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Truth

Megan Keeler died years ago—or so everyone believes. In fact, she disappeared to escape from her sadistic husband, Glenn. When dismembered body parts were found near their home, Glenn was convicted of his wife's murder. And Megan, terrified for her unborn child's safety, never came forward with the truth...

Is More Terrifying

Since then, Megan has built a new life in Seattle for herself and her son, Josh. She's never forgotten that she's a fugitive, and Josh knows nothing about her past. But someone does. First, there are anonymous emails and threats, just as she learns that Glenn has been released from prison. Then the unthinkable happens: a masked man breaks into their home and abducts Josh...

Than Fiction

To save her son, Megan must put herself at the mercy of a maniac. Is Glenn a cold-blooded killer determined to destroy her world piece by piece, or is the truth even more twisted? Megan thought she knew fear, but her nightmare is only beginning...

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Jeff O'Brien says

Very suspenseful and not very predictable either. I wasn't totally blindsided like I hope to be when I read a suspense-thriller. But the author did an excellent job of keeping the ending not too obvious. My only problem with this book was that it was (in my opinion) about 75 or even 100 pages too long. I felt there was a lot of "filler" strewn about. This seems to be the longest of Kevin O'Brien's novels, so I look forward to exploring more of his work.

Josh says

Eh.

If you can add a couple of numbers together, you'll guess the villain before you've read 150 pages.

Very disappointing with some of the most obvious clues to a mystery novel that I've read in a long time. It doesn't help that O'Brien fell into the Mary Higgins Clark formula of a beautiful woman in peril surrounded by nothing but handsome men. There isn't an average looking bloke in the whole book or a woman who's anything less than pretty. Ugh.

Sophie says

For the most part I quite enjoyed this book. Lots of edge of your seat, heart in your stomach kind of tension. A runaway battered wife, thought to be dead, a diabolical and nasty abusive husband, an obsessed and lovesick teenager, a pregnancy revealed, a life underground lived pseudonymously....all contribute to the thrilling part of this novel. About a third of the way through the author introduces us to most of the (male) characters who could be the doer of evil deeds. For the next almost two thirds of the book we are led into one trap of misdirection after the other. We, the readers, end up trusting no one and believing that nothing is as it seems. We end up being pretty wrong about the assumptions we make. By the last chapter or two the reader is in full knowledge of who done it, and from there the book slides into a predictable and totally pedestrian ending. Such a disappointment. Really disappointing. I was promised twists and turns and got lukewarm plot points.

3 stars for the suspense throughout most of the book. 1/2 star for the ending.

Christy Holmes says

This is my first Kevin O'Brien read but it won't be my last. I am a home visiting nurse and one of my patient's sent this book home with me last week. She sent several but told me to read this one first. I can see why now. Very good! It takes a really good book for me to stay up past bedtime reading but this one does it!

Dawn says

Just finished another great book by Kevin O'Brien. If you like more suspense than romance, this is the book for you. I thought from reading the back of this book that I knew what this story was going to be about from previous authors that wrote the same kind of storyline BUT I was very surprised when the book was nothing like I thought. This is the story of Lisa Swann who staged her death to run away from her abusive husband Glenn. She starts a new life as Megan Kessler and finds out she is now pregnant with Glenn's son, Josh. That is the start of what I thought was a typical storyline but it drastically changes to her having an obsessed stalker for years who ends up abducting her son. That's all I will say, don't want to give any spoilers. Let's just say great book, good long read and very suspenseful. I would recommend to anyone who likes a great thriller.

Patricia says

Absolutely incredible!!!

Jennifer says

I love Kevin O'Brien books, always good!!!! This was as good or better than the others.

Ellen says

Excellent book! First one I have read by this author and I have already added a bunch of his other books to my nook's wishlist.

Kristen says

In Kevin O'Brien's latest thriller, you'll be on the edge of your seat with this one. Megan Kessler faked her own death to escape an abusive husband and started a new life and protected her unborn son. Her husband's been in prison for over a decade and gets out for his revenge on his life and claims his innocence. Now it's up to her to protect her teenage son. But someone who knows her as Lisa Swann knows her real secrets and is after her, killing women who looked like her. And he has a personal agenda to hurt the people who's closest to her and the ones she loved. And with a psychopath on the line, it makes her hard for Megan to keep up with her anonymity and her image out of the public eye. And that's why she's terrified, when she's running from the law and will have to do everything she could to save her life and her own son, even if she has to turn herself in, before she can escape. What a rush!

Mary Rohmeyer says

Awesome book

One of best books ever read suspense and writing orbiting would recommend to every reader 5 star rating for Mr O'Brien

Joan says

Kevin O'Brien is a new author to me; I had never heard of him before I saw this book download at a special price on Amazon. I expected the usual poorly written and unedited quality so common in self-published titles offered free or super-cheap as ebooks. I was pleasantly surprised, to say the least. This is a very polished, well-written, fully-developed novel (thriller genre) with believable characters and a multi-faceted plot. The author has good command of the language and tells the story with style and polish. I plan to read more books by this author.

Bandit says

On the permanent but fairly passive quest to find a stand alone thriller writer to supplement Coben's once a year books, I tried O'Brien. Alas, no Coben here, not as much fun, no plot twists, no surprises. One of the last words to describe a thriller should be blah, but here is blah. It's perfectly serviceable and it never tries to do better. It's written like a bestselling thriller, a beach read, something like that, something entertaining enough comprised using short words, easy ideas and fairly clichéd characters (although the kid was likable. As if it is targeted for audience who wants to be slightly amused without being even remotely challenged, in other words kinda dumbed down, not the sort of book that'll send a reader looking up a word or gasping in shock or trying to figure out what just happened. Pretty unthrilling for a thriller, Terrified certainly doesn't offer enough for its girth. It's a reasonably quick read and it'll pass the time without really leaving an impression.

Sheila says

Kevin O'Brien has fast become one of my favorite authors in the last year and this book was no disappointment.

Lisa has fallen in love with the perfect man. A young charismatic doctor. 4 months after the wedding the dream has turned into a nightmare. Dr. Glenn Swann has a very dark side and Lisa realizes she needs to escape, to disappear.

A body is found and identified as Lisa and Glenn goes to prison for her death. Meanwhile Lisa has started a new life in hiding. 14 years later DNA proves that the body isn't Lisa and Glenn is out and on the hunt.

A great terrifying stalker story. I give it 5 stars

Melanie Chabrol- says

10/5! EXCELLENT, FANTASTIC AND GREAT! Kevin O'Brien hasn't disappointed me yet! with this thrilling book which was really hard to put down,I could barely sleep.

Imagine having your brother in the hospital and they say there isn't much that can be done, and you think that every little bit of hope is gone, then you meet the handsome doctor. He recommends the best and makes sure he is comfortable,he is handsome, smart, and a surgeon what more can Lisa ask for, a few weeks later she is married to the man. How far would you go to protect family? Would you stay in a marriage that means very little to your spouse?

Lisa has to move and get away from home and start a new life... there is more she finds out she is pregnant what would she do to protect her son. Then just when she thinks she is safe there comes the emails and threatening letters,she feels like someone is watching her, is it an instinct or is it real? A book I highly recommend,If he hasn't already Kevin should win a prize for this book, thought I figured it out half way then to find out I was wrong.

Crystal Craig says

I'm a fan of Kevin O'Brien's. I've read most of his books and enjoyed them. However, his most recent book, Terrified just did not seem as good as his previous work. It had suspense, and I found myself wanting to read on, but, I'm not sure why. The plot was your basic story of spousal abuse; the heroine fakes her own death and moves to another town; add to the mix a dangerous husband, an innocent child, a mysterious love interest, a scared niece, a love-struck teenager, and lots of surprise twists and turns. Disappointingly with all that smorgasbord I knew where the plot was going. This is a three star read for me. I recommend Mr. O'Brien's work, but instead, check out One Last Scream or Final Breath.
