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Lillian Brannon wakes up on Valentine's Day in an exact replica of her bedroom but the only item that she believes is authentic is her dog, Laude. She is held captive in her kidnapper's basement apartment, summoned upstairs once a week for a chaste dinner. But will his kindness last, and more importantly, why isn't anyone looking for her? Lillian's story is interwoven with that of Nathan, a NYPD officer, who is intrigued by Lillian's disappearance- how can a young woman be gone for two weeks before a Missing Person Report is filed? Local police believe Lillian has voluntarily abandoned a life she didn't like. Lillian's best friend convinces Nathan the authorities are wrong. With no jurisdiction, no resources, and no witnesses, he is compelled by the pictures of Lillian with her sweet smile and sparkling green eyes to obsessively take up the case. Armed with Lillian's keys and personal information, he spends hours, then days in her home trying to find clues that will lead him to her.

Gone... But Not Missed Details

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Sharon Kennedy says

This was a good storyline, around how easy it is for people to make assumptions about what happens to people who are alone.

Unfortunately, I found myself getting very irritated with the author's fondness for the 'hindsight' technique. After the initial chapter, the timeline moves back a couple of weeks, showing more details of Lily's life and routine. These are generally really short chapters, which isn't a problem, but then virtually every chapter ends with a sentence along the lines of "If I knew then what I know now, I wouldn't have..." As a device to gain the reader's interest, once or twice would have been ok, but using it this frequently just got me irritated with the heroine, to the point that I was mentally saying back at her "Well, you didn't, so suck it up!"

The other thing that I found really irritating was that her friend, who was the only one who initially thought that something had happened to her, and kept contacting the police, to insist that something was wrong and that she hadn't just left, was so very insistent that the person from the dating site, who had been the last person to actually see Lily, had had nothing to do with her disappearance, simply because he had seemed "nice". With the best will in the world, if someone you know so well that you're convinced that something has happened, despite no one else believing you, why would you not be suspicious of the last person to see her? Seemed blooming daft to me.

And although this is noted as number one in a series, I really can't see how they could make a series work, as the only reason that Nathan got involved was because he got obsessed with Lily - is he going to get obsessed with every single case?

Jodi says

I love a book that "sucks you right in"! When Lilly work up in a replica of her bedroom, I was hooked. I couldn't wait to find out who and why someone went to that much trouble...Just imagine waking up like that! A really great easy read...I couldn't wait to find out what happened...

Glenda says

I plunged right into this novel soon after my copy arrived from the author via a Goodreads First Reads award. It was a quick read as the author developed the disturbing premise that the 24-yr-old protagonist, Lily, is "gone...but not missed". I was drawn in by the circumstances that permitted law enforcement officials to avoid a serious inquiry into Lily's whereabouts.

Fortunately for Lily, one detective takes the missing persons report seriously. Even though we are not introduced to this newly-promoted detective until past page 100, the novel's tagline, "A Nathan Miccoli Mystery", hints that a series is in the works. I am looking forward to finding out if Nathan will bring the genuine passion he shows in this case to future cases.

Reba says

Great plot

This book had a great plot and kept me interested, but not quite on the edge of my seat. Still, it was well written and developed, with a few grammatical errors...which I personally find very irritating. I'll definitely read more of this author.

Laura Warren says

Interesting But Implausible

The story wasn't bad but the grammar errors really irritated me and the characters were two-dimensional. Judging from the reviews I don't think I'll read the sequels. This series would be better aimed towards young readers.

Rebecca says

It is very rare for me to rate a book this low. Usually if it is just a blah read, I will at least give it 2 stars. But there is no way I can do that here.

First off, the version I have says very clearly that should be a "Nathan Miccoli Mystery." Oh, that character did show up and work on the case, but it wasn't much of a mystery. Thriller or suspense, but not a mystery.

What this book is most is a GIANT sloppy mess. It is absolutely ridiculous that anyone would think this ebook should be of a quality acceptable to share it on Amazon. Gibberish like "A R Kennedy", random numbers, and "A R Kennedy Gone But Not Missed" or combinations thereof appear at random times in the text, often in the middle of a sentence!!

chapters start with a lowercase letter on their own line. The mark for the series-named character perspective scenes are written nAthAn.

It doesn't look like the book has been edited by anyone with even basic sense. "sandwich" ... "I lied down" ... "juvenile" ... are just a few trivial examples of the things that should have been fixed before the book went to "publication." Two of those examples (and more things I saw) would even have been caught with a simple SPELL CHECK!

To all this, add that the start is ridiculously slow. It even quite literally REPEATS AN ENTIRE SCENE!

So how did I manage to finish it? I MADE myself. It wouldn't be fair to give it a very low rating if it somehow managed to redeem itself before the end. By reading the entire thing, I know without a doubt that it NEVER redeems itself and the low rating is fair.

Georgina Elliott says

Enjoyed this book. Found it an interesting concept. Would recommend it to every young woman living alone.

I couldn't put it down. Needed to know how it turned out. Found the way it was written, each chapter telling what they were going through emotionally, quite interesting. It was an easy and fast read.

Cindy says

Frightening premise. Grateful it ended well, was disturbed by her acceptance of situation & mad man. No sex or gory stuff, proof it doesn't take that to make it interesting. A few editing errors - 'noise for nose' - but worth the read. TTS-enabled.

Jessyca Garcia says

The book "Gone... But Not Missed" by A.R. Kennedy was a fast read. The story is about Lillian who gets kidnapped. She is being helped in an exact replica of her room along with her beloved dog. Thanks to her best friend, it is up to Nathan Miccoli to find her, because noone else seems to care.

At first I had a little trouble concentrating on "Gone... But Not Missed" because of the shifting of characters in each new chapter. Once I got used to that I was able to enjoy the story. I felt really bad for Lily. She bascilly had no family left and noone seemed to notice her. I was able to relate to her because she reminded me of myself. I do wish there was more time and detail spent on why Lily's aunt cut her out of her life. It is only briefly touched upon.

Overall I enjoyed this book. I did not realise when I started this book that it was a series. I hope to read the other books to see what mysteries await Nathan Miccoli.

Deborah says

If you disappeared how long would it be before someone realised you were missing.

Lillian wakes up in an exact replica of her bedroom, where is she, how did she get here and how long will it be before someone realises she's gone. The police think she up and left, fed up with her life her best friend Annie tries to convince them she's been taken but no one believes her until 'nearly' detective Nathan Miccoli becomes obsessed with Lillian and her disappearance.

I was so intrigued with this book that I started reading it as soon as I'd downloaded it even though I was half way through another book at the time. I read it in one go becoming totally absorbed in the story, I loved the characters, faults and all, the only things I didn't like were firstly that it's along way into the book before Nathan makes an appearance and also that it was fairly easy to work out who'd taken her, I know there were a couple of false trails thrown in there but...Anyway despite this I still enjoyed the book.

Colleen says

I received this book free from a Goodreads give-away. I really liked this book! I could not put it down. A very interesting premise. It makes you wonder if anyone would miss you or even notice you were missing. It is also a little disturbing not knowing who could be noticing you and your daily routines. Highly recommend.

Peggy Pattee says**Simple suspense**

Slow start lots of repeat pointing to the primary character being single and best friend trying to change that status

Peggy says

Pretty impressed with what I read! Great start off and even smooth flow continuing throughout the entire story. I didn't feel that it jumped around but was easily rethinking thoughts each time I thought I had it figured out. This book will have you wandering some many different things. Good book from a new to me author and can't wait to see what else is out there from this author!

Jackie Robins says

Great, fun, hilarious read. Lucky enough to be a beta reader and I highly recommend!!! Soon to be released everywhere!!!!

Just read this book for the second time and loved it even more than the first time. This book is suspenseful, funny and full of twists at every turn. A MUST READ for everyone!!!!

BRENDA L GROSS says**Gone but not missed...Grabbed me and didn't let go.**

Enjoyed this story very much. Recommend it. Enjoyed the story line and trying to decide who had taken her. Enjoyed even after suspecting who the person probably was. Sit down and enjoy.
