

IT'S ALWAYS THE HUSBAND by C L Taylor

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My latest book recommendation is *'It's Always the Husband'* by C L Taylor. It is a gripping psychological thriller about the consequences of harmful gossip and toxic liaisons.

THE PLOTLINE

When newly divorced Jude arrives in the small town of Lowbridge, she is soon drawn to widower Will, the father of her young daughter's best friend.

However, Will's past is shrouded in tragedy, with questions that no one knows the answer to. Having had his life torn apart in just a few short years by the death of his wife and the following sudden disappearance of his current partner, he is now having to deal with gossip and rumours about what really happened to the women he loved.

With unsubstantiated accusations of murder surrounding Will, Jude becomes determined to uncover the truth. Because her own father had suffered a tragic fate at the hands of similar unfounded persecution, she is determined not to let another innocent man suffer.

Yet in Lowbridge the darkness runs deep, and nothing is as it seems. Can Jude protect Will from a community out for blood? Or will she become the next victim in this web of deceit?

MY REVIEW

If you are a fan of psychological thrillers, you will certainly enjoy this novel. It has everything going for it: intrigue, suspense, mystery and much more.

Set in a small community, the story revolves around a clique of mothers, who regularly gather outside the local school gates to exchange gossip and pass unwarranted judgement on others. However, as the story progresses, it becomes increasingly obvious that what appears to be a tight knit group is anything but.

Focussing on each member of the group in turn, a picture begins to emerge of jealousy, mistrust and toxic liaisons. Nothing is what it seems, and everyone has something to hide. With so many twists and turns, the ending is both clever and surprising and I can thoroughly recommend it.

THE AUTHOR

C.L. Taylor is an award-winning *Sunday Times* bestselling author of ten gripping psychological thrillers including ‘*Every Move You Make*’, a Richard and Judy Book Club pick for autumn 2024, ‘*The Guilty Couple*’, (Richard and Judy Book Club 2023) and ‘*Sleep*’ (Richard and Judy Book Club 2019). Her books have sold over two million copies in the UK alone, hit number one on Amazon Kindle, Audible, Kobo, iBooks and Google Play, and have been translated into over 30 languages and optioned for TV. She has also written two Young Adult thrillers: ‘*The Treatment*’ and ‘*The Island*’. Her crime short story collection, ‘*Tell Them No Lies*’, and her women's fiction story collection, ‘*Secrets and Rain*’, are published as Cally Taylor.

* NB: Any short stories published on Amazon by CL Taylor are NOT published by Cally. It's an American CL Taylor.

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