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Finding Claire Fletcher



Synopsis

Newly divorced and with his career in jeopardy, Detective Connor Parks takes solace in the arms of a beautiful woman he meets at a bar. The next morning, Claire Fletcher is gone, leaving nothing behind but an address and a decade-old mystery. The address leads to the Fletcher family home where Claire's siblings inform Connor that their fifteen-year-old sister was abducted from a city street ten years ago and is presumed dead. During those ten years, Claire endured the cruel torture and depravity of the man who abducted her. Paralyzed by fear and too ashamed to return to her family, Claire is resigned to her life as Lynn, the identity her abductor forced upon her. Every time she attempts escape or betrays him in the smallest way, someone dies. Even now, her clandestine run-in with Connor Parks may have put his life at risk, as well as the lives of her family. Connor is convinced that not only is Claire Fletcher alive, but that she is also the woman he met at the bar. Driven to see her again, he begins his own investigation, off the clock and without the police department's consent. He is determined to find her and unravel the mystery of her abduction and odd reemergence. But finding Claire Fletcher proves more dangerous than he anticipates. In fact, it may be deadly.

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Customer Reviews

After finishing Finding Claire Fletcher I needed some time to absorb the story. Why? Because it was written so well, so truthfully and so filled with raw human emotion I needed time before I could put into words just how amazing this book is. As an avid suspense reader I knew there would be plenty of it in this story, what I wasn't expecting was how well a first time author spun this tale. We are all familiar with the high profile kidnapping cases like Adam Walsh, Jacob Wetterling and Jessyca Mullenburg, but what Lisa Regan does is tell us the story of a girl who had high media attention and the story of the girls who do not. Claire Fletcher is loved by her family and her abduction at age 15 tears her family apart as they tried to go on not knowing if she was alive or dead. Her mother certain she was alive continued to fight to find her while everyone else thought the case was hopeless. Ten years later when men begin showing up at the door asking for their daughter Claire and swearing to have just spent the night with her the past continues to haunt them. With adept swiftness Ms. Regan switches back and forth from the real world to Claire's world and you sit down beside her in the room she is held captive in as her abductor taunts her and you listen as she wonders if her family is looking for her or if they have given up. Should she keep fighting or should she just give up and let death take her? When Detective Connor Parks gets put on the desk he digs into the past files determined to find out the real truth and he unravels a sordid family secret of a pedophile no one could stop and a list of people missing or abused a mile long. Finding Claire Fletcher contains so many secrets it is hard to review with no spoilers, so I will part ways with the story here and say this.

Finding Claire Fletcher is truly a story of our times, and magnificently told, even in its brutality. It follows ten years in the life of a girl kidnapped off the streets on her way to school at the age of fifteen. We've all seen or read those news stories of kids who vanish without a trace. We wonder what happened to them, if they still live, and if so, how? We know the type of monsters who prey on these children, and we can only imagine what they do once they've captured their victims. This is that story. It isn't pretty, and it makes no excuses for that. Claire Fletcher, though young and naive, fights against her captor, trying her best to outrun the villain who subjects her to daily atrocities. He uses her fear against her to keep Claire hostage as he chips away at the girl she used to be, slowly and effectively destroying any hope of reuniting with her family and a mother who never gives up hope that Claire is still alive. Even as she ages and becomes physically stronger, Claire cannot escape the torture and degradation. Her captor holds Claire in an emotional cage every bit as much

as a physical one. To control her, he not only uses the threat of violence against those she loves most, he uses violence itself, hurting Claire's family or killing those she asks for help. Knowing she cannot expose her loved ones or even strangers to the kind of cruel fate her kidnapper threatens, she resignedly settles into life as Lynn, the name her captor has given her. Still a hostage, but allowed to leave her captor's compound, Claire meets Police Detective Connor Parks at a bar.

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