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Michelle says

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In this richly, dark, and sexually provocative engrossing thriller, Ava Marsh delivers an intense, sexy, vivid fast-paced account of London's high-class escorts in her debut book, **UNTOUCHABLE**. Ms. Marsh takes her readers down a journey where lust, money, lies, and betrayals make up this toxic world where power and men assume control.

In the world of escorts and call-girls, the rules are simple. Don't get involved with your client, never reveal your real name, and always leave your client satisfied. Grace also known as Stella by her clients is a high-end escort that services the elite, wealthy and men of London. She is a woman who detaches herself from her clients. She is there to do her job.. fake a few moans but always leaves them satisfied. But what happens when a fellow call girl is found murdered? Can Grace/Stella be able to walk away from the escort business? Or will Grace find herself embroiled in the mystery surrounding her death? As Grace gets deeper in finding the truth, what dangers awaits for her? In a world where survival is key, can Grace survive as she delves deeper in this toxic and dangerous world where attraction can be deadly?

In this multi-faceted story built on layers of intrigue, sex, mystery, lies, and suspense, Ms. Marsh takes her readers on a dark, sexy, raw, and nail-biting ride that will have you on the edge of your seats where sometimes justice and the truth can be fatal. In this sexual graphic thriller suspense, the author spellbinds her reader as she intoxicates us with a realistic and authentic portrayal of high-class escorts. Though this book may not be everyone's cup of tea, Ms. Marsh did an amazing job writing this addictive provocative thriller. I loved that the book was set in London, where the weather is unpredictable and just like this story it sets up the backdrop of where nothing is really as it seems. So if you are looking for a book that is a sexy thriller where flawed characters has the ability to steal your hearts and have you intrigued and engulfed with crime and mystery, then I highly recommend you to read **UNTOUCHABLE**.

Review can also be found on Four Chicks Flipping Pages: <http://fourchicksflippingpages.weebly.com>...Ava Marsh

sue says

First let me say this is an 'unputdownable' read.

Secondly let me say, you need to put time away because you won't be able to leave this book until you have

read it from cover to cover.

Well, this was what it was like for me.

Stella [her real name is Grace, but in the escort business she likes to be called Stella] she pampers to the whims, needs and sexual appetites of her clients. For money.

It wasn't always like this for Stella, she was a respected member of society but something happened, and you will need to read this to find out.

One of the girls is found murdered and Stella finds herself enmeshed in this. And as Stella becomes near to the truth uncovering endless things, its starting to look very very dangerous for Stella.

Let me say, if you are adverse to sexual scenes and graphically written, then you may find this disturbing. **I need to say though, they are vital to the writing of this book, the author doesn't keep back any punches and its realistic to the core. Not showing, not for titillation its paramount for our understanding of the characters**

This is a story with many layers, layers that are revealed in stages, its really really addictive reading.

I can't believe this is a debut novel. I really need to look out for her next one if this is anything to go by.

Fabulous.

Thank you to the author and to Random House UK, Transworld Publishers for providing me with a fantastic read for me to review from Net Galley

Joseph - Relax And Read Reviews says

Oh Wow!! This book ?is fabulous. It ?has been ?sitting idly in my kindle for months?, but only because I ?didn't realise how good it is. ??'Untouchable' is a tension-packed, sexy, fast-paced thriller? that ?kept me on the edge of my seat throughout.

Stella is a beautiful, professional escort, charging hefty sums of money for her services in London. Her ?business attracts the most powerful and filthy rich men in the country.??

But being an escort ?is dangerous. You can never be sure of your client's intentions. ?When Elisa, another escort?,? is found murdered in a hotel room,? Stella is not convinced this is the random act of a client. She has reason to believe that someone specifically wanted Elisa silenced for good. But why? With no one giving credit to her story, Stella decides to dig on her own initiative, but she soon finds herself messing with some pretty nasty individuals. What can one woman do against remorseless men who are ready to go at great lengths to safeguard their reputation? Will she live long enough to uncover the truth?

We ?also ?know that Stella is running from ?her past. Something terrible has happened ?forcing her to change her life completely... ?someone has died. What happened?? Who died?? ?And who is Michael? Why

is she terrified at? just? the mention of his name? ?The author skilfully uncovers the mystery piece by piece keeping our curiosity spiked till the end.

?Well, I really had a great time reading this book. It is very well-written, keeping the reader engaged throughout. All characters are ?all well-described and ?very realistic?. ?We have many bad guys in this book. In fact, with the exception of two or three, the good guys are practically non-existent. Though the main character, Stella is not exactly Mother Theresa, ?the author makes ?you ?empathise with ?her?. It is as though Stella has no other option but to lead this life in order to forget her previous one.

?A word of warning: this book has A LOT of sex.?? So, ?if you don't like explicitly described sex scenes, do not read this book.? Other than that this debut thriller is just fantastic and I'll make sure to keep an open eye for other books by this author.?

With thanks to Random House UK, Transworld Publishers and Netgalley for approving my request to read and review this book.

Jacqueline's Reads says

4.5 A little Dark and A little Taboo Stars

Untouchable is Ava Marsh's debut novel. Untouchable kind of reminds of Aleatha Romig books, like Insidious and K.A. Tucker's Burying Water series, in the sense Untouchable is not full of romance, but more suspenseful and a little taboo.

Stella is an escort. She is good at her job and she doesn't have any intentions of giving up the profession. What I found so fascinating about this read was that this book touched the not so glamorous side of prostitution. Not every client is an attractive billionaire and this really got me interested.

The beginning starts with a mini prologue, if you are like me and you don't like to read any foreshadowing, I suggest you skip this part. It won't take away anything from the story. I was instantly hit in the face with story from chapter one.

I wouldn't say Untouchable is graphic, but there's detail where you get the full picture. It's a very descriptive book. For example, Stella also works at parties with other escorts and there is a scene with multiple partners and drugs. It was really really really fascinating to read. The guys were kind of rough and the girls went into it as a "job".

A girl is murdered and Stella is all of sudden in the middle of it. She doesn't understand why her friend is killed and Stella can't help, but pursue the mystery. Throughout the book Stella takes on clients and starts different kind of relationships with them. Like I said, the book isn't overly romantic, but there is a tiny part of it and that kept me in the story.

What I really enjoyed was how different this book was. I liked how it was a little dark, taboo and suspenseful. With every client Stella meets, I was always wondering how this guy would be different and how he would interact with Stella.

If you are into darkish reads with suspenseful plot, then this one is for you.

An ARC was provided

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Mark Edwards says

I've given this 4 stars because I'm trying to save 5 star reviews for books that completely blow my mind, but this was a hugely enjoyable book. Some of it is so sexually explicit that it made my Kindle steam up... I won't forget the 'party' scene in a hurry.

Stella/Grace is an engaging and likeable character. Perhaps inevitably I was reminded of Secret Diary of a Call Girl but with a thrilling plot. The writing is unfussy and the pace fast. It made a refreshing change from domestic noir and police procedurals and I highly recommend it to anyone who isn't prudish.

Claire says

Review: Untouchable by Ava Marsh

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Synopsis:

'If you start feeling anything for a client – and it does happen – count the money. That always brings you back down to earth.' Stella is an escort, immersed in a world of desire, betrayal and secrets. It's exactly where she wants to be. Stella used to be someone else: respectable, loved, safe. But one mistake changed all that. When a fellow call girl is murdered, Stella has a choice: forget what she's seen, or risk everything to get justice for her friend. In her line of work, she's never far from the edge, but pursuing the truth could take her past the point of no return. Nothing is off limits. Not for her – and not for them. But no one is truly untouchable.

Review:

I started reading this last night, with the intention of just making a start by reading a few chapters. It's now almost 4a.m. and I've just read the final page, realising with a start that I've been reading solidly for the past several hours with no recollection of anything apart from this fantastic novel.

Stella is a great character, feisty and likeable. She's very matter of fact about how she makes her living, hiding her true identity from her clients and keeping her real life very much separate. The interaction with her clients is professional and the description of these is intricate without being sensational - a refreshing change to have a book with all of the detail but none of the cringe-worthy wording or scenarios!

I'm glad I got the opportunity to read *Untouchable* and recommend it to my fellow readers, whatever their preferred genre. There's a bit of everything here - crime, thriller, suspense, mystery, psychological, erotica... Read it; you won't be disappointed.

Christine says

Ava Marsh's debut novel is rather fun, sexy and turns into quite an exciting thriller.

Set in the world of high class call girls and their clients, we meet and get to know the racy life of Stella. Stella is paid for sex and seems to rather enjoy the way she makes a living. We see her entertaining men and working prosaically on her tax return. Stella finds her life turned upside down, when her friend and fellow prostitute Amanda is murdered. Who would want to kill her and is Stella also in danger?

The first part of this novel felt like 'The Secret Diary of a Call Girl'. Stella shows us her life, in all of its explicit glory. Steamy encounters and a rather explicit sex party scene are thrown in for good measure. If you've read 'Fifty Shades' or anything similar, you won't find yourself blushing too much. Stella seems to have chosen this way of life, keeping men at a distance. The male clients were entertaining and some of their excuses for using the services of Stella made me chuckle. There is more to Stella than just sex, as soon becomes apparent after the death of her friend. Stella comes into her own and starts to fight for the truth. I really found myself warming increasingly to Stella and her gutsy ways. She proved to be a hero.

This is definitely one for those who don't mind explicit sex in their crime reads. It does work though, and I found myself drawn into Stella's life from the word go. There is a lovely mix of intrigue, revenge, murder and blackmail. Worth a read, if you want something a bit different!

Bookread2day says

A must buy must read

Ava Marsh and I share the same surname, and Ava grew up in Margate not far from where I live.

Imagine if Belle du Jour and Martina Cole teamed up to write a thriller together the result would be *Untouchable*, a dark and sexy thriller with flawed but likable heroine.

The book *Untouchable* is fast-paced, compelling and deserves to be a huge hit. With out question *Untouchable* is a gritty commercial thriller with an addictive blend of sex.

The story is based on considerable research into the oft ignored world of high-class escorting.

Untouchable offers authentic and insight into a dangerous world intriguing world we are not often privy to. It challenges traditional cliches of the thriller genre, and highlights controversy surrounding feminism and the sex industry.

Attraction can be fatal when a call girl is murdered.

I really enjoyed reading Untouchable and I look forward to Ava Marsh next new pulse-pounding thriller novel.

Rebecca Bradley says

I'd heard great things about this novel last year but I'd been struggling to get through my TBR pile and get to it. Eventually, I managed and I was so glad I did. This is a crime novel with a unique protagonist. Though, she's a protagonist not everyone will like.

Stella is a call girl. A high-class call girl, but a call girl all the same and she tells you about the jobs she's doing. You get the descriptions of her work. It's not erotica, its plain English factual dialogue about what is happening and that won't be everyone's cup of tea, but if you're ok with most crime novels then you should be ok with this and if you are, then you will love the book.

It's a book that is different in the crime genre. An escort who is the protagonist? Who you root for? Absolutely! It works and it works really well. Stella has her back story, her reasons, her past. She also has a sensible head on her shoulders and when things start to go wrong she knows it and she knows she can't stand back and do nothing. But what can an escort do? You'll just have to read this to find out and I recommend that you do. Marsh has created a brilliant and believable character in Stella, her fellow escorts and the men she services. She has created a dark world that you know exists so has you turning the pages and unable to put it down.

A great start to my reading year!

With thanks to the author, publisher and NetGalley for my copy.

Book Addict Shaun says

Sometimes I like to pick a random book from my TBR and start reading it. I purchased Untouchable a while ago when everyone was raving about how good it was. A short while after I had started reading, I had made a 30% dent in my Kindle and it felt like I'd been reading for no time at all. It would have been rude to stop reading and so I carried on, and finished the book in one sitting. Untouchable is an addictive read that had me glued to my Kindle. It's also a book very different to anything I've read before, and that's probably one of the reasons I enjoyed it so much.

It's hard to know where to start with a book like this, but I guess with our main character, Stella. Stella is a prostitute, albeit one that doesn't have to parade her wares on a freezing cold street corner. Instead she commands £250 an hour. Seemingly lucrative work if you can get it. I think what intrigued me the most in

the beginning was Stella herself. From how she viewed her clients, and her 'job' overall and then comparing that with her previous life. Stella isn't your typical escort, and in fact had a previous 'life' where she had a family and a successful career. Ava Marsh portrays a brutal picture of life as an escort and it's an extremely explicit read in places. That said I think it's all relevant to the story, and helps you to understand the women more. Stella is a mysterious character that we learn more about as we discover her history and I'm always impressed when a writer has you experiencing real feeling and emotion towards a fictional character, especially one that you can't really relate to, and I really felt that with Stella. She felt like a 'real' person.

When a fellow escort is murdered, Stella is faced with a dilemma. She must decide whether to fight for justice for her friend, or to ignore what she's seen. It's hardly a spoiler to say that she doesn't just walk away as it'd be a pretty dull book if she did. Instead we get to witness Stella's quest for vengeance and she becomes a very easy character to like and root for, especially as she's up against some truly horrific human beings. And it just serves to show that you face danger just as much as a high-class escort as you do a low-renter on a street corner. A rather sedate build-up in the beginning leads nicely into an action-packed second half and this is a thriller in every sense of the word. My excitement and anticipation heightened by not knowing what was coming next, and I felt a strong emotional connection towards Stella and so I was right there next to her on her journey. Untouchable is a first-rate debut thriller and I'm very excited to read more from Ava Marsh.

Deea (Andreea) says

Later update:

So, as I was watching Rihanna's B*** Better Have My Money video today, I had a moment of OMG THIS VIDEO IS PERFECT FOR THAT BOOK I JUST READ! :))

(^__^ the party that started it all)

Seriously. It fits perfectly the last part of the book, it should be its theme. :D

(^__^Until they pissed off the wrong girl).

(^__^It's pay time for Mr Pig Harry)

Hmm... I wouldn't say it was a disappointment per se, but it didn't really live up to what I expected when I read the blurb either. It was one of those middle ground books for me.

I was expecting something more exciting, more intriguing, more twisted, more... well, *thrilling*, but it turned out an underwhelming read.:(While the idea was interesting and very original, the story itself didn't quite hold me invested. I kept zoning out; sometimes it really dragged and felt like it was going nowhere. To be brutally honest here, it felt quite dull. Part of my brain was anticipating getting all the answers and seeing where all those 'twists' could go, if the heroine will find redemption and end up with one of those men, but other part of my brain was, simply put, bored. Does that make any sense? It was frustrating because I really wanted to like it, I loved the idea of it, but not so much the little facts or the execution. I needed more to really pull me in...

The heroine and her story were definitely unique (how often do we read a book from an escort's POV? A working one at that, who was dealing with her fair share of drama and weird clients too, beside the little mystery crime thing she dragged herself in). But...I didn't really feel it. All the sex scenes felt so clinical (probably because of her profession?), even with the 'love interest', and the plot twists were unimpressive and the end anticlimactic... Where's the emotion, the passion, the feeling, the depth, the anticipation that should come with this type of books?

I didn't really want to straight up DNF it, but I wasn't all that into it either. Just meh. It had its ups and downs, but overall, it wasn't very impressive for me. It's the same feeling I got when I read *The Paper Swan*.

The writing was good and there was potential here, so maybe I will check this author's future works. :)
3 stars

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Janet says

Firstly, thank you to the publisher, author and Netgalley for the ARC.

A debut from the pen of Ava Marsh turned out to be quite an enjoyable read indeed! Certainly once I got into it I didn't want to put it down.

This is a story about Stella, a lady with a profession that some might not like, who has been running from her past for some time and lands herself in trouble in her present. To say more would be to give spoilers away but what I will say is that due to the nature of what Stella does there are a lot of sex scenes within the book. I, for one, found them tastefully done and very much intrinsic to the storytelling (the party scene, say no more!!), but it may not be to everyone's taste, so if it's really not your thing, perhaps this one isn't for you.

The story itself is told well, it's pacy, well characterised and really draws you in as a reader. There were times when I questioned plausibility but these were minor quibbles because the character of Stella is really engaging and it's very much her story told from her point of view.

If you're looking for a pacy read with, um, a fair bit of the racy stuff but is equally thrilling as a story, then look no further!! I will definitely be reading more from Ms Marsh!!

Enjoy!

Rachel Hall says

Untouchable is the debut release by Ava Marsh and having seen numerous recommendations from other crime fiction authors that this novel was something special I had to take a look. So, was it worth the top billing? Absolutely!

Untouchable opens with an ominous threat, 'Michael says hello' being delivered to high class prostitute, Grace, but how on earth does the man know her real name? Opening three years earlier Grace Thomas aka Stella turns her first trick, sells her body for sex and with 'no more than a vague sensation of having lost my virginity all over again' she enters the world of high class prostitution. From then on a line had always been crossed in Stella's mind and there was no going back. Fast forwarding to the present day Stella is dealing with the altogether more mundane task of filing her tax return, describing in a perfectly matter-of-fact way what she can possibly claim for as expenses and how she can describe her business to the Inland Revenue.

There is something fragile in Stella's narrative from the off, a sense that she is barely keeping things in check under a flinty exterior. As she goes about her day to day 'work' it becomes clear that she is a woman of contrasts, from reading Murakami to volunteering at a rape crisis centre. Her self aware narration and wry sarcasm has a huge appeal and helps to convey the impression that there is a seriously determined personality bubbling under the surface, and the clinical detailing of the sex reduces her line of work to just another occupation. There is nothing gratuitous about the sex scenes in Untouchable, rather Stella's observations are reduced to a sterile description and the details I craved were of the real woman hiding underneath it all. Stella is a fascinating protagonist and has an unerring sense of being wonderfully grounded, all adding to the impression that she is a remarkably intelligent woman.

Stella is astute enough to recognise that she is running from her former life, trying to escape the misery of a past which has been lost to reproach and never being able to forgive herself for the one fatal misjudgement she made. Whilst Stella sees prostitution as her escape plan from her old life, you sense that she is an inner ball of tension, threatening to go off kilter and spiral out of control. There is an element of her actively alienating clients; not caring what they think or even worrying about the repeat business and 'user' reviews which means that the events which follow seem almost inevitable and that Stella was already leaning towards change. When a few days after a birthday party for a client, one of the two other girls who has entertained alongside Stella is found murdered in a shabby hotel room, Stella smells a rat. Despite only having worked with the murdered girl, Elisa, half a dozen times, Stella feels an obligation to not simply lie down and accept the whitewash verdict. Going to see Elisa's long term partner was a step too close to the heart of the trouble and after what she learns there is no turning back. Apparently Elisa hadn't recorded the appointment in her diary, hadn't told her partner and even paid for the hotel room where she was discovered herself. The police say that Elisa has sex in the hotel room, but why then, is there no DNA evidence of her murderer? That Stella had previously encountered the most enigmatic and self contained of the four men at the party and had seen the signs that he could spell danger certainly raised the stakes.

Why does Stella go all out for justice for Elisa? Maybe because she has let herself be reduced to a shell after her own mistake and she has finally accepted that she deserves more than the misery she has been inflicting on herself relentlessly for the last five years? As it becomes clear that Stella has now become 'fair game' thanks to her active pursuit of the investigation, she finds herself in a very vulnerable position. Untouchable is a thought provoking novel about corruption and revenge, yet the most striking point was that at the end of the day, prostitution is no worse and certainly nothing different to taking any old Tom, Dick or Harry home from the pub or club for a one night stand. Taking risks shouldn't be regarded as the territory of prostitution any more intrinsically than any other casual hook up, yet it often is. Stella's volunteering at the rape crisis

centre also forced me to consider the instances of rape and domestic violence which go on behind the closed doors of many marriages,

Untouchable is a blood pumping, anxiety raising thriller and whilst pulling this off in real life might not be plausible, it is one hell of a ride! Whilst throughout Untouchable it is fairly clear to gain an idea as to what has sent Grace Thomas fleeing her old life and the corruption at the centre of Elisa's murder, it is altogether less clear cut how Stella will respond!! The gloves are off, Stella is fighting back from her own past and there is a wonderful sense that with this closure, Stella can return to some version of her former life. A well thought structured and all consuming read.. Now for Exposure.. A four star crime plot delivered with a five star gut wrenching thrill which had me hooked.

I would hope that Untouchable is not the last appearance that Stella will make in a novel as her character has endless potential and is a very strong leading lady. I am lobbying for Stella to feature in another story, perhaps a short story catching up with her life in five years time? Hands up those in agreement?!

♥Rachel♥ says

Stella is a high priced call girl, not in the business just for the money, but in it for the escape it brings her. Right away you realize that Stella is trying to forget her previous life, one where she had a “respectable” life and job, and getting down to the bottom of what happened is just one of the mysteries. It was fascinating being the “the fly on the wall” as Stella takes on clients and gets through this type of life; the way she stayed detached and approached her job almost in a clinical manner. Still, there is a client or two that get under her skin, and I had romantic hopes for one of them. Things become dangerous and a lot more interesting after one of her professional girlfriends is murdered. Stella is shaken and jolted awake by the murder, and she's no longer able to drift along in numb avoidance of her past.

Stella really did get herself into the middle of a frightening situation, and I was wondering how she'd find a way out, but I was pleased with her clever thinking. I found Stella to be a sympathetic character, but I did want to shake her a few times when it was clear her lifestyle was part escape/part penance over her past, especially when her choices hurt the people that cared for her.

“You convict yourself without a trial. Now you’re living out the life sentence you gave yourself.”

It seems most of us are our harshest critic or judge, but at some point it's time to move on and realize there's nothing you can do about the past. While I wasn't happy her friend was murdered, I'm glad Stella didn't just go about her life like normal after.

Untouchable was a different sort of read for me. Yes, I've read countless mysteries/thrillers, but never one with a call girl at its center. To be honest, I was a little hesitant to pick up the story for that very reason. The thought of reading about a working girl didn't appeal to me, but the story was captivating and not off-putting like I thought it might be. I will say some scenes were graphic and gritty, fair warning.

Even though it wasn't the central focus of the story, there is a romance. Ben was delicious and their time together was very sensual. Their chemistry was palpable, heated, and it felt like something that had long term potential. You know when a couple just clicks? I felt that with Ben and Stella, so I of course was hoping for a happy ending with them.

“Jesus, Stella. I’ve been thinking about you...about this, for weeks. It got so I thought I must be imagining how good it was.”

Ava Marsh’s debut was engrossing, suspenseful, and beautifully written! I thought the setting of London with its moody weather was perfect and atmospheric for this thriller. I’ll definitely be on the watch whatever Ms. Marsh writes next.

A copy was kindly provided by Berkley in exchange for an honest review.

Liz Barnsley says

This is a terribly addictive character driven thriller with a hard sexy edge and a really intriguing and clever storyline.

Grace is a prostitute - known in the business as Stella, she caters to the whims and desires of her clients daily. When another girl is found murdered Stella becomes embroiled in the mystery of her death and as she moves ever closer to the truth, things are about to get very dangerous.

What I loved most about this is the beautiful mash up of mystery, thriller and real life drama and the sheer depth of character Ava Marsh brings to the people you will meet within the pages. It is dark for sure, unrelenting in its descriptive prose, with an authentic look at life for a call girl, touching on realistic issues and yet also managing to tell a stonking good story at the same time.

Multi-layered, it is endlessly fascinating as we peel away the surface to what lies beneath especially with relation to the motivations and personality traits of the characters. Grace is such an alluring and provocative character to follow as she tells her story and you begin to understand her more.

If you are not a fan of graphic sexual content this one will definitely NOT be for you. The author has not pulled any punches when it comes to the realism of the world she is showing you, whilst it is never gratuitous and always speaks to the story, it IS gritty and honestly described which some may find disturbing. For me it was extremely necessary to the plot and indeed gave the whole tale a definitive and credible edge which would have been lost should the author have tried to mollycoddle.

Overall a really really terrific debut - almost impossible to put down once you start I sincerely hope that we will meet Grace again. She has, I think, a lot more to say.

Highly Recommended

Happy Reading Folks!
