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A perfect divorce. A new flame. And a deadly obsession.

Nadine and Jake Saunders were married as teens. Tied to one another by a night of passion that resulted in a pregnancy neither could turn away from.

Now, years later, their children have all flown the nest and the pact they made as teenagers – to give one another the freedom to pursue their own dreams – has resurfaced.

But freedom comes at a price ...

While Nadine and Jake begin to untangle their lives from one another, Jake embarks on a passionate affair with a beautiful woman, Karin Moylan. What he doesn't know is the dark history Karin shares with Nadine.

As lust spirals into dangerous obsession, Jake must break free from Karin. But he must also ask himself how well he ever really knew Nadine. What secret is she hiding? The truth, when it is revealed, could destroy them all.

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sue says

Obsession and Betrayal are two things that go together, you just can't beat it.

Nadine is now divorced from her husband, they were married young and they have come to the end of the road basically. Nadine is slowly adjusting while Jake is having a relationship with what was Nadine's ex best buddy. Karin Moyes.

Not the best move on Jake's part I thought.

Jake knows some of the reasons why they are not friends now, so can he use this information when needed? Karin is not a woman to be messed with, she can't be pushed around, oh no, too headstrong for that.

This is an unnerving read, manipulative, jealousy, bully with all the ingredients to make a fab story.

Great psychological adventure this.

Do you remember Fatal Attraction?

It's got all the elements of that.

My thanks to Bookoutour for my copy via Net Galley

Alafair says

Story dragged

Nadine and Jake marry as teens after finding out they're expecting a baby. They raise 4 children and once the kids are grown and all moved out, Nadine and Jake decide to separate. They married so young and missed out on so much they set off to see what life is like being apart.

Karin is a friend from Nadine's teen years. The friendship ended badly and they haven't spoken in years. Now Karin is back in the picture and their lives will never be the same.

This story went on and on. I thought it would never end. So much boring filler information that was useless. I was able to finish it, but it was challenging. I got to the point where I didn't even care for the characters. Not a good read for me.

Sharon says

This book reminded me of the movie Fatal Attraction, which I saw at least three decades ago – a heart-stopping psychological thriller that has you biting your nails in anguish. And yes, I couldn't help but imagine Glenn Close in the role of the Other Woman – the stalker who edges herself into a marriage and just won't

let go. Glenn might be too old for the role to date, but this novel would make a terrific movie with a younger, just as chilling version of her!

Shelby *trains flying monkeys* says

Nadine's kids are all leaving the nest. Her and her husband Jake's business is on the skids and she starts looking back at her life. Nadine decides that her marriage is over but that she and Jake can have an easy, happy divorce.

She is interesting in living the life she didn't get to live and starting back to creating art while Jake wants to start up his teenage rockband again.

Their kids don't really understand why their parents are separating but they are all grown and pretty much on their own so mom and dad don't worry too much about them.

But a woman from the past is starting to catch Jake's attention.

Karin Moylan used to be Nadine's best friend before it all went sour one summer when they were fifteen years old. Now she is seeing Jake. She believes that Jake was taken from her by Nadine. That stupid Nadine just took everything from her. *sarcasm*

That's what love does, Jake. It fills us with the need to possess and cherish those dearest to us.

Jake begins to realize that all is not as it should be with Karin and then she starts inserting herself into the kids lives and popping up when she shouldn't be.

Jake should not have been thinking with his "other head."

I actually almost dnf'd the book because there is so much info in it that I kept thinking I would never finish it. When the action does pick up it turns into an interesting book but lots of talky-talking.

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I love this review here for the book so that is the one I'm spotlight this time. (None of my friends have braved this one yet)

Sarah says

Having settled down so early in their lives, Nadine and Jake decide to part ways and lead their own lives. As

it's something that they both want, parting should be a smooth process, shouldn't it?

The Betrayal is a story that is told between Nadine and Jake. Having decided that they are both going to go their own way, Jake bumps into Karin who Nadine used to be best friends with at school. It isn't long before Karin and Jake start up a relationship but it doesn't take long for Jake to realise what a big mistake it was to get involved with the stunning and confident Karin.

From the start it's obvious that Karin has issues, especially with the way she treated her supposedly best friend Nadine in their childhood. The reasoning why they are no longer friends is something that is slowly revealed to the reader as we read on through the book.

The author has created an enthralling read which made me reminisce slightly of the film Fatal Attraction. Karin is certainly a strong character and very much a force to be reckoned with, who I for one certainly would not want to get on the wrong side of.

The Betrayal certainly makes for a tense read that had me at times literally on the edge of my seat.

I have read a few of this author's books now and have enjoyed them all, if you haven't read any yet you really don't know what your missing out on.

Many thanks to Bookouture and Netgalley for an Advanced Readers Copy of this book.

Kim says

Jake and Nadine married very young and now that their youngest children have gone off to college they think it is time to pursue their own personal dreams. They need to sell the family home and business and then she will have time to be herself for the first time since she was 17. Jake wants to reform his band and tour.

A woman from the past enters their lives again and you wonder what happened all those years ago when they fell out. She causes all sorts of devastation and turmoil- and you wonder how much she's capable of.

I couldn't put this book down- desperate to find out what was going to happen next. You could just sense the evil lurking in the pages.

I have a couple more of Laura Elliot's books on my kindle and I will be very keen to read more.

Helen says

U will have seen it or read it before , don't understand the really high rating on these novels that aren't overly clever ,more like a life time movie of dodgy stalker woman with axe to grind who's unhinged seduces male lead and then stalks and intrudes on the family ,man regrets decision , rararararararara , it's ok ,but not worth the high score as its not original at all

Carmel Harrington says

Pageturner!

Really enjoyed this read, I galloped my way through it. Lots of twists and a thoroughly evil baddie. Great to visit some favourite locations in Dublin with Jake and Nadine too.

Tracy Fenton says

Loved this book. Any book that has my stomach churning in knots of dread and characters you want to punch in the face is always going to be devoured eagerly within a matter of days. Now to move the rest of this authors books up my TBR pile

Elaine says

5 Excellent Psychological And Suspenseful Stars

This is **Obsession and Betrayal** at its best....

Jake and Nadine after 25 years of marriage decide to honour a pact they made in their teens, that once the children had left home if they still felt the need to pursue their own dreams they would be free to do just that.

The perfect divorce

Whilst Nadine takes a while to find her feet, Jake starts a relationship with ~~an old school friend of Nadine's~~ **Karin Moyes**

But Nadine and Karin have a past, a past that Jake only knows parts of. A past that could destroy everything...

But its not long until he realises that Karin is not a woman to be messed with...
Her actions are both chilling and creepy...but how long until they surface.

His family may well be the scapegoats of dark history between these two women.

My Thoughts

This is my first book by **Laura Elliott** and I was very impressed with her consuming storytelling.

It first draws you into Nadine and Jakes married life and their reasons for parting. I'm not sure either really knew what would lie ahead for them both.

You can feel at times the hesitation sometimes in their voice.

I loved the way that his relationship slowly built up with Karin, the sexual desire at first then the tense and obsessive way that Karin was becoming.

Once again an excellent 5 Star read..

Renita D'Silva says

I have read and loved all of Laura Elliott's books and when I heard there talk of a new one, I had to have it. And wow, what a wonderful, rollercoaster of a ride this book was! Whenever I read a book by Laura Elliott, I know I am going to be entertained, that I am going to be lost, that I will not look up until I have reached the last page and that once I have done so, I will want to go back and begin again. This book was no different. The writing is so beautiful and the story so addictive that you have to keep turning the pages, even as you want to slow down and savour every beautifully written word. Laura Elliott writes with care, each word chosen to best effect. She writes with love, the emotions of the characters flowing off the page and lodging in your heart. Like with all of her other tales, I loved and lived this book. Thank you, Laura Elliott for this amazing story. Please write more. I am waiting.

Kelsi H says

Please read more of my reviews at <http://ultraviolentlit.blogspot.ca!>

The subtitle of this book is "a gripping tale of psychological suspense," but I think that might be a little bit overstated. There is some suspense, and certainly some emotionally unbalanced characters, but it wasn't as thrilling as I think it was meant to be. It reminded me of Paula Hawkins's *The Girl on the Train*, but without the satisfying and surprising resolution in the end. That being said, *The Betrayal* is still a fun, escapist summer read. It was addictive and fast-paced, without much depth.

Nadine and Jake married at a very young age due to an unexpected pregnancy. Instead of the misery this might create, they actually had a fairly happy marriage, with four children altogether. However, they have now become empty-nesters before the age of forty, and they are both still living with many unfulfilled

dreams. It seems like the perfect time to sell their business, move to separate homes, and start over.

All goes well for a while, although the dramatic scenes seemed to happen very quickly, while other, less important scenes dragged on and on. The characters were well developed for the most part, allowing the reader to know them and care what happens to them. However, the slow pace was caused by too much family drama, especially considering the thriller genre that this novel seems to want to be a part of.

Nadine moves on from Jake with a successful career and travel to Alaska. Jake moves on with a beautiful woman – who turns out to be a psychotic ex-friend of Nadine's, determined to get revenge for events that are only slowly revealed to us. As her obsession grows, we learn more about the dark secrets of the summer that Nadine and Karin's friendship ended. But that's only the beginning – once Jake learns the truth about Karin and tries to end it, she ingratiates herself into their lives in unbelievable ways.

This is a great summer novel, and I would certainly read more by this author, with the expectation that they will be similar thriller/beach reads. One thing that did elevate this from other novels like it was the beautifully descriptive settings of Ireland and Alaska – I felt very drawn into the world of the characters. Overall, I enjoyed the thrill ride of this novel, and I would recommend it.

I received this book for free from Bookouture and NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

Anna says

Rating: 3.5 stars

Teenagers Nadine and Karin were inseparable and spent one particular summer flirting with and competing for Jake, a wannabe rockstar. But something happened that summer which bitterly tore the girls apart; they never spoke again.

Twenty five years, four children and a successful business later, Nadine and Jake have just started divorce proceedings. They married young and although they still remain friends, they've simply outgrown each other. Their separation is all very amicable, until a scheming Karin re-enters their lives.....

With a tagline of '*a gripping novel of psychological suspense*,' the blurb saying '*the truth, when it is revealed, could destroy them all*' and definite echoes of *Fatal Attraction*, I was really enjoying this, an easy 4 stars. As Karin intricately weaves her way into the family I read with an increasing feeling of dread - what would her final vengeful act be? Big and crazy? Or subtle and terrifying? But when it - and the reveal - came it was a case of 'is that it?' It was such a let down and I felt cheated. After such a tight build up, the last few chapters could and should have been so much more.

This is the first book I've read by this author and I'll read more as I enjoyed her style and impending sense of delicious doom. Just have to hope that next time the ending lives up to the plotting.

Jules says

The Betrayal: A gripping novel of psychological suspense is true to its title.

I found this to be a rather unnerving and sometimes very emotional psychological read, with aspects of manipulation, bullying, jealousy and dark secrets.

The main characters are well developed and believable. I found myself connecting with Nadine, and feeling very uncomfortable about Karin and what she might do, and felt this story had a *Fatal Attraction* feel to it throughout.

This is a great book for fans of psychological suspense, and I'm definitely be interested in other books by this author having read this one.

I would like to thank the publisher, Bookouture for allowing me a copy of this book via Netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

michelle says

After marrying in their teens after an unexpected pregnancy. Nadine and Jake decide to part ways after all the children have flown the nest. They wanted to split the business that they have built up together and Jake wants to reform the band that was going places, before Nadine got pregnant.

Jake meets up with an old friend Karin, that used to be Nadine's best friend when they where in their teens. But an argument that Nadine doesn't want to talk about split their friendship. Jake rekindles the friendship and they end up having an affair while Nadine and his divorce goes through.

Suddenly there is a case of fatal attraction as Karin is jealous of Nadine's life and old secrets come out of the cupboard.

I thought this story was ok but It was entertaining throughout but, the story went on far to long and nothing original about it. I was also quite disappointed of the ending. The author built the story so much up and the for me the ending was mediocre.
