

THE EVIDENCE by K L Slater

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My latest book recommendation is *'The Evidence'* by K L Slater. It is an engrossing crime story about a journalist's determination to discover what really happened the night an ordinary wife decided to kill her husband.

THE PLOTLINE

When journalist Esme Fox secures an exclusive interview with Simone Fischer – a young mother convicted of killing her husband in cold blood, while their son played in the room next door – it feels like the opportunity of a lifetime. Since her husband's death, Simone has steadfastly remained silent about the events of that day. However, after a decade in prison she is now willing to talk to Esme who, recently freed from her own toxic marriage, is confident she can get her to open-up.

At their first meeting, Esme is immediately struck by Simone's ordinariness, but after hearing her story of an abusive relationship where she was a prisoner in her own home, she decides that the truth needs to come out.

Unfortunately, not everyone is pleased about her telling Simone's story, and when Esme's beloved sister is left for dead in a nearby wood, her life begins to unravel. Forced to question what Simone has told her, she can't help but wonder if murder was the only way out of Simone's marriage. Why has it taken Simone so long to tell the world the truth? And will the consequences be devastating for Esme?

MY REVIEW

Having read and enjoyed other novels by K L Slater, I was pleased to find *'The Evidence'* was every bit as good as its predecessors. It is a cleverly crafted novel with several different threads running in parallel with the central theme – Esme's successful podcast. All the characters are well drawn, and the pace is expertly maintained, with each of Esme's recorded interviews written as a script to differentiate them from the narrative.

Although the story starts out as merely a journalist's major acquisition of an interview with a convicted killer, it is not long before it turns into a web of sinister intrigue, betrayal, and deception. As new revelations continue to emerge, it soon becomes obvious that by speaking to such a controversial person as Simone, Esme has set in motion a chain of events that could put her own life in danger.

Both tense and gripping, *'The Evidence'* is definitely worth a read. The ending is a total surprise.

THE AUTHOR

Kim Slater is the bestselling author of 20 psychological crime thrillers and has sold over two million copies of her books worldwide. She has also written four Carnegie-nominated Young Adult novels as Kim Slater for Macmillan Children's Books. Kim has an MA in Creative Writing and lives with her husband in a small Nottinghamshire village.

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