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# The Accident: A Gripping Psychological Thriller That Will Have You Hooked



## Synopsis

One mistake could change your life forever. Tara has it all. Married and about to move into her dream home, she can't explain why she is tempted by one last fling with her ex before she settles down. David would do anything for Tara. So when he finds her with another man, his world starts to crumble around him. Ryan isn't prepared for the punch David throws at him. Stumbling, he slips over the balcony and falls three storeys to the patio below. In one split second a man will be killed. In one split second David and Tara's life will change forever. How far would you go to save everything you have? A twist-filled thriller for fans of *The Couple Next Door*, T.M. Logan and Rachel Abbott. Read what everyone is saying about *The Accident*: "Wowzers, what a read!... I was shocked at how quick this story took off, right from the first chapter. It carried on at a gallop the whole way through." | This book had more twists than a big bag of twisty things. | A really interesting and gripping read. | I Love Reading UK, 4 stars. "This book was thrilling! I couldn't predict the ending at all. So many twists and turns my head was spinning!! Read this!" | Goodreads reviewer, 4 stars. "A sinister and satisfying read." | The deeper into the storyline I got the more it got its claws right under my skin! The plot itself was extremely clever, full of twists and extremely addictive; I read this book in one sitting. An enjoyable, compelling and twisted read that will hook you in." | Goodreads reviewer, 4 stars. "Wow! What an incredible story! From the first page to the last, this story had me on tenterhooks, keeping me turning the pages late into the night. The author expertly ratchets up the suspense, so we don't know if we are coming or going. There are so many blinding twists, countless wow moments. Loved the author's writing style, laced with wit, the dialogue authentic, the characters believable, human, flawed. A stunning, engrossing, absolutely addictive story that gives the word 'page turner' new meaning. LOVED it." | Renita D'Silva, 5 stars. "One of those books where you tell yourself you'll just read a few more pages until you realise it's gone past midnight and you might as well stay up late and finish the thing in one go." | *The Accident* has a complex and brilliantly executed plot and I thoroughly enjoyed the author's writing style. | I couldn't at all predict the ending and there were twists galore to keep me hooked until the rather satisfying conclusion. S.D. Monaghan is an exciting new voice in the psychological thriller genre." | Goodreads reviewer, 4 stars. "Wow! What can I say, I absolutely loved this book, such a cleverly written psychological thriller. The storyline kept me hooked from the beginning and I couldn't turn the pages quick enough! I would definitely recommend this book in a heartbeat, more like this one please." | Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars. "This book was so creepy and chilling and I can't say enough good things about it. This book was a book that made me lose sleep." | Highly recommend." | Marti and a Book, 4 stars. "A rollercoaster of events that will keep you guessing."

Read over two evenings I was not going to bed until I got to the end! A cracking good readâ™  
Goodreads reviewer, 5 starsâ™ From the first page, it wastes no time and jumps right in, engaging  
my curiosity and holding it captive. Just the way I like it!â™ Goodreads reviewer, 4 starsâ™ A  
fast-paced contemporary novel, well written, and suspenseful. Gone Girl fans will like this one.â™  
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## Customer Reviews

An interesting premise that didn't completely work for me. I can't rate it lower than a three, because  
it had some great lines and kept my attention. It would need work to earn a four or five, though.  
Many chapters end with a cliffhanger, but the next chapter shifts perspectives so we don't learn  
what happened right away. Cliffhangers work for me quite often, but done in this manner I could feel  
the suspense dissipating until there was none left. The storyline is crazy and twisted, even  
outlandish. The characters are pretty unlikable, but I appreciated how unpredictable they were. I  
couldn't guess what they'd do next! Married, happy, and expecting a child, Tara and David are the  
couple you want to be. She's not showing yet, but their family will soon become three. They've just  
completed the build (well, paying people to) of a stunning house and they're ready to move in.

They're attractive. They're successful. They're in love. Why does Tara have one tryst with Ryan, ex boyfriend and builder, the day before they move in? It's hard to imagine. Her one infidelity will change lives forever. Intending to have a moment alone in the new house before the chaos of moving day, David skips out early and drives there alone. He sees Tara leaving after sharing a kiss with her ex. He can't help himself. He goes in. There he finds Ryan still in the house. Black panties left on the floor. It's all too much. He attacks. What should have been a scuffle between two men resulting in a black eye or two takes a deadly turn. Ryan stumbles back, falling off the balcony that hasn't had the rail installed yet. He falls three stories and meets concrete and his own pooled blood. I'm not going to touch on much more than was already revealed in the blurb, because this is a wild and complicated story you should go into relatively blind. I received an ARC of this book from Net Galley and Bookouture, thank you! My review is honest and unbiased.

A small story with a small cast of characters, while not perfect I found myself enjoying this yarn immensely. Tara and David have just about finished building their dream house in Dublin. Tara, a girl from a small country town in Ireland is an artist who has made it big and given the couple their wealth. 8 weeks pregnant, with the perfect life ahead of her she has a one night stand in the house with the builder, an old boyfriend, as a sort of last hurrah before settling down for her life with David, their baby and the house. David is 10 years her senior. A history lecturer and responsible for all the business side of Tara's art work, he decides to stop by their soon to be home on the last night before they move in to take it all in. David comes from one of the roughest parts of Dublin. An area known for drugs and violence. An area where few if any, make it to leafy heights of where his house to be now stands. As he parks up and prepares to go into the house, he sees Tara appear outside the door with the builder Ryan and kiss him before leaving. David can't help himself and goes inside the house to confront Ryan who is standing in a bedroom upstairs semi naked. A row ensues and as David punches Ryan, Ryan staggers backwards and falls out a yet unfinished and unprotected window to the patio below, seemingly lifeless and dead. And so ensues our story from here as all of the above takes place in the first couple of chapters. What starts off as a story of an illicit affair and an accidental death and attempted cover up, slowly develops into a lot more as things don't go to plan, secrets are revealed and both David and Tara's circumstances become more and more desperate. I really enjoyed this one. It's a small insular story with a small cast of characters but is very well told for the most part. David and Tara are both flawed but very likeable characters and their love for each other and relationship is very believable. The few parts of flashback in the book to their original meeting and early times together really help round out their

characters and relationship and I felt invested in both as I read the book. There's a couple of villains in the piece as well who serve their purpose, if a little two dimensional. The story does zip along and you get that claustrophobic feel of panic and desperation as the main characters try to find a way out of their desperate situation. I did find myself having to suspend disbelief the odd time as the story revealed itself but I didn't mind it much at all as I was having so much fun reading the book. I really liked that the author having such a small story with very few characters, kept me intrigued and interested throughout. A debut novel from S.D. Monaghan and a very impressive one at that. A very talented story teller, a name I will look out for in the future and one that I will certainly read more of. Thanks to NetGalley for an ARC.

Wowzers, What a read! I started this not having clue what to expect from it. I was pleasantly surprised. It's great to find new authors, and new authors that can write a good book, well its just a Win Win situation. Bookouture are certainly finding some of the best authors around. When you think you have it all. When you think life just can't get any better, well that's pretty much how life has gone for David and Tara. About to move into their dream home, David decides to just go and have a final look at their beautiful built new home. Then his life falls apart. Before he has even got the chance to park up and get out of his car, he spots his wife coming out of their gorgeous custom built forever home. His pregnant beautiful wife - with another man. This is the moment David and Tara's lives change forever. I was shocked at how quick this story took off, right from the first chapter. It carried on at a gallop the whole way through. At the start I did actually think, if all this has happened so early on, how can you write a full book to carry it on. But was pleasantly surprised at how it went, and knew early on that we were in for a great treat of a story. This book had more twists than a big bag of twisty things. I loved the way this book went, a really interesting and gripping read.

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