

THE GUILTY COUPLE by C L Taylor

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My latest book recommendation is ‘*The Guilty Couple*’ by C L Taylor. It is a fast-paced thriller about love, betrayal, deceit, and the lengths to which a wronged woman is prepared to go to prove her innocence.

MY REVIEW

Five years ago, Olivia Sutherland was accused of attempting to have her husband, Dominic, murdered. Framed by her husband and his lover Danielle Anderson, a serving detective in the Metropolitan Police, Olivia was then convicted and imprisoned for a crime she did not commit. Having served her time, she is now determined to clear her name.

While in prison, Olivia and her cellmate, Kelly (Smithy) Smith – a seasoned offender for theft – formed a close friendship. Now they have both been released, Smithy is keen to help Olivia prove her innocence, reclaim custody of her daughter, and get revenge on Dom and Dani for ruining her life.

Unfortunately, Dominic is not the man Olivia thinks he is, and having kept his real identity a secret for so long, he is not about to let her – or anyone else – expose his past misdemeanours. The closer Olivia gets to obtaining the evidence she needs to prove her innocence, the closer she gets to uncovering Dominic’s web of deception. Therefore, with too much to lose, Dominic is forced to consider desperate measures, putting Olivia’s own life in jeopardy.

‘*The Guilty Couple*’ is an engrossing and cleverly written thriller with surprising twists and turns throughout, all culminating in a satisfying ending. Told from the viewpoint of each of the main characters, the reader is gradually drip-fed the backstory until every piece of the unfolding situation finally fits together. With all the characters possessing strong personalities, there is a depth to the story that is not only engaging, but also evokes doubts about each person’s motive. Several times I thought I knew who was betraying who, only to be proved wrong.

I always judge how much I enjoy a book by the speed with which I read it, and as I read ‘*The Guilty Couple*’ in two days rather than weeks, I can thoroughly recommend it.

THE AUTHOR

C.L. Taylor is an award-winning *Sunday Times* bestselling author of nine gripping psychological thrillers including *'The Guilty Couple'*, a 'Richard and Judy Book Club' pick for summer 2023, and *'Sleep'*, a 'Richard and Judy Book Club' pick for autumn 2019. As her books are not a series they can be read in any order.

She has also written two Young Adult thrillers: *'The Treatment'* and *'The Island'*. Her crime short story collection, *'Tell Them No Lies'*, is published under the name Cally Taylor. She also has a women's fiction story collection, *'Secrets and Rain'*, under the same name*.

C.L. Taylor's books have sold over two million copies in the UK alone. They have also hit number one on Amazon Kindle, Audible, Kobo, iBooks and Google Play, and have been translated into 25 languages and optioned for TV.

C.L. Taylor lives in Bristol in the UK with her partner and son.

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