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In #1 New York Times bestselling author Lisa Gardner's latest twisty thrill ride, Detective D. D. Warren and "Find Her"'s Flora Dane return in a race against the clock to either save a young girl's life . . . or bring her to justice.

The home of a family of five is now a crime scene: four of them savagely murdered, one—a sixteen-year-old girl—missing. Was she lucky to have escaped? Or is her absence evidence of something sinister? Detective D. D. Warren is on the case—but so is survivor-turned-avenger Flora Dane. Seeking different types of justice, they must make sense of the clues left behind by a young woman who, whether as victim or suspect, is silently pleading, *Look for me*.

## Look For Me Details

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## From Reader Review Look For Me for online ebook

### Gary says

This is the 9th book in the Detective D.D. Warren Series by author Lisa Gardner and the 4th book I have read in this series. My enjoyment was not spoiled by reading it out of order or by missing out other books in the series.

Four members of a family are brutally murdered, leaving a teenage girl and her two blind dogs the only survivors. They are all missing. leaving the burning question is she a victim or a killer?

A page turner that delivers, recommended.

I would like to thank Net Galley and Random House UK, Cornerstone for supplying a copy of this novel in exchange for an honest review.

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### Susanne Strong says

4.25\* Stars (rounded down)

In "Look For Me" by Lisa Gardner, D. D. Warren is Back. And this time she has help, not just from her department, but from Flora Dane, the woman who survived the unthinkable - being held captive for over 400 days (see Flora's story in Gardner's last book, "Find Her" - which sadly I missed). Why are they working together? D. D. is called to the scene of a quadruple murder of a family, who was viciously gunned down.

Turns out, one member of the family was missing during the massacre. The family's Sixteen Year Old Daughter, Roxy, who left the home early that morning with the family's two senile, blind dogs. Sounds suspicious, right? It's up to D. D. to figure out whether Roxy was a victim or the culprit. Why is Flora involved you ask? Well, she runs a Survivor Support Group and is the webmaster of a private discussion board and Roxy was a member, thus D. D. makes Flora a CI as it's clear that she has information that D. D. does not. What is clear from the get go is that Flora and D.D. make formidable team, they are witty, funny and know how to get things done.

Roxy ends up on the run. The question is why. That is for D. D. and Flora to find out. While Roxy was in school, she wrote some essays about the Perfect Family. Both her current family and her ideal. It is a poignant glimpse into a young woman's life.

This is more than just a mystery/suspense. It is a heart wrenching novel about the foster care system, and a family torn apart. Even though I had most of this story figured out fairly early on, it did not take away from my enjoyment of it. I loved the pacing and the banter between Flora and D.D.

"Look For Me" was only the second Lisa Gardner "D. D. Warren" book I've read and I can say for sure that after reading this one, I can't wait to read "Find Her" next as I'm hooked on Flora's story.

This was a Traveling Sister Read. It included: Brenda, Norma, Kacey, Melissa, Diane S., Holly and Mackey. It was a fabulously fun sister read and I loved every second of it. Thanks sisters!

Thank you to Edelweiss, Penguin Publishing Group and Lisa Gardner for an ARC of this novel in exchange for an honest review.

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## Melissa says

### \*3.5 stars\*

For all of you D.D. Warren fans out there . . . she's back. And she's not alone. Her new sidekick or CI, the infamous survivor, Ms. Flora Dane from Find Her proves to be a witty addition to the mix. I have to say, their sarcastic banter turned out to be my favorite part of the entire book.

Considering this is only my second time suiting up and preparing to dive into the deep end of the series, it's probably more accurate to say I've only just dipped in a toe or two. Just a teeny tiny feel of the vast pool that encompasses these characters. I don't fully understand D.D.'s beginnings or how her and Alex have progressed—no shocker there, I've missed 7 of the 9 books—but what I have picked up on is that maybe she's gotten a little softer around the edges. Now a mother, trying to balance a demanding career and family life, D.D.'s view on things might be a bit different. That's where Flora makes things interesting. Her quest to provide support and toughen up other survivors has made her gutsy and maybe even a tad impulsive, adding some much needed edge to the storyline. And the best part? She doesn't have to play by the same rules D.D. does.

When a family—mom, boyfriend and two children—end up gunned down in their own home and the oldest daughter, sixteen-year-old Roxy, is nowhere to be found, the question becomes, is she involved or a victim herself? Could she be the one that pulled the trigger and ended her entire family? D.D. and Flora's alternating perspectives, combined with essay excerpts from Roxy, offer a candid look at the relationship dynamics at play here and what it means to be a family. Regret. Mistakes. Forgiveness. Repair.

Was this the most epic read my eyes have ever landed on? *Nope*. Was it entertaining? *Absolutely*. Will I find time for the next book? *Of course*. Much more than just a police procedural, Look for Me examined how the foster system fails so many innocent children every day and the irreparable damage caused by abuse. Prepare to have your heart trampled.

*Despite the sad topics at hand here, this was another fun buddy read with the Traveling Sisters. As always, thanks for the entertaining discussion ladies. ♥*

*\*Thank you to Edelweiss and Dutton for a copy in exchange for an honest review.*

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## Emma says

There is no possibility of putting this book down, from the shocking dorm room slaying of the opening sequence to the who-really-did-it resolution saved right till the end.

The story is told between three main voices: DD Warren- homicide detective, Flora Dane- kidnap survivor and vigilante, and Roxy-a missing girl who may be in danger or who *is* the danger. While investigating the family annihilation and disappearance of Roxy in their individual fashions, Dane and Warren bounce off each other, too similar in some respects and in complete opposition in others. They're great characters, each a vibrant, complicated woman who isn't prepared to back down but who both want to work this case with intelligence, resolve, and passion. It's this that gives them the connection they need to make it work, despite having obvious reservations... Roxy has a much more vulnerable and tortured voice, told through a personal

narrative writing assignment set by the school, she's had it hard, and is still so young that you feel her pain acutely, even as you're aware that it might have taken her to a dark place.

Cleverly plotted, with the kind of high-energy uncertainty that keeps you turning pages beyond the time for lights out, this was a thrilling read. I hadn't read any DD Warren books before this one and didn't suffer for it, but I'll be looking into the previous instalments as I enjoyed the characters so much. I certainly hope we see more of Flora and her band of survivors in the future-their own series maybe??

ARC via Netgalley

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### **Linda Strong says**

When four members of a family are brutally murdered, there is only one survivor .. a teenage girl and her two blind dogs. They are all missing. Is she a victim? .. or a killer?

Flora Dane was last seen in FIND HER. She is reunited with Detective Warren in this story of love, loss, strength, surviving, perseverance. Flora Dane is a survivor herself but she has turned vigilante. Flora has resources that Warren can't touch, but it's going to take the two of them to find the missing teen and either save her life .. or put her in jail.

Whether suspect or victim, this girl has had a really bad life. Roxy's story is told by a series of papers she has written talking about family and the awful things that happened to her and her younger sister and brother while they were in foster care for one very long, horrifying year.... and again later.

The story premise is terrific. The characters are finely drawn. This one touched all my emotions .... sadness, empathy, anger, helplessness.

I have followed this series since 2005 and have never been disappointed. I highly recommend this series, and much better to read in order, so you don't miss those little nuances that make this series so good.

Many thanks to the author / Penguin Publishing / Edelweiss for the advance digital copy of this crime thriller. My review is unbiased and entirely my own.

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### **Louise Wilson says**

Detective D.D. Warren and Find Her's Flora Dane return in a race against the clock to save a young girl's life. The home of a family of five is now a crime scene: four of them have been savagely murdered, one, one, a sixteen year old girl is missing. Was she lucky to have escaped? Or is her absence evidence of something more sinister? Detective D.D. Warren is on the case - but so is survivor - turned - avenger Flora Dane. They must make sense of the clues left behind by a young woman, who, whether as a victim or suspect, is silently pleading Look For Me!

Flora Dane is a former captive, but is now a survivor. The two main narrators are D.D. Warren and Flora Dane. A family of five, two adults and three kids. Shots have been fired, but only four bodies have been found. This is a complex and emotional read. It's also well written, tense and keeps you guessing to the end.

This book can be read as a standalone.

I would like to thank NetGalley, Random House UK, Cornerstone, and the author Lisa Gargener for my ARC in exchange for an honest review.

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## **Reading.Between.Wines says**

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First of all, many thanks to Dutton/Penguin Random House for providing me with an advance review copy of this book via NetGalley. All opinions are my own.

Second of all, I LOVED this book. I cannot believe it is the first time I've read anything by Lisa Gardner, or that I waited so long to do so!!!

Look For Me, told in alternating viewpoints, is the story of a family that gets murdered in their home, but their 2 dogs and a 16 year old daughter (Roxanna) have gone missing. Thus beginning the investigation of who killed the family and where have Roxanna and the two dogs gone?

This book has such an intricate plot, and there is more to it than the quadruple murder and missing girl aspect. Look For Me begins with Sarah who is a college student when her roommates are murdered by a psychopath; Sarah being the only survivor. And Flora, who was kidnapped off a beach at the age of 18 while on spring break, and held captive for 472 days by a rapist and murderer. Flora and Sarah both end up helping Warren (in their own way) with the police investigation for Roxanna, and we get their viewpoints as well as Boston Sergeant Detective D.D. Warren.

Look For Me has all of the qualities that I look for in a book. Relatively short chapters, pretty much constant action and/or mystery, multiple viewpoints, character depth, and an ending I didn't see coming. I didn't dislike a thing about this book which is pretty uncommon for me!

Look For Me is number 9 of the Detective D.D. Warren books, but I didn't feel confused at all while reading it. Apparently this is actually Flora's second appearance as well, but everything is told so well (and with enough backstory), that I didn't feel like I was missing much of anything.

I was in tears at the end, and my heart broke at many different points in this novel. So be warned there are some pretty emotional parts, and even more heavy topics besides murder.

I've seen mixed reviews for this book, but what book is for everyone? It just worked for me on so many levels, and it felt like an incredibly fast read. Pacing, plot, and characters were on point in my opinion.

Final Thought: PSA, there is a bit of gore in this book (this IS about a quadruple homicide after all), and there are also some mentions/insinuations of abuse, neglect, and rape. I thought this novel was very suspenseful, and there is so much going on with any given character, plus the police investigation, that I was never bored. This book read really well as a standalone which I appreciate, but I still can't wait to read the rest of this series. If you are on the fence about starting it, or it's a ways back in your TBR, I totally suggest moving it up. Gardner officially has me hooked!

\*This title was published on 06 Feb 2018\*

## **Tucker says**

Lisa Gardner never disappoints! In the latest outing for Detective D.D. Warren she is on the trail of a teenage girl who may have killed her entire family. Warren is aided (at times unwillingly) by Flora Dane, the survivor of an extended kidnapping who has made it her mission to help other female crime victims.

Whether Gardner is writing stand-alones or books in the FBI profiler or D.D. Warren series, she is an author who always brings her best game. Her books are filled with well-developed characters, thrilling and suspenseful plots, and the very real sense that this is how actual law enforcement officers work - it's not a stereotypical cop drama. Gardner does a great deal of research for each of her books and in "Look For Me" she provides an intimate and disturbing look at the lives some foster children experience. One of the character's essays about what makes a perfect family was heartbreaking.

It's great to see D.D. back in action, watch Flora Dane's efforts to rebuild her life, and meet the best spotted dog in all the land.

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## **Holly B says**

3.5

This is a popular detective series featuring detective D.D. Warren. This is #9, although my first in the series. I would like to read the previous books and learn more about Flora's character ( a victim who is now helping D.D. solve cases).

A tragic murder of a mom, her boyfriend, her 13 year old daughter and her 9 year old son. Missing are 16 year old daughter Roxy and their 2 senior dogs. Roxy is on their radar and they need to know if she was involved or if she is in danger. D.D. teams up with Flora to follow the many leads.

If you enjoy series with likeable characters and police procedural/detective stories, you will enjoy playing detective alongside D.D. and Flora. Although there are many likely suspects, in the end it was predictable. It was still an interesting, but tragic detective story.

Another fun Traveling Sister Group read with the ladies!! To see the combined review visit their blog here....<https://twogirlslostinacouleereading...>

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## **Kacey - Traveling Sister says**

### **What is the perfect family?**

A question young Roxy struggles to answer.

When it became her responsibility to raise her younger siblings, Lola and Manny? When she's taken out of her home only to be placed in a more dangerous situation - foster care? After her family is wiped out in a heartbeat? A heavy burden to be sure.

Detective DD Warren is called in to find the monster who massacred Roxy's family. Curiously, Roxy and the two family dogs have gone missing. It's become a race against time for the good detective to find them. While raising yet another major question... Is Roxy running because she's guilty of these heinous murders? Or is she terrified she'll be the final victim?

As Flora, a survivor herself, entrenches herself within the investigation, she becomes DD's newest CI and quickly jumps in to assist in the search (in ways DD cannot)!

This is a long standing series that I have always enjoyed. Unfortunately, somehow I missed the two books prior to this release....not sure how that happened! I'm usually fastidious about reading books in order. There was some back-story I missed on Flora, but Lisa Gardner does a great job filling in the gaps. So if you are new to the series, no worries! You can jump right in!

Just be aware...there are certain parts that were difficult to read that dealt with the abuse of children, and some frightening elements of the foster care system.

But overall it was a great addition to the series and I'll definitely go back and read the two books I inadvertently skipped over. Oops!

A traveling sister read with Brenda, Norma, Susanne, Diane, Melissa, Holly and Mackey!!

Thank you to Edelweiss and Dutton for an ARC to review

For our full traveling sister review please visit Brenda and Norma's Fantastic Traveling Sister Book Blog: <http://www.twogirlslostinacouleereadi...>

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## **Brenda - Traveling Sister says**

Lisa Gardner has been one of my favorite authors for quite some time now. I have read all of her books and loved them and I was quite excited to see this one on Edelweiss and quickly downloaded it to read it with my Traveling Sisters.

This one features my favorite character Detective DD Warren. She teams up with Flora Danes who I first met in Find Her. I highly recommend. I really loved the dynamics here between DD and Flora and loved how their differences and agendas worked so well together Flora is creeping up to be another favorite character from Lisa Gardner for me. I Really hope we see more of her and DD.

Our full Traveling Sister review posted by Norma can be found on our sister blog: <https://twosisterslostinacouleereadin...>

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## **Norma \* Traveling Sister says**

I am a huge fan of LISA GARDNER and have never missed any of her books. She is one author that I

absolutely cannot wait for her new book release so when I had the opportunity to read this one, needless to say I was a little excited and jumped on it immediately!

Traveling Sisters Review by Norma and Brenda with Susanne, Kacey, Melissa, Diane S., Holly and Mackey.

LOOK FOR ME (Detective D.D. Warren #9) by LISA GARDNER is an intriguing, suspenseful, and a compelling read that is a race against time police procedural featuring our all-time favorite character Detective D.D. Warren, who teams up with survivor turned avenger Flora Dane. We all absolutely loved that she teamed up with D.D. and it was one of our favorite aspects of this novel. The witty humor, the snarky comebacks, and the dynamics between D.D. and Flora was such a good balance to the heart-wrenching storyline. They both brought out their own unique characteristics, making them the perfect entertaining team.

Even though some of us thought that the ending was a little predictable it did have us interested and guessing right from the very start and we all really enjoyed playing detective with this one.

There are a few authors that Brenda and I thoroughly enjoy and it doesn't matter to us if their books are predictable or not, we just are so excited to read the book that we savour every moment as we are reading it. We like to follow along and learn things as they are revealed to us as the characters learn them.

LISA GARDNER delivers a well-written, well-paced and a cleverly-plotted storyline here that is told to us in three main voices between Detective D.D. Warren, C.I. Flora Dane, and the missing girl, Roxy. Roxy's perspective was uniquely told to us via essay excerpts that she wrote for a school assignment that was titled The Perfect Family. We all thought this was very gut-wrenching and well executed adding tension to the story for us as it gave us a first-hand look into Roxy's life, her family and the foster care system which stirred up quite a few emotions for us. We felt sad, shocked, and anger towards the foster home in this story.

Overall, this was another great addition to this series and we look forward to reading the next book, hoping that Flora Dane will also show another appearance! Would recommend!

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Thank you so much to Edelweiss, Dutton, and Lisa Gardner for the opportunity to read an advanced copy of this book in exchange for a review!

Review written and posted on our themed book blog Two Sisters Lost In A Coulee Reading.  
<https://twosisterslostinacoulee.com>

Coulee: a term applied rather loosely to different landforms, all of which refer to a kind of valley.

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## Diane S ? says

3.5 I have read most of the books in this series, though I seem to have missed the last one. A family is murdered, all but one, the eldest sister who now seems to be missing. D. D. Warren, will eventually team up with survivor Flora, and I liked these two working together. Actually Warren takes a back seat in this one, and it is Flora who will provide most of the forward momentum in this case.

Although, shortly after the middle of the book, I had some pretty good guesses on how this would turn out, and found it rather predictable, there were a few things that made this a better read. The foster care system, both sides examined, though of course the less than ideal home received most of the focus. I liked that Gardner tackled this system, the placement homes often not much better, sometimes worse than the homes the children are taken from. Not enough funding for this important program which supposedly was set up to protect children. Also, not enough of a labor source to provide the amount of overseeing it requires to be done correctly.

There is also a series of essays, written by the missing girl, titled *The Perfect Family*, and this was both poignant and well done. Gives the reader a special insight to what was happening within the murdered family, as well as a look at her thoughts. For me, this was one of my favorite parts.

These two reasons were the reason I went to a four in my rating. The pacing of the story was even, and the ending was rather sad. So all in all a good story for this sisters read where most of us were between the three and four mark. More than a mystery though, it was the personal elements that made the story.

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## **Jim says**

Another page turning, can't stop reading now, thriller from Lisa Gardner featuring Boston Detective D. D. Warren and survivor / vigilante Flora Dane from *Find Her*. From the opening detailing a dorm room slaying to the climatic ending where the perpetrator is revealed this book was hard to put down and the only reason I did was because I have a job and other responsibilities.

The story alternates between three different voices. D. D. Warren, Flora Dane, and Roxy Baez. Roxy is a sixteen-year-old girl who's gone missing after her entire family was murdered. Was she lucky to have been away at the time? D. D. and the entire police department are looking for her. If she is innocent why can't she be found? Flora Dane recently started a group for survivors and Roxy had reached out to the group. Flora contacts D. D. While the two of them may not have declared a truce they do form a reluctant alliance. The rest of D. D.'s squad is not thrilled. In fact one of them tells D. D. - "You're crazy". Only someone close to her could get away with saying something like that. In fact while D. D. and Flora are opposites they are very similar. Both have passion and resolve and won't back down. They make a great team.

Roxy's voice is heard through a writing assignment for school. *What is the perfect family?* Her mother is an alcoholic. She doesn't know who her father is. Neither does her mother. Roxy has had to assume the role of parent in caring for her younger sister and brother because her mother, in her addiction, can't. At one point they get put into the foster care system. A system that is meant to help but often fails those who need the help. It is no wonder that Roxy has difficulty trusting adults and authority figures. It makes for some painful reading.

This is a very enjoyable series and I like how the character of D. D. Warren has developed. She has always been tough, dedicated, and driven but over the course of the series she has gotten married and has a son. She is learning to balance career and family life which is not easy. In this installment they have decided to grant her son's wish for a dog. Now D. D. has to adjust to another member of the household. She is thrilled for Jack but is worried about her shoes.

If you enjoy Angela Marsons's *Kim Stone*, Robert Dugoni's *Tracy Crosswhite*, or Linda Castillo's *Kate Burkholder* series I think you would enjoy this series. While it can be read as a stand alone I would

recommend reading in order to see how the character(s) develop.

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## Mackey says

**Look For Me** is the ninth book in the D.D. Warren series, second to feature rescued “victim,” Flora Dane and yet it is the first Lisa Gardner’s that I ever have read! I don’t know how I missed her to this point except to say that there are a lot of great authors whose names are Lisa – Gardner, Unger, Jewell – and I like them. I put the word victim in quotes because Dane would never consider herself a victim but rather a survivor.

Despite the fact that I came in on the second chapter of Flora Dane’s story, there is plenty of background within this book to fill in any gaps and answer any questions the reader (me) might have. Dane was a victim of an extended hostage/abuse situation and Warren was one of the detectives who helped solve the case. The two do not see eye to eye on how to handle men who prey on women and often cross paths as they search out these men in the world – one through legal means, the other as a vigilante. However, their paths converge when they both are trying to help or look for a young runaway/suspect named Roxanna who either is the only survivor of a very brutal murder or the primary suspect – depending on your view point. As Warren works the case, Dane searches for Roxanna in order to help her. Eventually, Warren makes Dane a criminal informant in order to keep Dane under her watchful eye. *Let me note* that I appreciate the fact that Gardner made Dane a CI rather than allowing her to continue to meddle at free will. No cop in their right mind would allow a citizen, regardless of their past, free reign into an investigation which is what so many writers would have us believe. So thank you, Lisa Gardner, for keeping things real!

The remainder of the book is told in alternating chapters by the two women. This was a good way to handle the back and forth timeline as well as the different focus that these women had on working this case. I won’t go into the actual book any further – you could and should read it for yourself. I will say that this series is very well written. There are two very strong women, very different personalities, but both of whom are characterized extremely well. The story never gets lost in the character development and we never lose sight of the fact that both of these women have personal lives and demons on which they must focus. That is a realistic aspect for most women today.

Again, although there are books that proceed this one, you can read it as a stand alone. It would simpler if you read the first in the Flora Dane series, but it won’t hinder your enjoyment if you do not. I have since gone back and started at the beginning of Warren’s series in order to fully appreciate her and her story. You can find this book in hardcover, paperback and e-book. Your library, always, is a good source as well. I hope you read and enjoy it as much as I did.

Thanks to Edelweiss and the #PenguinPublishingGroup for my copy of this book.

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