was not without her flaws and the dark secrets that haunted her past made her as unreliable as any other character, and this provided further puzzlement about who was to trust and who was to fear. Without even the protagonist for proper guidance, the reader was left to unravel the web of lies and secrets alone, that have a woman's death at the heart of it.

Rose, the woman who lost her life, was not without her own buried secrets. Chirpy online statuses only reveal so much and the truth behind the emojis was left for the living to decipher. The incorporation of social media into this already convoluted story-line added another layer of intrigue. It was scary how easily any one could access the personal information of a stranger and to see the ease in which Emily accessed Rose's life was eerily terrifying and yet accurately believable.

Whilst the story provided many points of intrigue I found, as a whole, things started to unravel for me the further the story progressed. There were too many secrets and too many lies and not all had a bearing in the outcome of the murder. Whilst the red herrings did muddy the waters and make me sleuth all the harder, they also made this a little overwhelmingly dense for such a sort book and the lack of truth and goodness made this appear a little unbelievable.

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### Melissa In The City &#x1f942; says

Loved this! I give it 4 ????

Perfect example of "the grass isn't always greener on the other side of the fence" as we watch Emily, one of the main characters, step into Rose's life or into her shoes so to speak. She's kind of a sad lonely girl and not reliable but I felt bad for her and found myself rooting for her to get a good break in life, even though I wanted to shake the crazy out of her ?

I actually think Rosè was a main character as well because this whole story revolves around her and her life even though she was deceased.

I enjoyed the way Rose's story was told with her past Facebook updates followed by her story.

Really, no one was reliable here and covered by Facades, "perfect" life Facebook statuses, even clothing styles that were someone else's.

Definitely a page turner!

Thank you #NewGalley, the publisher and Clair Allen for the generous ARC copy in exchange for my honest review. Thank you!! ?wishing you best success when this is released June 28thhhh

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### Jenny says

Have you ever started a trip and you are sure you know the way? In fact, you don't even GPS it because you tell yourself that it's down this road but suddenly you see a street on your right and that seems like the way to go. So you make the right turn to get to your destination but that's wrong so you turn again and while that road looks familiar, it is still not the way.

Eventually, you get there but your trip took a few detours because it turns out that you weren't really as familiar with that path as you thought.

Claire Allan's book, *Her Name Was Rose*, is like that trip. It seems familiar at times but at the end it takes you down a few streets that are brand new.

Main character, Emily, witnesses the hit and run of a woman. Her name was Rose. Emily becomes obsessed with Rose and her life. She immerses herself into Rose's world in a near stalkerlike fashion.

As Emily struggles to come to terms with her own troubled past and demons, she tries to learn everything about the seemingly perfect life of Rose. Looks can be deceiving and will Emily see the truth before it is too late.

Claire Allan's psychological thriller was addictive, complex and full of all the twists and turns of a great book that you won't want to put down.

Thank you to Netgalley for a copy of this book. This did not effect my review of this book. #netgalley #hernamewasrose #claireallan

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### **Lou says**

An engaging read from the first page to the last - it does start out as a slow-burn but picks up pace towards the end, and I couldn't put it down. A powerful and emotional psychological thriller, it keeps you guessing right the way through. It had me fully engaged and had an ending that I didn't predict. The book does tackle the sensitive subject of domestic violence in a respectful way, which I admired. Emily, the protagonist, is a character I could not warm up to. I don't wish to reveal anything to potential readers so I will just say that she is a teeny bit cray cray!

*HER NAME WAS ROSE* gives the author plenty of room to grow into her next fiction novel, I would read her next book although it wouldn't be at the top of my to-be-read pile.

A big thank you to Claire Allan, Avon Books UK, and NetGalley for the opportunity to read an ARC in exchange for an honest review.

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### **Malia says**

This book was such a positive surprise! I admit, I went into it thinking it might be another ho-hum thriller, the plot and characters of which I would regrettably quickly forget (there have been a few of those lately, hence my initial negativity). Well, I am very happy to say I was wrong. *Her Name Was Rose* is about a woman, Emily, dealing with regret and a loss of identity and wanting so badly to find some happiness. Somewhat naively, she inserts herself in a role that isn't really hers, and gets wrapped up in a twisted mystery in the process. I won't say more about the plot, because you don't want any of the twists spoiled for you, but I will say, it kept me on my toes. I guessed one part of the reveal fairly early on, but it didn't really matter, because there were plenty more aspects of the mystery to come. That being said, for me, the reason I felt engrossed in this story wasn't so much the plot but the characters. If you are a character-driven reader like me, you might enjoy this as well.

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## **Amanda says**

Emily is sharing a lift with stranger Rose and her son Jack, when the lift door opens Emily smiles and lets them exit the lift first, as they walk towards the road Emily sees Rose step into the path of a speeding car that knocks into her, killing her instantly. Emily thinks the car was meant to have hit her!!

Emily after splitting with her ex Ben has been using Anti Anxiety pills and alcohol as an emotional crutch, she becomes obsessed at looking at Rosie's happy life on Facebook. From the outside they look like they had the perfect life and happy marriage, but as we all know we only see what people want us to see and with everybody sharing their happy memories on Facebook it is easy to see why people can become jealous of somebody else's life!!!

A book that starts with the shocking scene of Rosie's death, that keeps you fully immersed, there are loads of red herrings along the way to keep you guessing until the final page.

An easy reading book I read in 1 sitting and the ending has left me quite dizzy!!

Thank you to Netgalley for my copy in exchange for a review.

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## **Liz Barnsley says**

Her Name Was Rose was one of those read in one sitting books because you need to get to the end and see what exactly is what - Emily is an engaging and easy to follow main protagonist who gets herself all tied up in knots after witnessing a death. Embedding herself into every aspect of the dead woman's life in an attempt to find her own, she ends up in very hot water...

I liked this mostly for Emily because I wanted a happy ending for her, that's what I was after and it kept me reading to see if she got one. Well obviously you'll have to read this yourself to see if I got my wish, but that was the main interest of this story for me.

The psychological elements, the mystery parts if you like were, for this reader, way too predictable but I would caution that this is an ongoing thing for me now with this type of novel and doesn't really mean much to the next person coming in. This is well written and well plotted - the themes explored are currently relevant and therefore always interesting to read an angle on.

If I had one slight bugbear it was that I found the character of Cian to be a little caricature, but overall Her Name Was Rose was a highly enjoyable, entertaining and a classic example of it's kind.

Recommended for psychological thriller fans.

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## **Dash fan says**

4? Gripping Psychological thriller

Her Name was Rose is a chilling psychological thriller.

We have nearly all heard of the saying, we always want something we can't have!  
Well this is exactly the case with this book.

Emily wants a new life. One that she feels loved and valued. You see she was in an abusive relationship. So when she witnesses something awful. She becomes obsessed with the victims life.

That victim would be Rose!  
Emily becomes fixated/ infatuated with Rose's life. But not just discovering it in the background. She wants Rose's life and is more than happy to take it, no matter what the cost is. But not everything is as perfect behind closed doors!

Emily isn't exactly the most likeable character. But she's not meant to be. She's damaged and needy and that makes her unpredictable but the perfect character.

I really did enjoy this chilling psychological thriller. The pace is a little slower but as the plot thickens so does the pace.  
There are plenty of twists that kept me guessing.  
It's full of mystery, intrigue, suspense and it kept me gripped the whole time.

If you enjoy Psychological Thrillers with a good dose of mystery, that makes for a compulsive read. Then you will want to make sure you read Her Name was Rose.  
It's hard to believe this is CLAIRE ALLAN debut psychological thriller novel. I'm very excited to read more!

Thank you to Avon Books for this copy which I reviewed honestly and voluntarily.

My Review is also on my Blog Website :-

<https://dashfan81.blogspot.com/2018/0...>

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## **Maya says**

“In all the wild world, there is no more desperate a creature, than a human being on the verge of losing love.”  
~Atticus

It may be unusual to quote anyone else but the author when writing a book review but I feel like those words needed to be said so you can understand that there is a very thin, almost invisible line between pathetic and desperate, but a line nonetheless.

Rose has a picture perfect life, a handsome and successful husband that adores her, a beautiful baby boy, her job and friends that love her.

Emily has nothing.

She's broke, lost contact with her family, her only friend moved to the States and she can't break free from the demons in her past that are still haunting her.

When she witnesses Rose getting hit by a car that kills her instantly, she can't help but wonder what it would be like to wake up as Rose and take over her life, finally leaving past where it belongs.

There are no words wasted in this book, it's polished to perfection and I'm amazed that this is a first psychological thriller written by the author. It feels like this is what she was born to do. It feels like it's her home. This is one of the best domestic abuse themed novels I have ever read, it's right up there with "Into the darkest corner" and "Behind closed doors".

I predict this is going to be a huge 2018 hit and I can't wait til i have an actual copy in my hands so i can devour it all over again.

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### **Karla says**

\*\*\*3.5 stars!\*\*\*

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### **Linda Strong says**

Emily lets a woman and her child step out in front of her and then watches a car plow into her, killing her instantly. Her name was Rose.

Emily is certain that it was her fault ... she should have been the one hit by a car ... the one who died.

She gets mired in Rose's life. She follows her facebook pages, she even applies for the job that Rose had held. She makes Rose's friends her own. She wants the happiness that Rose lost .. a handsome man who treasured her, a child she loved passionately, good friends, family. All the things that Emily had never had.

But you know what they say ... be wary of what you wish for ... you just might get it.

This is a peek into a woman's life who wants more ... she wants what someone else has had. She also carries a secret with her .. a secret past that she definitely is hiding. And she's not the only one with a secret. But someone else's secret could be deadly.

This was suspenseful, although just a tad predictable. The ending did come as a surprise, though. This is the first I've read of this author, but would not hesitate to read her others.

Many thanks to the author / Avon Books UK / Netgalley / Edelweiss for the digital copy of this psychological thriller. Opinions expressed here are unbiased and entirely my own.

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### **Sue says**

HER NAME WAS ROSE is a psychological thriller by author Claire Allan. This is the first book that I requested and was approved on Edelweiss, a new site I recently joined. How exciting!

This was a commanding and emotional psychological thrill that keeps you guessing all the way through.

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And then the story takes off with a decision she can never change!

Emily is a needy individual who has come out of an abusive relationship feeling lost. She just wants to be loved!

Emily becomes obsessed with Rose's life. Rose had everything Emily had ever wanted...a loving family, with a husband and a son living in a spectacular home. And Emily longs to fill that gap...but at what cost?

Emily will soon learn that no one's life is perfect ... and not everything is as it seems.

Claire Allan's psychological thriller was addictive and full of twists and turns that make for a great book. I found that I was totally absorbed in this story, not just because it is a mystery but based on the well-developed characters that added strength to the novel.

Many thanks to Claire Allan, Avon (HarperCollins) and Edelweiss for my copy.

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### **Louise Wilson says**

When Emily lets a stranger step out in front of her, she never imagines in that split second will change her life.

When Emily sees a car plough into a young mother, killing her instantly, she finds it hard to move on. The woman's name was Rose, and Rose had everything Emily desired. Emily starts looking at Rose's social media learning all she can about her. Emily's life is not what she would like it to be and she is quickly convincing herself that she can take Rose's place. But did Rose have the life Emily longed for?

This is another one of these books I feel you can't give too much away as it will definitely spoil the plot for you. It's tense, gripping and you just have to keep turning the pages as you just want to find out more. This roller coaster read will have you on the edge of your seat. Loved it from the beginning to the end. This is the first book I have read from this author but it will not be the last. I read this book in one sitting.

I would like to thank NetGalley, Avon Books and the author Claire Allan for my ARC in exchange for an honest review.

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### **Sandy \*The world could end while I was reading and I would never notice\* says**

EXCERPT: It should have been me. I should have been the one who was tossed in the air by the impact of a car that didn't stop. 'Like a ragdoll,' the papers said.

I had seen it. She wasn't like a ragdoll. A ragdoll is soft, malleable even. This impact was not soft. There were no cushions. No graceful flight through the air. No softness.

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MY THOUGHTS: Her Name Was Rose by Claire Allan starts slowly, slowly sucking the reader into a vortex where it is impossible to know who to trust, who to believe. Just having finished this read, I feel shaken, still not sure which way is up, like I have just fallen from a giant tumble drier. But wow! What a ride. I enjoyed every page more than the last and wish I could have read it in one sitting. There are a few implausibilities but honestly?, I was so invested in the story that they really didn't matter. That rarely happens to me; usually these things niggle away at me, detracting from my enjoyment, but not this time.

4.5 stars and I will be checking out this author's other books.

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## Pauline says

Her Name Was Rose by Claire Allan was psychological thriller that keep me engaged all the way through. Emily witnesses a hit and run accident and it leaves her very shaken. She then becomes obsessed with the victim of the accident Rose and wants to find out everything about her life. This has far reaching consequences that means Emily becomes more and more involved with Rose's work colleagues and family. Quite a few twists and turns in this story and an ending I didn't see coming. I would like to thank NetGalley and Avon Books UK for my e-copy in exchange for an honest review.

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