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Rebecca, a brilliant cancer researcher, disappears after a one-night stand with a neurotic man with a questionable past.

Her sudden disappearance in the midst of a high-stakes quest to cure cancer between two rival billionaires sets into motion an inexplicable chain of events as the bodies start to pile up.

No one knows why she disappeared. The race to find answers ensnares everyone around her, one of whom is a deeply disturbed psychopath lurking in the shadows.

Is Rebecca still alive? What happened to her? Who did it? And why? Questions about her vex everyone looking for answers. No one can be trusted and no one is above suspicion...

## **The Girl At The Bar Details**

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### \*Avonna says

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I absolutely love when I try a new author with no expectations and am completely absorbed into the story. THE GIRL AT THE BAR by Nicolas Nash is one of those mystery/thrillers that are rich in backgrounds, technical information and clues without bogging down the pace and keeps you guessing until the end.

Dr. Rebecca Chase is a brilliant cancer researcher in New York City for a medical conference. The night before she is to present, she meets Ragnar Johnson at her hotel bar. She leaves to go to his place for a one night stand. When Ragnar wakes up the next morning, she is gone, not just from his apartment, but she has completely disappeared.

No one knows why she would disappear. Her research has placed her in the middle of a high-stakes battle between two mega pharma companies. Her personal life is a mess, but she is not the type of person to just walk away from her life's work and career. After her disappearance, others associated with her start to be killed and there are so many different motives and agendas, you don't know who to trust.

Ragnar is a brilliant out of work trader with social and psychiatric problems. Even though he knows he looks to be the prime suspect in Rebecca's disappearance, he can't stay uninvolved. He and his tech expert/hacker friend, Eddie chase clues. As he works the case, he is being followed by Raoul Perez who heads up security for Atticus Biopharma and was a NYC detective previously. You also have a competent team of detectives, Timothy and Roberta, who we follow as they work the case.

During the story, you are introduced to an entity that just calls itself "the void". It is never completely satisfied or filled for long. You realize this is the mind of the kidnapper/killer and the way it describes itself is extremely chilling.

There are so many characters that have a variety of motives that I was continually changing my mind on who was the guilty party and why. Even with all the moving parts, I was never confused on who was who. All of the characters were so interesting and realistic that I just had to keep turning the pages. I love this type of mystery as it takes you step by step and lets you think and discover along with the detectives and Ragnar. Please note: There is a moment of graphic violence at the climax. I thoroughly enjoyed this first novel and will be looking for more from this author.

Thanks very much to Fireflies Publishing LLC and Net Galley for allowing me to read an eARC of this book in exchange for an honest review. It was my pleasure.

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### Lyn says

Great premise: a brilliant and beautiful cancer researcher goes missing after a wild one night stand.

Nicholas Nash's 2017 novel is one part thriller, one part suspense and two parts hip post-modern mystery. Nash's language, style and dialogue are fresh and new and he tells a good story.

This book is actually sort of difficult to categorize, there were speculative fiction elements and Nash messes with the reader's mind throughout. The author also keeps a good pace, this is a PAGE TURNER!

Not what I expected, well researched, smart and fun; a good read.

\*\*\* A free copy of this book was provided in exchange for an honest review

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## **Fables&Wren says**

### **WrensReads Review:**

I was given the opportunity to review this book honestly before it was released.

Nicholas Nash seems to have done a lot of research on this book. He knows more about cancer than I know about anything in the health world. With that being said, I actually learned a lot about cancer and understand it a little more than I did starting out.

Nash did not just throw facts at you though, that's what I loved. He actually explained things so when they are brought up again, you know exactly what he is talking about.

So, Rebecca is the girl that everyone stops and stares at.

She has the smarts, the looks and the personality to make just about anyone fall in love with her.

So when she disappears after a one-night stand with Ragnar and before her big speech about recent discoveries in the cure for cancer, people start to get frantic and worried about their beloved scientist.

So lots of people are pointing fingers at each other.

Could it be **Ragnar**, the one night stand and tradesman down on his luck? How about **Nancy** or **Christy**, the envious colleagues and jealous coworkers? How about her boss, **Julia**, who may want all the glory herself? Or the competition, **Dr. Gupta**, who Rebecca countlessly refused? There are so many people who could have a reason to hate her; but do they have a reason to hurt her? Or kill her?

Nash spent a lot of time putting history behind each person. I felt as if I knew more about them than I really felt necessary, but I love a good backstory as long as it is needed.

This is definitely an adult book. Can get a little graphic sexually and with murder scenes (lots of people do not make it to the end of the book). I thought it was a great read though and would recommend it to anyone who loves a good crime mystery.

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## **Patty Ramirez says**

I received this book through NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

Wow, just wow! I have been wanting to read this book since I read the description. Nicholas Nash did not disappoint! From the very start the story hooks you in and you do not want to put it down.

What I loved mostly about this book is that I thought I had the whole case figured out, but I was so wrong! The way the writer weaves the story really throws you off.

My only complaint was that there were too many grammatical errors. I received an ARC, I hope that those were corrected in the final version.

Will definitely read this author again.

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## **Jennifer says**

For my suspense/thriller fans out there, let me tell you about The Girl at the Bar by Nicholas Nash! An out of work trader named Ragnar sees and meets the beautiful Rebecca in a hotel bar. Their chemistry is instant and after talking about everything, including her role as a cancer researcher, Rebecca decides not to fight the desire between them and goes home with Ragnar. When Ragnar wakes up the next morning, he finds that Rebecca is gone and he is kicking himself because they didn't exchange numbers. However, it's not long until the police show up at his door inquiring about his relationship with Rebecca and he learns that she has been reported missing. Soon there are several people involved other than the police that looking into her disappearance and/or considered suspects including rival pharmaceutical CEO's and fellow researchers, Rebecca's ex-fiance, an ex-cop and an ex-boyfriend and fellow researcher. After initial questioning, Ragnar can't get his mind off of Rebecca and her disappearance. He questions himself, wondering if he did something and blacked out, but also starts doing his own research and finding his own leads into her disappearance. Lines are blurred and several paths cross one another as everyone tries to figure out where Rebecca is, if she is still alive and most importantly, who is behind her disappearance.

I loved this novel in that it wonderfully represents a “whodunnit” mystery. There are so many players involved and so many sub-plots related to each person that at times, it almost makes your head spin. Poor Ragnar was fired after an on-going cover-up trading job cost people millions of dollars. He now lives alone, unable to find work and has few friends or even acquaintances. Although he keeps having these fabulous “aha moments” where he is able to gain some leads on Rebecca's disappearance, he also ends up in the wrong place at the wrong time frequently throughout the novel. An old co-worker of Ragnar's named Eddie is very active in the story with his expert IT skills for research and putting together the pieces of the puzzle as Ragnar gives them to him. His character is brilliant and adds a lot to the overall plot. The rival pharmaceutical CEO's Julia and Matheus both claim to want to help find Rebecca, especially Julia that likens Rebecca as a child to her. Julia has Rebecca on her side and with Atticus Pharmaceuticals, but Matheus has always wanted Rebecca to join Faust Pharmaceuticals, along with Rebecca's ex-boyfriend and researcher, Gustav. Other researchers Nancy and Christy are also relevant, especially Nancy, who has always been jealous of Julia and Rebecca's close friendship. Then there is also the famous researcher Dr. Gupta, who was basically left behind by Rebecca and her breakthroughs and blames her for stealing his early research in finding the cure for cancer. Basically – there are a lot of people connected to Rebecca, the cancer

research, and each other – all of whom could be responsible for her missing or become the next target.

The kidnapper makes several appearances in the novel prior to being revealed, but those moments refer to “the void,” as a void that needs to be filled but it’s referred to as a living thing. There are some weird, freaky things that go on in the void’s “head,” but it all just adds to the suspense and mystery as you read and try to figure out who are good guys, who are bad guys, and who has stabbed who in the back along the way. I must admit that I did not have any idea who the void was and was shocked once it was revealed. I love a mystery that keeps me guessing and re-guessing the entire time, and this is definitely one of those novels! The novel was very fast-paced and held my attention, although at times I felt bogged down by some of the cancer research lingo and back stories, but after finishing the novel and reflecting back on it, I feel like it mostly added to the plot and suspense. I also loved that this was told from several points of view. Almost everyone that is relevant in the story speaks from their point of view at some point or the other, giving the reader a thorough glimpse of what’s going on in their head, while still wondering if they are the bad guy.

Was this the best mystery/suspense thriller I’ve ever read? No. But, it was damned good and pulled me in from the start. I highly, highly recommend *The Girl at the Bar* if you enjoy this genre. It’s a crazy, wild ride but is very entertaining and will keep you guessing until the end!

\*Thanks to NetGalley for providing a copy of this novel in exchange for an honest review.

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### **Geraldine Kroneiss says**

I would highly recommend this book!! Loved it!! Grabbed me at the fist page and kept me guessing!  
Loveable characters and riveting plot!! Read it!!

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### **Barbara Leuthe says**

This was a great story, following three sets of people trying to solve the same set of crimes gave you different perspectives on the outcome. Every time you think you know who it is something else happens to make you change your mind. If you enjoy suspense this is your book. I will look for more books by this author. I received this book free as part of goodreads giveaways.

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### **Whispering Stories says**

*The Girl at the bar* is a near future thriller featuring advancements from current technology in areas of cancer research and computer programming.

The excitement runs high throughout the story, and Nicholas Nash has created characters that are well constructed and perfectly fitted the plot, plus they are very believable.

This is a thriller that reveals itself consistently at the right times, whilst also keeping me guessing all the way to the very end.

The story moves well through time, and at a good pace and flashbacks are well used.

This is a very easy read, with some blood and gore! Nicholas, kept the intrigue and suspense going right to the final chapter, which turned out to be quite a revelation!

I really enjoyed reading, 'The Girl at the Bar' which fits its genre perfectly. A refreshing thriller, with an intricate set of crimes to solve. I would definite recommend this book, and I look forward to reading more from this author.

Reviewed by Linda on [www.whisperingstories.com](http://www.whisperingstories.com)

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### **Lace says**

This book was a roller coaster ride for me. I love mystery/thriller books and I can usually figure out the ending after reading so many of these types of books. That was not the case with this book though. Just when I thought I had it all figured out, my mind would race to another possibility. This was so much fun to read and I highly recommend it!

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### **Kelli Martin says**

I just finished reading this book. I was blown away by it. It was such a great mystery, with so many twists and turns. I read at every chance I got but I didn't want the book to end. I would think I had it figured out then the person I thought was behind it would be killed. I did not figure it out until the book told me who done it and why. There was a lot of background information about their research, what they had done and what they hoped to accomplish. But it did not drag the story down or make it boring. I found it very interesting. I would have loved for it to give a little more information, like how exactly those 3 people were tied together, other than the obvious. I highly recommend this book. I can't wait to read anything else wrote by Nicholas Nash.

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### **Elyse Walters says**

Hot opening scene....one night stand. Rebecca only leaves her black bra behind and slips away before he wakes. No note or phone number.

Police come knocking on James door days later....Rebecca is missing. This gorgeous woman happens to be the 'most' brilliant medical scientist working on a single cancer vaccine - that would cure virtually 'any' cancer.

Intoxicatingly- intimate storytelling - page turning enjoyment!!!

Thank You Fireflies Publishing, Netgalley, and especially author \*Nicholas Nash\*...  
THANKS NICK!!! You're a mensch!

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### **Bin Blogs Books says**

I received this book in exchange for an honest review from NetGallery.

Interesting suspenseful story combines with interesting facts about the field of cancer research. Who done it meets scientific journal.

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### **Adriana Koog says**

I was given a copy of The Girl At The Bar in exchange of an honest review. Wow, this book was excellent! The author provides a very interesting plot based on cancer research and the disappearance of one of the researchers. I loved the way the story was written with a lot of twists and turns that kept me on my toes trying to figure out who the ghost was. Action packed! Mr. Nash is a very talented writer with a gift of story telling. I can't wait to read his next book!

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### **Natalie The Biblioholic says**

This book may be categorized as a Sci-fi/Thriller, but the author found a way to play psychological warfare with me! Up was down, left was right. Even I didn't know who to trust!

The story starts off with a chance encounter between a beautiful woman, Rebecca, and a handsome man, Ragnar, in a bar. They immediately hit it off and their instant chemistry turns into a night of passion. When Ragnar wakes up the next morning, he's sad to see that Rebecca's gone and he has no way of getting in contact with her. All too soon, the cops are at his door because Dr. Rebecca Chase has gone missing and he was the last one to see her.

Ragnar starts off as a suspect, but he's determined to find his girl, with or without police cooperation. As the cops start digging, their list of suspects grows longer. The body count is rising and suspects are dropping like flies.

I honestly didn't know who was behind it all and didn't bother to hazard a guess after I got it wrong the second time! Everyone had secrets and everyone had a motive. I was pleasantly shocked by the big reveal and I think other readers will be too. There is no doubt that the author keeps us guessing right to the end.

Nicholas Nash held me captivated with his mastery of words and this story refused to loose me from its grip until it reached its conclusion. It was obvious that he spent tremendous time on not only forming this story, but the research that went into it. I recommend this novel to fans of crime/sci-fi/mystery/thrillers.

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*Genre:* Sci-fi/Thriller

*POV:* Multiple - 3rd person

*Steam:* 1 out of 5

*Series or standalone:* Standalone

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## Steve says

I won this book in a giveaway, and this is my honest review.

I loved this story and how it was put together! The characters were fairly realistic and likable, and the author kept me on my toes trying to figure out what was really going on with Rebecca, the brilliant cancer researcher who goes missing after a one-night stand with Ragnar, who she just met at a bar that night. I don't like to include spoilers, so I won't go into more detail, but the story kept me engaged all the way through.

Now for the bad. The writing felt really unnatural in spots, and I encountered typos and punctuation errors all over the place. There wasn't any indication in the giveaway description or on the book itself that this copy was an unedited proof, but it really needed some serious editing. As I already mentioned, it was a great story, but the editing issues were very distracting at times. Put a good editor on it, and I would easily give this book four stars, possibly even five.

Some of the content is pretty graphic, which came across as being mostly for shock value. Maybe a good editor could help that feel more natural as well. It's relatively tame for the most part, but a few spots just jump way out there and feel a bit out of place. I think toning those down a bit might help the reader focus on the story instead of feeling like they've been slapped in the face out of nowhere.

In the end I really, really liked this story, but due to the serious need for editing I feel like I can only give it three stars. I still enjoyed it a lot.

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