

WRONG PLACE, WRONG TIME by Gillian McAllister

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My latest book recommendation is '*Wrong Place, Wrong Time*' by Gillian McAllister. It is a clever and unique thriller about a woman's desperation to stop her son from committing a murder.

THE PLOTLINE

Worried because her teenage son, Todd, is late returning home, Jen is looking out of the window when she sees him cross the road and stab a stranger. With Todd now facing a murder charge, Jen goes to bed distraught, only to wake up the next day to discover she has gone back a day in time and that it is now yesterday. Unable to comprehend what is happening to her, Jen tries to explain it to her husband Kelly. Unfortunately, to Kelly it is yesterday, and Jen only succeeds in alarming him as to her state of mind.

Believing there must be a reason for her shift in time, Jen concludes she is being given a chance to, not only discover why Todd has committed a murder, but also prevent the incident from happening altogether. At first, she focusses on Todd and his motives, but when each time she goes to bed she wakes up further back in time, she soon realises that the key to everything lies not with her son but with her husband, who has apparently been lying to her their whole marriage.

MY REVIEW

I thoroughly enjoyed this novel, although I must admit, when I first started to read '*Wrong Place, Wrong Time*' I was not sure whether it was going to be my cup of tea, seeing as it seemed to be about time travel. However, the more I read, the more engrossed I became until I could not put it down.

It is a unique and clever story, yielding surprises at every twist and turn as Jen gradually begins to learn about her husband's past and the lies he has continually told her. The further she goes back in time, the more she notices things she missed the first-time round, until finally she pieces together the whole scenario leading up to her son's decision to take a life. The problem then is how is she going to prevent it.

THE AUTHOR

Gillian McAllister is the *Sunday Times* and *New York Times* bestselling author of nine standalone novels. Her books have been selected for the Radio 2 Book Club, Reese's Book Club and The Richard & Judy Book Club. Her novel, '*Wrong Place Wrong Time*', was a Waterstones Thriller of the Month. It was also shortlisted for The British Book Awards 2023, Crime & Thriller Book of the Year and the Theakston Old Peculiar Crime Novel of the Year. Gillian's books are published in 38 languages.

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