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A compelling crime novel from one of our best-loved and bestselling novelists.

Joe, struggling to survive his job in a high-powered law firm, is faced with the challenge of finding his childhood friend Jenna, who has been missing for four years. But has she disappeared through choice? Or is she under the influence of her husband, the restless troubled Chetwood?

For Joe, the search is a matter of duty, but also of conscience - for he introduced them to each other, he was enthralled by them both . . .

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Grace says

Wasn't mad on this book. I just felt i couldn't get into it.

About a Corporate lawyer named Joe whos childhood friend Jenna, who does not want anyone to find her and has not been seen in four years. Jenna married Joes schoolfriend Chetwood and there was speculations it was him who made her become anonymous to her family and friends however it wasnt. A boy named Sam went to live at the cottages where Jenna and Chetwood lived. He soon fell in love with Jenna but while she was leading him on she had no intentions to leave Chetwood. Sam ended up killing himself and Jenna felt to blame so she went and killed herself sometime after. Joe figured all this out. Joe had a close relationship to Jennas parents. The book ends by Joes previous girlfriend Sarah who was in the police force was actually the boy Sam's sister and was just using Joe to find out information about Jenna as she felt she was to blame for her brother's suicide.

Wencke Therese says

Sorry - this is not the book by Claire Francis I liked the best.

The protagonist is a man - I am not convinced that this is a man's story!

And - the girl he is trying to find -is very strange - I don't feel any sympathy for her - she seems to be selfish and imature.

Laura says

A Death Divided follows Joe and his renewed search for his childhood best friend, Jenna, having been approached by her parents after four years to try again. However does Jenna want to be found?

This book was interesting and had my curiosity piqued throughout. I wouldn't say I couldn't put it down however I definitely looked forward to when I could next pick it up.

Joe was extremely likeable however I felt that when it came to Jenna, he had a bit of a blind spot. I didn't like Jenna at all. I thought she was a bit of a spoilt brat before the accident and a martyr afterwards. I really liked Sarah despite everything. Chetwood was a mystery to me – I don't know whether I liked him or not.

Although the book kept me interested, I did find that the pace was quite slow and that there was a lot of content for not that much story. However I don't think that's a fault necessarily as I wasn't bored throughout and I wanted to keep reading.

The mystery was well written and it had me fooled right until the very end.

Overall I enjoyed the book and would recommend it those who like a slower paced mystery.

TheCuriousDeer says

I thought that the book was well written and the author concealed the ending through a series of twists and turns that kept you guessing right until the very end. However, the reason I gave it 3 Stars rather than the 4 I would have liked is due to the time it took to get into the book, feel for the characters and for the plot to gain momentum. It wasn't until half way that the book really gave its all after the horrendously slow start.

Ben says

It is a very nice read. I am always impressed with books that keep you interested and curious without a lot of action or drama. I think that because Clare Francis manages to arouse my curiosity with her stories I become an active reader. A participant in the story. I really do like her writing. I can not help but compare A Death Divided with what I think is her best book; Deceit. The only shortcomings of a Death Divided is again the male instead of female main character and that the story is perhaps a tiny bit complicated compared with Deceit.

Aileen says

Joe is asked to find Jenna, the childhood friend he practically grew up with. She married his college friend then disappeared over four years ago. Her parents need to find her to settle a legal matter. Joe does eventually track her down, but finds he has set in motion a chain of events that is going to lead to death. I thought I'd got it all worked out, but the twist at the end surprised me. A good thriller.

Clare says

this was the 4th Clare Francis I have read on the trot so the slightly samey story and personalities was starting to wear a bit thin - but I think I would have enjoyed it more if i had had a break from her novels for a while. Worth a go.

Ayeasha LovesBooks says

I would like to say that I loved the plot of the story and all the twist and turns throughout the story. But I didn't like how slow paste it was, I almost put the book down because of it!!! I am glad that I didn't so I can learn truth about Jenna

Sorcha says

Joe, who is struggling with his job with a high powered legal firm in London is faced with the task of attempting to find his childhood friend who disappeared 4 years previously.[return][return]There were a

couple of plot threads, such as the relationship with the father, which seemed to be rather intense at the beginning of the story, but petered out 2/3rds of the way through. Seemed rather a waste in energy for it to go nowhere.[return]And I couldn't understand why they would turn to a solicitor to search for her, as it didn't appear they had gotten an investigator at any point.[return][return]An average story at best

Amanda Faulkner says

Edge of the seat all the way. I just could not put this one down. Very talented writer.

Alison Evans says

Joe is asked to help look for his childhood friend, Jenna, who married one of his college friends and later completely disappeared with him. He is helped by his slightly odd girlfriend. This is not as straightforward a thriller as it seems at first, and I was intrigued by the ending. Joe was a very believable, normal character, but Jenna turns out not to be as nice as he had thought. Not totally gripping, but OK.

Vianno says

ok, I didn't see that coming
my first to read one of Clare's, and I'm glad I did
it was hard to let it down even when I had lots of work to do
my mind kept rolling all throughout the chapters and every time I thought I got it, it turned out to be mistaken
and the end is overwhelming
dear Clare Francis, well done

Bex says

This is my first time reading one of Clare Francis' books and i must say i was completely suprised. As this book rambled about, I became a bit bored and almost quit it, but the last chapters are so twisting & compelling, that I am very glad I finished it. Never think you have figured this one out. The ending is a big surprise, i never saw it coming.

Linda Johnson says

a complex story line; not sure I am ready to read another book by this author

Tiina says

The plot was rather interesting and the book was smooth enough to read. This would have got better rating from me if I hadn't figured out too soon who was guilty.
