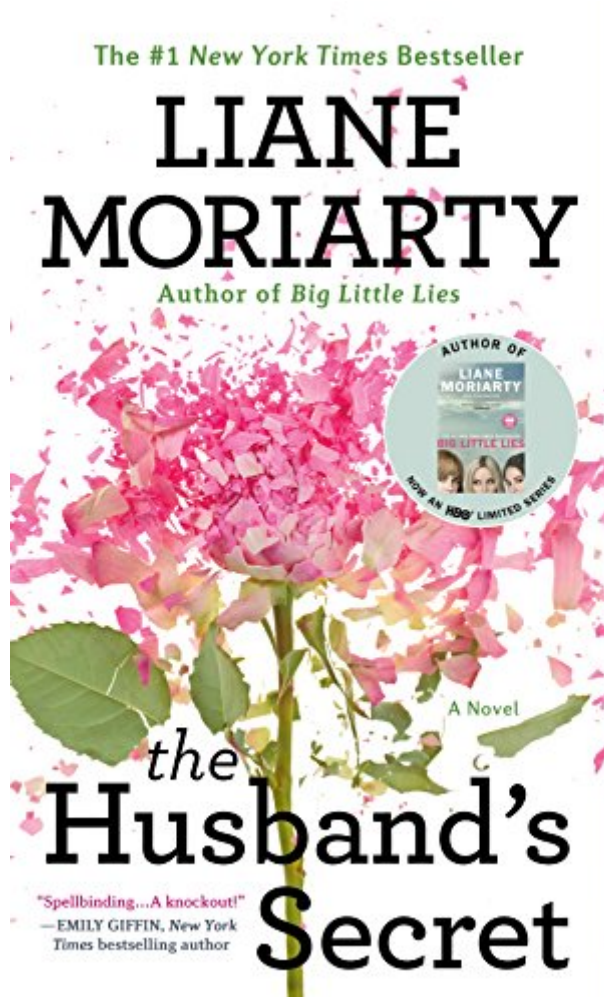


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# The Husband's Secret



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## Synopsis

THE #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER FROM THE AUTHOR OF BIG LITTLE LIES. One of the Best Books of the Year "Entertainment Weekly" One of the Top Ten Books of the Year "People" magazine At the heart of *The Husband's Secret* is a letter that's not meant to be read. My darling Cecilia, if you're reading this, then I've died... Imagine that your husband wrote you a letter, to be opened after his death. Imagine, too, that the letter contains his deepest, darkest secret "something with the potential to destroy not just the life you built together, but the lives of others as well. Imagine, then, that you stumble across that letter while your husband is still very much alive... Cecilia Fitzpatrick has achieved it all "she's an incredibly successful businesswoman, a pillar of her small community, and a devoted wife and mother. Her life is as orderly and spotless as her home. But that letter is about to change everything, and not just for her: Rachel and Tess barely know Cecilia "or each other" but they too are about to feel the earth-shattering repercussions of her husband's secret. Acclaimed author Liane Moriarty has written a gripping, thought-provoking novel about how well it is really possible to know our spouses "and, ultimately, ourselves.

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## Customer Reviews

How couldn't you love a story that begins with, "The Husband's Secret." It conjures up so many possibilities. I was very impressed that 'the' secret was out of the bag halfway through and yet the reader was still questioning - 'what's next?' I love Moriarty's writing style, I love her ever-so-quiet-not-American-voice. Hints along the way, told me - she's new, different, and quirky. I might even read another of her books yet I'm personally always looking for a 'new' voice. I would never spoil the ending for you BUT ----- oh here it comes -----, she like so many authors today, they have a great beginning, a great middle and then at the end...it...all...goes...south. So maybe some would feel that it's a perfectly beautiful story, but the worse thing a author can do is explain. Moriarty needs to read up on 'deus ex machina.' She could have easily given the reader some information that would allow the reader to see what was going to happen. Incase you or she aren't aware - half the fun of reading a mystery is trying to figure it out for yourself.

SummaryMy Darling CeciliaIf you're reading this, then I've died . . .Imagine your husband wrote you a letter, to be opened after his death. Imagine, too, that the letter contains his deepest, darkest secret " something so terrible it would destroy not just the life you built together, but the lives of others too. Imagine, then, that you stumble across that letter while your husband is still very much alive . . .Cecilia Fitzpatrick achieved it all " she's an incredibly successful business woman, a pillar of her small community and a devoted wife and mother. Her life is as orderly and spotless as her home. But that letter is about to change everything, and not just for her: Rachel and Tess barely know Cecilia " or each other " but they too are about to feel the earth-shattering repercussions of her husband's devastating secret. (from goodreads)My ReviewI literally just finished reading this book and had to sit down right away before I forgot anything. I loved this book. It was very well written, dramatic, and riveting. At first, I did not know how the story of these three very different women was going to converge, but when it did-wow! Since the main part of the plot is the "secret", I am finding it really hard to review this wonderful story without giving more of the plot away than there is in the summary above. Because really, it is an amazing turn of events that unfolds. And the Epilogue kinda blew me away. I would definitely recommend this book. I am going to the library as soon as I can to get another book by this author-probably What Alice Forgot. It looks so interesting!My Rating4.5 out of 5

The ladies in our book club truly enjoyed this book which led to some of the most spirited book club conversation that we've had in some time. There were several interesting and unexpected twists throughout the book and we found ourselves debating on topics such as "would we have done the same as John Paul's mother and not report our sons to the authorities if he were guilty of a serious crime?" Is it an easier decision to expose your husband versus your son if he is the guilty party? Was Polly's accident a significant enough punishment for John Paul to pay for his sins? Do you agree with Tess staying with Will or should she have walked away to take a chance on a life with Connor? Could we have forgiven Felicity for her betrayal? Or did Tess get what she deserved for using Felicity throughout their entire life as cousins? We also liked the writing which led to discussions about why the author chose to provide some insight into Janie's character instead of simply portraying her as the young girl who was murdered. And were we supposed to feel sorry for Rachel and see her as a victim or an highly deranged mother who was still trying to live her life through her long deceased daughter? We all agreed this was a fun read but more importantly it led to some absolutely fabulous discussion amongst our group.

I really wanted to love this book. Over 11k reviews and only a small percent of people rated it 1 or 2 stars. Unfortunately, I just made that percentage a little bit higher. I would've liked to rate it a 2.5 (if only that were possible) because I really loved the ending and the message it depicted to the reader. In fact, if it wasn't for the ending, I would've rated this book 1 star. Perhaps, it just wasn't my cup of tea. These are my thoughts about the book.. in a short pro / con list. Pros:- I loved the overall message and ending of this book (epilogue)-It was a very fast read.. I read it in 2 days. Cons:- I thought the mystery was kind of predictable. ( i was able to guess who killed Janie)- I didn't think the character development was strong enough. You get an idea of the women's different personality types but I wish she would've spent more time on that.- the first part of the book was boring to me.. I remember not really being all that interested until about half way through.

I loved this book for the "realness." In leading you through lives that changed on a dime and were forever altered. Something that most of us can relate to. The chain reaction of life and the effects that last for years. Accidentally intermingled lives. The first few chapters had trouble holding my interest and then I couldn't step away.

Certainly made me question choices in my own life, the 'what ifs' and to know that one tragedy can

set into motion a cascade of them affecting many different lives. One of the most thought provoking, profoundly worded tomes I have read in my lifetime. I would highly recommend. It did not receive five stars from me as a small but important element was lacking in my opinion. I will suffice to leave it at that.

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