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From the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author comes a psychological thriller exploring the things we dare to do when no one is looking . . .

The community along Oregon's Deschutes River is one of successful careers and perfect families. For years, up-and-comers Liz and Owen have admired their good friends and neighbors, Carole and David. They appear to have it all—security, happiness, and a beautiful young son, Charlie.

Then Charlie vanishes without a trace, and all that seemed safe is shattered by a tragedy that is incomprehensible—except to Liz.

It took one fleeting moment for her to change the lives of everyone she loves—a heartrending accident that can't be undone. Neither can the second-worst mistake of her life: concealing it. As two marriages crack and buckle in grief and fear, Liz retreats into her own dark place of guilt, escalating paranoia—and betrayals even she can't imagine. Because there's another good neighbor who has his own secrets, his own pain, and his own reasons for watching Liz's every move.

And only he knows that the mystery of the missing boy on the Deschutes River is far from over.

The Last Thing She Ever Did Details

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Nazanin says

[how Liz was going to tell the truth (hide spoiler)]

Tulay says

Couldn't give five stars.

Reason for four stars is; readers have to decide what was "The Last Thing She Ever Did." I like clear start with clear ending, don't want to wonder, may this or may be that.

Missing three years old boy, his mother's suffering was little long. There are many twists kept my heart beating fast. We know what happened to him, questions was how and when he was going to be found. Glad that this tragedy opened the eyes of Carole and Liz.

Samantha says

I tried to enjoy this but I gave up mid way. I'm going in to 2018 with the 'life is too short for books you don't connect with' so I'm giving up with this one.

It's stuffed full of characters who each have this disgusting selfishness about them that makes my skin crawl. A little extreme you may say but it's my unshakeable reaction to this book sadly.

The story (this happens at the beginning so no spoilers!) basically revolves around a woman who reversed over a 3 year old boy, hides the body and continues with her life. The boy as we subsequently find out, was still alive and could have been saved. It's just such an uncomfortable read and the whole story could have been avoided if the woman had just checked for a pulse? All of the characters are abhorrent, vile individuals that leaves you with a bitter taste. It wasn't so much a thriller as a woman who did a terrible thing and then tries to justify it.

Brenda says

I've read a few Gregg Olsen books before and enjoyed them. I tried to keep an open mind as I read this book, but characters doing really stupid things, making really bad decisions, and compounding their lies drive me nuts! There was more than one character in this book that did just that. I see that some readers didn't like the ending. By then, I didn't really care. I couldn't trust anyone to do the right thing, so why would they start then?

I won this book in a Goodreads Giveaway. I thank Amazon Publishing for their generosity.

TheCowboyWayne says

Great read

I'm honored to think Amazon considers my to be contextually similar enough to Gregg Olson's enough so that they appear to have removed my previous review of this book based on possible bias. However this isn't the case.

I read, no, i devoured this book in 2 days. Which for me is quite a feat. It was simply that good of a story.

That the author lives locally is pure coincidence I assure you.

This story feels real. It can be true a true story, but thankfully isn't (i hope!).

Christina Renfro says

This will quickly become a fan favorite! Think you've made some bad choices? Grab this book, have a read, you will see how one bad life choice can snowball out of control!

Gary says

A community full of perfect families with successful careers, what could go wrong. But for the families along Oregon's Deschutes River life is about to change. Liz and Owen have always admired their good friends and neighbours, Carole and David. They appear to have it all, security, happiness, and a beautiful young son, Charlie. But when Charlie vanishes without a trace, and all that seemed safe is shattered by a tragedy that is incomprehensible, except to Liz.

A terrible accident, and Liz makes a terrible decision that will change her life and her friends. Liz tries to conceal the accident which puts pressure on both her marriage and that of her friends, Carole and David. This is a fast paced psychological thriller, with plenty of twists and turns and I would be surprised if one or two of the characters don't frustrate you along the way. I found this book a good read and will look out for more of his work.

I would like to thank Net Galley and Thomas Mercer for supplying a copy of this novel in exchange for an honest review.

Meredith says

3.5 stars

*The characters in this book are a bunch of self-centered a**holes, but they make for an entertaining read!*

The Last Thing She Ever Did is a suspenseful, quick read filled with twists and turns. The characters are appalling, the story is over the top, and there's tons of drama--this combination makes for an addictive reading experience!

Behind the closed doors of the beautiful facades of Bend, Oregon yuppie couples Liz and Owen Jarrett and Carole and David Franklin, ugliness lurks. When Liz commits an unthinkable act, their ugliness comes out in full force and their true natures are revealed.

This is a fun, yet flawed read. Some elements didn't add up for me, but I'm not going to get into that in this review. The characters are vile, but their behavior didn't bother me as it serves a purpose. This is a very readable book, but I found the ending disappointing. With such awful, outrageous characters, I was expecting more! Overall, I would still recommend for the entertainment factor.

I received a copy of this book from NetGalley and the publisher in exchange for an honest review.

Victor *we were on a break!* says

I didn't like anyone in this story. I didn't like the split-second and life-altering decisions that were made. I didn't like such a simple premise.

I read this in one sitting.

I didn't look for any opportunity to do laundry or dust picture frames. I planted my backside on the sofa and with the exception of a few bathroom and coffee breaks, I read the whole thing. The writing is that good.

Not only did I *not* connect with anyone, I didn't like them. There was one person that I was somewhat sympathetic towards until they opened their mouth later in the story.

The split-second decision that was made, while wrong on so many levels, was believable. The author painted a situation where I could see it happening. Same for the life-altering decisions - I could totally see it happening IRL. In the hands of a lesser author, the decisions would come off as nothing more than stupid mistakes to keep the story moving.

The simple premise kept the pages turning until there were no more. Again, excellent writing.

The ending is what I have a problem with. What would I have preferred? *No sé, sen? or :)* Just not what I got.

Highly recommended!

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Sherri Thacker says

Holy cow!!!! What did i just read????? This book is one gripping, fast paced story from the very first page to the last!!! I started it this morning and just kept reading!!! It had me on the edge of my seat. So many lies, so many secrets ... it just fully engaged me the whole time!! But wait ... the ending !!!! Hmmmmmm. That's all I'm gonna say. You need to read this book. 5 stars from me!!

Brenda - Traveling Sister says

3.5 Stars

The Last thing She Ever Did is an intriguing story and it caught my attention right from the start. I felt a little sympathy for one of our main characters right from the start but that did not last long. In one moment things changed for our characters and it sets off a chain of such awful behavior, it was hard to find any sympathy for these unlikable characters. Of course, except for Charlie.

Gregg Olsen does a great job here creating some very unlikable characters who react very badly when things start to go tragically wrong. It made for an entertaining and intriguing read. Just when you think they couldn't react any worst .. well you need to read this one to find out.

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Kris - My Novelesque Life says

THE LAST THING SHE EVER DID Written By Gregg Olsen

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Genre: suspense, mystery, thriller, gritty, fiction

(I received an ARC from the NETGALLEY)

RATING: 4 STARS

This novel is crazy! I mean crazy in a good way. I will warn you that there are some uncomfortable scenes in this book, so if you don't like gritty suspense novels, you might want to pass on this one. Charlie, a young boy, is out of his mother's sight for several minutes and vanishes. A neighbour and close friend to his mother knows what happens but coming forward will ruin their lives. Other than Charlie, all the characters were pretty much selfish jerks. Yet, I couldn't wait to see where the story would go and I was flipping through the pages. What I found interesting was the realism of the split decision moments, but wrestled with the how they reacted to. There was a twist to the ending, I for once didn't expect and while I am not sure if I liked the ending it was interesting. This novel had be glued till the end and that's what I love! I recommend this one to my suspense friends.

Kendall says

The Last Thing She Ever Did is a fast and engaging thriller. This was my first experience with Gregg Olson and I can definitely see why many people like his style of writing :).

Gregg Olson knows how to leave his readers on the edge of their seats! Can I just say... talk about a year of bad luck!! Yikes!

Liz and Owen live in a small Oregon community by the Deschutes River. They are good friends with their neighbors David and Carole who appear to have it all with a sweet and charming little boy. One day, David and Carole's son Charlie disappears when he is playing outside by the river. Little did Liz know, this earth shattering event of Charlie disappearing will effect both couples in ways that the reader can't imagine. What truly happened to Charlie that day?

What I liked about this novel? Very engaging! Gregg does a nice job with leaving his readers with wanting more from every page that is turned. Characterization was also pretty strong. Can, I just say both men were JERRKKKSSS lol.

What I didn't like so much? The ending.... I was extremely disappointed. I feel like a lot of the books I've been reading lately haven't had a strong ending. The author kind of leaves you hanging to use your imagination to figure out "the last thing she ever did." The last chapter was weird.. to me it was conversation between characters and just completely stopped. I wanted a more solid and thrilling ending.

Overall 3.25 stars on this one for me.

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Megan Carpenter says

Where to start with this book? This book is by far the best book I have read this year! From the very first page all the way to the last this book has you on the edge of your seat! The way this book is written you find yourself turning page after page and wanting to just keep reading! The twists and turns in this book are outstanding they leave your mind to wander to what if's and who done it. If I were to rate this book on a scale of 1 to 10 I would give it a solid 10 the writing is outstanding and the story line is one that will have you asking at the end "wait did that just happen?" Once again Gregg Olsen has reminded me just why I love his books and why I can't put them down! A job well done! I strongly recommend this book to anyone!

-Armywife

Sarah Joint says

What a nerve-racking book! It made me feel for characters I thought I couldn't. A bit, anyway... as this book is full of characters that are difficult to like. Just when you think you've identified the worst character... oh, you're wrong. Bad decisions run rampant in this one. Suspenseful enough to keep your attention if slightly predictable. I know a lot of people won't be a fan of the ending... but even though it was jarring, I was okay with it.

Liz and Owen are on their way to success. After a lot of hard work and long hours, he's about to experience a windfall... and no slouch herself, Liz is about to take the bar exam. No, it's not her first time... but hopefully this time she'll nail it. She doesn't know that the day of the exam will certainly change her life, but not in the way she hopes.

If Liz and Owen are on their way to greatness, Carole and David have already arrived. She left her work at Google quite well off and now creates art, and he owns a successful restaurant in town. They have more money than most people would know what to do with. Carole now stays at home with her long-awaited young son Charlie. When she takes her eyes off him while he's playing by the river to speak on the phone, she expects him to be right where he was when she returns... her well-behaved, sweet boy. But he's gone.

Most of the middle class long-standing residents of the neighborhood resent the rich newcomers who build large, block their views, and push them out, but the two couples are close. It's always seemed like a good thing, but when a tragic accident happens, they all may live to regret it.

This book will horrify you at times but keep you reading.

I received a copy of this book from Net Galley and Thomas & Mercer, thank you! My review is honest and unbiased.
