

## **THE CHILD AT MY DOOR by Sam Vickery**

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My latest book recommendation is '*The Child at My Door*' by Sam Vickery. It is a chilling story of a mother who suddenly discovers she has a grandson. Only problem is, her daughter died 15 years ago.

### **THE PLOTLINE**

Having lost both her husband and her children, Clarissa is surprised to find a young child standing on her doorstep, insisting she is his grandmother. Her surprise subsequently turns to shock when the child tells her his mother's name is Chloe – an impossibility as her daughter Chloe died 15 years ago. The shock is further impounded when, shortly after, Chloe herself turns up, asking Clarissa to look after Tommy while she gets herself a job and somewhere to live.

Unfortunately, Clarissa is not the only one shocked by Chloe's appearance. Having told her neighbours, Mirium and Jeff, that her daughter was dead, they too are stunned by her return. However, when they learn that Chloe has a son, which Clarissa has been caring for, their immediate reaction is to warn Chloe that Tommy would be safer with them instead.

Remembering her mother as a loving and caring parent, Chloe is initially offended by their insinuation that Clarissa is not fit to care for her own grandson. Therefore, believing Tommy to be in safe hands, she leaves him with her mother until she can provide a home for him. Unfortunately, Clarissa is harbouring a deadly secret which will not only threaten Tommy's safety but also destroy her relationship with Chloe.

### **MY REVIEW**

I found '*The Child at My Door*' both engrossing and difficult to put down. It hits the ground running and maintains its pace until it reaches the finish line, where its explosive ending will be a total surprise.

The storyline explores two emotional extremes; love and hate, and the damage they can each do. Alternating between the viewpoints of both Clarissa and Chloe, the story is cleverly crafted into a gripping tale of lies and deceit. As a sinister mystery begins to unfold, several questions present themselves, such as why are Clarissa's neighbours so adamant that Tommy should not be left with her? What really happened to Chloe's father and brother, Rhodri? Why is it that Chloe has no memory of the night her brother supposedly died?

With its many twists and turns, I can thoroughly recommend *'The Child at My Door'*, and with Christmas fast approaching it would make an excellent present to curl up with during the long winter nights ahead.

## **THE AUTHOR**

Sam Vickery is an English author who started her writing career with blog articles and books on Natural Parenting, before turning her focus to the world of fiction. She loves a story that can make her feel deeply, cry hard, appreciate the present moment and change her life for the better - if only for a little while. Join her VIP reader list and be the first to hear about her latest book releases at [www.samvickery.com](http://www.samvickery.com)

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