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The brilliantly witty novel from the Top Ten *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *Getting Rid of Matthew*.

A husband. A wife. A mistress. And the ultimate plan for revenge . . .

The husband

James never intended to lead a double life - with a wife in London and a mistress in the country, it's exhausting. But that's all about to change . . .

The wife

Stephanie isn't really snooping when she finds a text message from a strange woman on her husband's mobile. But now she's found it, how can she ignore it? It's time to track the woman down and find out what's going on . . .

The mistress

Katie has no reason to believe her boyfriend, James, is cheating until someone claiming to be his wife gets in touch. Now she's been cast in the role of mistress. Not one she's happy with . . .

Once Stephanie and Katie know about each other, they must decide what to do. They could both just throw him out or they could join forces to make his life hell first . . .

But revenge isn't always sweet. And what happens when one woman thinks enough is enough but the other doesn't know when to stop?

Praise for Jane Fallon:

'Intelligent, edgy and witty' *Glamour*

'A brilliant and original tale' *Sun*

'Chick lit with an edge' *Guardian*

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Lauren says

Ok... this book disappointed me. A lot. It started off with soooo much hope, and I was really into it when Katie and Stephanie were planning the revenge on James. And then it fell flat.

I really wanted to see the revenge plan pan out and alas it didn't because James decided to feel guilty and then confessed. I also did not enjoy that the ending just kind of stopped. It was like the story was unfinished.

I gave it 2 stars for exactly the reason that it was ok. I actually enjoyed the book for more than 50 percent and then it was just blah.

Had a lot of potential but didn't meet my expectations by the ending.

Vicky says

Originally reviewed at: <http://wp.me/p2xDmc-Os>

My love for Jane Fallon's work started years before I even started blogging. I remember randomly picking up *Getting Rid of Matthew* in our local bookshop when I was 17 and instantly falling love with Fallon's writing. I know I loved her style even then but I wasn't really keen on how the story ended and felt that it fell a bit flat. Since I found the author's style so absorbing and so well-written, I knew *Got You Back* would be another brilliant read but I was hoping the ending wouldn't disappoint. Well, it didn't. *Got You Back* turned out to be even more captivating than I thought it would be and it has quickly become one of my favourite books of the year from this genre. It's very cleverly written, its characters are relatable and realistic and the story is definitely a unique one.

Both the story and the writing reminded me of Tamar Cohen's *A Mistress's Revenge*, a book which I reviewed only a few months ago. Both books deal with love affairs gone wrong in quite a different way but in a similarly entertaining and gripping fashion. *Got You Back* centres around Stephanie, a stylist working in London and James, a vet who divides his time between his rural practice in Lower Shippingham and his work in north London. While he loves his wife and his son, he feels that his life got a bit dull over the years. So when he meets Katie in Lower Shippingham and suddenly feels more alive, his fate is sealed. They move in together in Katie's cottage, spending three nights a week together while Stephanie and their son Finn are both in London. But when James forgets to delete one of Katie's texts and Stephanie finds it by accident, a whole new chapter begins.

Instead of the usual cheating husband scenario, Stephanie gets in touch with Katie and they come up with a plan: they join forces in order to take revenge and make James's life as miserable as he made them feel. Fallon kept me on the edge of my seat all the way through the end and I had no clue what was going to happen. The fact that James has no clue what's going on behind his back or even the fact that his wife and his girlfriend know each other makes the story utterly hilarious and impossible to put down.

In addition to a well-thought-out plot what I really enjoyed about this book is how diverse the characters were. I loved Stephanie's character and how she handled all this - and when I started reading the book I didn't

thought I would end up saying this but I was actually beginning to like James and feel sorry for him by the end. Katie was starting to get on my nerves but her unpredictable behaviour definitely adds to the tension and makes you want to read on. After such a long and tense build-up, the ending seemed a bit anti-climatic at first and it was not what I initially expected but all in all, I like the way things worked out for all of them.

Overall *Got You Back* was an entertaining, witty and memorable novel which I didn't want to end. The writing's brilliant, the characters are not over-the-top or unrealistic and the plot is guaranteed to keep you up late at night. Another fantastic read by Jane Fallon for fans of women's fiction. I can't wait to see what she comes up with next!

Jennifer Whiteford says

Good writing, weak plot. The description said the characters have the "ultimate plan for revenge" which is not actually the case at all. The book is about 100 pages too long because the plot needs a lot of finagling to be tied up neatly. I enjoyed the first 3/4 but then was mostly waiting for it to be over.

Rory says

It starts off ok. Good premise and there were some twists that could happen along with the way when there are relationships between one man and two women.

But the revenges are pretty predictable. It's obvious was it going to happen. The ending is also obvious.

Its light hearted as a background book but nothing new or exciting.

Lucy says

Very well written. Shows what can happen if you lie and think only about yourself. Also, shows how no matter what happen divorced parents don't need to fight and argue about children or anything else. They can be friends and have friendly feelings for each other.

It's not kids fault that their parents are no longer together. So I think it is a god decision that Stephanie wanted to show Finn that things are not going to be completely different, just a little.

Helena Wildsmith says

I really did enjoy this book and how realistic it felt. The fact that good people can make bad decisions is probably one of the underlying themes here and I loved how much the characters reflected that. However the story felt stilted at times and it just dragged on slightly too long. A good read but not as lovable as Jane Fallon's others.

Sandra Baši? says

Ovo je pri?a o ljubavnom trokutu izme?u Jamesa, njegove supruge Stephanie i ljubavnice Katie. James je veterinar koji 3 dana radi u Londonu a ostatak u veterinarskoj stanici na selu gdje upoznaje Katie. Zaljubljuje se u nju, govori joj da je razveden i tako godinu dana vodi dvostruki život, sve dok Stephanie jednog dana ne na?e na njegovom mobitelu poruku: Jako mi fališ, K.

Od toga trenutka za Stephanie po?inje pakao, ali odlu?uje saznati istinu pa odlu?i kontaktirati Katie. I tada, dvije se žene udružuju i Jamesu objavljuju rat.

Tko ?e pobijediti, a tko izvu?i kra?i kraj, otkrijte sami.

Simpatijan ljubi?, za ljetne dane.

Suzanne says

This book was.. disappointing.

The plot and the whole idea of the book was good: *Husband has double life and both the wife and girlfriend find out and plan to get revenge*. It just wasn't executed as well as it could have been. I think the characters were a little vague as I didn't really connect with them. The love interest for the wife, Michael, was sooo boring and dull. No chemistry at all. And then it just seemed to get really boring from then onwards. I must say, I liked the part where they were styling celebrities for the BAFTA's. That was quite interesting but the rest was dull.

Overall, I think it's something to read on holiday or when you have nothing else better to do and need to pass the time. I got this in a book swap so I'm glad I didn't buy it. I think I'll be swapping it again!

Lara says

This isn't normally my type of book but I picked it up at work on the book table in the canteen and decided to give it a go. It took me a few chapters to get into but once into it I became intrigued at how the revenge that Stephanie and Katie had planned for James would pan out. I quite enjoyed this part but then the last third and especially towards the end became cheesy, everyone was being nice and polite and it just didn't wash.

Laura says

This was a 3.5 star book for me. I loved the topic and the moral undertone; how different people think and feel in different ways. I also thought this book had a very strong ending. But I was disappointed with how boring this book felt, I found myself dragging my eyes across the page rather than being really invested.

Ian Mapp says

Oh dear.... what happened to the brilliant one liners and a genuine anti hero of a character from "getting rid of matthew" that prompted me to read this one.

Believe me, if all chick lit was like this, I would never have attempted another foray into the world of the enemies minds.

This is a flimsey novel that doesnt have a lot going for it.... it is gently amusing, rather than funny and has poor characterisation and story - with the marriage infidelity and divorce as a premise to a bit of gentle slapstick, rather than a john wayne bobbit bit of surgery.

James is the centrepeice of the story. He lives part of the week in London (again, well drawn) with his wife stephanie and child and part of the week in the countryside - with his mistress Kate.

He has taken things a bit far with Kate - moved in with her and having a social circle. As if that could happen without Kate knowing for a year - what about holidays and weekends etc.

Stephanie finds a text from kate on his phone - confronts her and quickly realises that she is as much in the dark. They then both plot a series of revenges.

Some of these are gentle - like buying the same clothes and kate changing her appearance to look like Steph - freaking james out. Others get more sinister, as his business practices, breaking of planning permissions and employment law lapses are reported to the authorities.

Steph has increasing misgivings about what they are doing, expecially as James starts to go off the rails (not that you as the reader are bothered and he is a weak spineless character) but Katie increasingly goes for the kill.

It was all meant to peak at his 40th birthday celebrations - spread over two days - before he collapses in tears at the end of the first one and admits everything.

All a bit light and fluffy and not as good as the first one, which is a concern but at least the author avoids the temptation to have a sickly sweat ending.

Zoe says

The concept of this book is definitely a good one - Mistress and wife plotting revenge behind the cheating husband's back. My only issue being I strongly disliked almost all of the characters. The wife, I found to be cold and unfriendly. The mistress I found to be childish and irritating and the cheating husband? Well, needless to say he was awful from the off. I didn't sympathise with a single situation, unfortunately. I also found the ending lacking and feel a juicy twist would have been perfect! All in all, a light and easy to read book - with a good overall outline but too many mean characters!!

Sophie says

I've had this book on my shelf for God knows how long and after really forcing myself to actually complete my Reading Challenge this year, I thought I would finally get round to reading this.

I did really enjoy this, which I think shows in the time it took me to read it (8 days, when usually a book takes me about a month or longer to finish). I've seen a couple of comments about the characters in other reviews, which I do agree with. Katie (the mistress) came across as whiny, mardy and towards the end of the book I really disliked her. Although James was the cheating husband who you just had to hate in most of the story, I did start to feel sorry for him when his life started to unravel and I was hoping him and Stephanie (the scorned wife) would get back together in the end (SPOILER - they didn't)

As much as I did enjoy the book, I was so disappointed with the end. I was glad when Stephanie dumped Michael and said she needed to focus on herself, but when she went back home and had a humorous moment with James, I thought that was them getting back together!

I know you wouldn't want the cheating husband to come out on top, but I did want him to become happy and Stephanie would take him back. However, the part at the end which says:

"There was still one more hurdle she and James had to get across: telling Pauline and John that their marriage was over. She was in no rush to do that now either. She was just going to wait and see what happened."

I have decided I am taking this as them getting back together. Whilst I was left slightly disappointed by the end, I'm glad I took the time to read Got You Back and I will not hesitate to read another Jane Fallon novel.

Laura says

Got You Back is an easy read which didn't overly excite me but was quite entertaining.

The synopsis sounded great – I think it's always quite fun to read about some revenge served up cold to a cheating partner – and the novel satisfied that to some extent, but it wasn't as exciting as I thought it would be. I wanted more of a 'smack-you-in-the-face' resolution or perhaps some kind of unexpected event or twist to make me go 'wow!', but it was just a little lacking. Maybe I just expected a different kind of novel. The characters were interesting enough but I just wasn't hugely engrossed in the story - basically it was okay, but not great.

The narration, however, was quite engaging and I would still read other books by Jane Fallon in the future, as I've heard good things about her other novels!

[2.5 stars bumped to 3]

Alice Rose says

If there's one thing I enjoy reading about, it's cheaters getting their comeuppance. Stephanie has been married to James for a while, and they have a son together. James is a commuter - he spends the end of the week at home with his wife and then Sunday evenings he drives miles away to work at his veterinary practise until the middle of the week. What Stephanie doesn't know is that while he's there, he is living with his "girlfriend", Katie. And Katie is unaware that James still has a wife.

I liked this book. I was cheering Katie on from the offset; I know the whole point of the book was to show that she was taking the whole "revenge" thing too far, but if you've ever been the victim of infidelity, then you can't really understand how much the betrayal must hurt. The thing I didn't like about the book was that Stephanie started to feel sorry for James and think they were taking things too far. The bottom line is, James is a serial liar and a cheat, and everything that was done to him was deserved. Overall, Katie was my favourite character, and I really hope she found her closure eventually! Good chick-lit with a slightly darker theme.
