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When a beautiful young woman tells Jill Plumley that she intends to marry Jill's husband, Jill must figure out a way to save her perfect marriage. By the author of *See Jane Run*.

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D. L. Blanco says

I have read this book like several times. Lifetime just recently did the movie. It's not only about infidelity but about her friend's own personal troubles, as well. There are two stories being told in this book and it is one of my favorites.

Joy H. says

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Recommended by GR member, Terry Stormon:

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Jean St.Amand says

I can't give this book a rating....it is hard...no, impossible to respect either of the main characters. He is exactly what I hate in a man; arrogant, self-involved, smug, selfish...the list goes on. At the beginning, her need to be aware at all times of when he needed his ego to be stroked made me SO uncomfortable...There were times when I liked Jill but at the same time I had an utter lack of respect for her; her final decision in regard to her marriage...good...but getting there was rather painful. Watching her put up with his behaviour...ugh...but at the same time, Nicole was just the new version of Jill....if he cheats with you, he'll cheat on you...it was hard to have any sympathy for Jill for that reason. As for that utter pig, David, actually expecting Jill to let him have his affair for an unknown, unlimited amount of time...really? Could there actually be men like that living on this planet? Maybe it was because the book was written in 1983...a different mind-set at that time? I don't know...I do know that the book kind of left a bad taste in my mouth. I think it was a very well written book, but disliking so many of the characters makes it hard to say I liked the book. Maybe the book was a 4 but the characters were a 1?

LIInda L says

I liked this book despite the fact that everyone in it is unlikeable. Well, not the woman who killed her abusive husband. BUT -- Jill is stupid as _____. Gives up a job she loves and is good at for a man who is obviously self centered and a dawg. But good looking. The ex wife (Elaine) is selfish and a bitch. Then there's the NEW love interest -- Nicole. Beautiful and unscrupulous. Jill finally has enough and about time. Oh -- the one who killed her husband had a daughter, who was OK. Reading through all that, how could I have given it 4 stars? Who knows? I just kind of liked it.

Judith Edinger-Dobbs says

Here's a book that gives both sides of adultery; one who committed and the other who was cheated on. You can't really feel sorry for the present wife, Jill, because she cheated with her now husband, David, while he was still married to his first wife, when a young beautiful daring babe starts to make advances on David. You rather want to say "Well, what did you expect, missy?" She knows what Nicole, the chick, is planning as she also ventured through similar steps in her affair with the same man, but now than guy was hers! Jill confronts David; he of course denies everything just as he had with his first wife and Jill knows it. At every turn Nicole seems to be more of what Jill was only better. Jill becomes even more distraught...what is she to do! Finally, a discussion with David as what he wants from Jill, wants her not do, and what he is willing to do in return. Can you guess what he won't do and who becomes the victor and the conquered? Do you see David's problem? Should any of the trio get sympathy?

Diba Ilupi says

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3.75/5

its a good book but prolly i wont re read this book, that just too much pain in 200ish pages. damnit! and slow... slow plot.

If you're reading this, and you happen to be a women. You seriously aint alone. I felt it. I felt how Joy Fielding- the author stirred your emotion. It kind of disgusting betrayal. David Plumley just a first-class prick!!

and "what goes around comes around" to Jill Listerwoll. but honestly, i feel deeply sorry to her. proud that, in the end she made a glorious decision.

jengkel banget sumpah bacanya. arghh

Joyce Stewart says

I absolutely LOVED this book and im so glad I bought it! I was hooked immediately and couldn't put the book down. The characters drew me in as soon as each one was introduced. The Other Woman is a classic page-turner. Great character and story development. I read it non stop til i finished. I loved everything about the story and it earned 5 stars from me. I highly recommend!

Lilja Thorsteinsdottir says

Read it again after 20 years. Book that you can read more than once. About relationships and abuse. One of the first book to address abuse in a marriage and its consequences.

Marc White says

I loved this book and have re read it several times over. I've just ordered the dvd too. Unlike some other reviewers, I never felt the slightest bit sorry for Jill, I felt pity for Elaine. Jill, after all, was getting her just desserts. She took David as a married lover with no thought to the hurt she was causing Elaine and the children and of course, David did the exact same, all over again. Jill lost her own identity throughout her marriage to David, and whilst I felt no pity for her, it was nice to see her come to her senses and claim her old life back. She was, after all, punching well above her weight, being only mildly attractive herself. David was a selfish, arrogant pig and hopefully Nicole Clark will tire of him easily. I've read this novel about 8 times now and never tire of it.

Rena says

I loved this book. I read it in 1983 when I was going through a painful divorce where there was another woman involved. The last line in the book saved me. Thanks, Joy.

Selena says

I was camping and found this book at a library book store sale for 10 cents. I picked it up and decided to read it.

It was a book about a woman named Jill who is the second wife to a rich and handsome attorney. He left his first wife Elaine, and their two kids together for his second wife Jill. Jill and her now husband are celebrating their 4th wedding anniversary at a party when Nicki Clark approaches her while she stands alone and states very boldly that she was going to marry Jill's husband. Nicki is new to the firm her husband works at.

From that moment on, Jill begins to notice the lies her husband tells, the working late, and when they argue how he leaves for the night. He is very bold and a total prick. He is very sure of himself to be a 45 year old attorney paying \$7,500 a month in alimony and child support. Because of this outrageous amount, he is not much help when it comes to household bills. He is known for being a successful, handsome and rich man, but he lost his luster if you didn't know his situation, which Nicki Clark didn't. Truth is, Jill pays the bills since his money pays his ex wife and child support.

While Jill's husband's infidelity was one plot in the story, there were two other plots that focus on her husband's boss' wife Beth, who is Jill's friend, and how her husband was brutally murdered (little bit of mystery), and her husband's daughter and her anorexia condition due to the divorce.

Jill was a character I didn't like too much in the beginning. She was very weak, often times trying to avoid drama and fights with her cocky husband because she believed he was too good for her, and she believed she was really lucky to have him when really, she was too good for him. All of us women have known a man like him - so sure of himself, but completely not what he appears to be. I didn't start liking Jill until towards the end of the book when she pursued her job back in the journalism field (one her husband didn't approve of), and finally started speaking up for herself.

I could not put this book down. It was a great read! It was flawlessly written, and it made me think about karma and how you treat others. If you treat someone wrong and pursue a married man, then take this woman's husband, karma will come back around. Jill got her karma in this book - her husband cheats on her with a younger woman. She eventually accepted this truth, but decides to forgo the hurt and bitterness (similar to what Elaine has presently) and move forward without continuing on with her husband. She finally got a spine and decided to be happy instead of always worrying. And that was justice.

Nina Draganova says

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Sarah Gregson says

I read an extract from this book in a magazine before it hit the shelves. It was a few years down the track when I remembered it and eventually found the book. I really enjoyed it and it was my first Joy Fielding book. I could read it again.

Peacegal says

The Other Woman is a sort of "All About Eve" of relationships, and it's well written and mostly entertaining. Jill's husband, David, left his first wife for her arms. But when he begins drawing the affections of a younger, sexier woman, Jill must face the reality of that old adage: "What he does WITH you, he'll do TO you."

It's rather refreshing, to me at least, to read this old domestic fiction--there are no caller IDs, no cell phones, no Facebook accounts to contend with.

One aspect of this book that bothered me were the very awkward transitions between past and present. And just once, I'd like to see a female main character who doesn't have or want a baybee. Jill thinks she'll save her capsizing relationship by breeding (that never works, hun), and David flat out refuses to discuss the matter. This is of course presented as another example of David's dickishness, but as far as I'm concerned, it's the most intelligent and commendable thing he does in the whole story.

Kennedy says

I read this book more than fifteen years ago and I still think of it now and again which is very unusual for me

when it comes to books. The quote at the beginning hooked me in and still echoes through my mind sometimes. And after such a strong hook to start, the story didn't disappoint.
