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"I'd give this book ten stars if Amazon had them, it was really that good." - The Books Debut

"This book will keep you reading with a very unexpected twist..." - Cyruss1264

Her marriage may be dangerous, but leaving could be deadly.

Sophie married into a lie. Sick of her dangerous marriage, Sophie leaves her husband, determined to start a new life. But her husband isn't going to let her go that easily. If he can't have her, no one can.

It's hunter versus hunted.

"It's strange, mysterious, and down right cool! It made me wonder if this really happened." - Jek Jamison

"A suspense/thriller where nothing is as it seems." - Heartsong Reviews

If you love Nicholas Sparks novels, including Safe Haven, then pick up "Sleeping Roses," and be swept away.

Sleeping Roses Details

Date :

ISBN :

Author : RaShelle Workman

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Genre : Romance, Mystery, Suspense, Contemporary, Thriller

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From Reader Review Sleeping Roses for online ebook

Francais Parker says

This one might mess with your mind a little bit.

World Building: A-

Mythology: N/A

Plot-Twists: A-

Villains: B+

Girl Power: B

Guy-Hero: B

Love-Interests: A

Suspense: B

Feels: A++

For you clean-readers: this book does NOT have mature content. There is some stuff that might trigger victims of abuse, though.

Amanda says

Sleeping Roses, by RaShelle Workman, is an adult suspense novel, with romance thrown in, about a woman named Sophie who marries an abusive man named David. When Sophie discovers that David is cheating on her and that a relative left her with an inheritance, it gives Sophie the impetus she needs to leave David, the man she married in college.

Sophie starts a new life as an art teacher at her friend Rita's place of employment, a private school. Sophie begins a relationship with the theater teacher there, a man named Phillip. Sophie begins to be harassed by David and she can't help feeling that Phillip is somehow involved.

This book had many interesting twists and turns. The author crafted an engrossing story with a likeable cast of characters. It would have been nice to have some of the plotlines more developed, such as the relationship between Sophie and Phillip and the entire final third of the book when the surprise ending takes place. However, I enjoyed this book and would recommend it to fans of suspense and adult romance.

I received this book as part of Goodreads First Reads giveaway program.

RaShelle Workman says

Genre: Adult Romantic Suspense/Thriller

First released in 2009. I'm re-releasing 12-21-11.

Celeste says

I guess I had forgotten the synopsis of this book having downloaded it long ago as a freebie. I suppose this was something of a romantic thriller. No murder though.

Super cheesy! The main female character seemed so frail and dependent on her motherly, lesbian BFF.

Sophie is clearly on the rebound but she's falling for a coworker and won't tell him about her abusive marriage. I kept looking for different plot twists that didn't happen. "The lesbian BFF secretly doing things to drive Sophie into her arms" "The new man in her life secretly stalking her so she will fall for him" Nope.

Pretty strait forward plot but surprise twist at end.

Sappy romance book but I had to find out what happened so I finished it. Good vacation read. If you like breathy romance with a happy ending and some intrigue thrown in you will probably enjoy it.

Pam says

Sleeping Roses is a wonderful book. You really get pulled into it and feel like you are the characters. I think the author did an amazing job with her writing that you can feel that way. Sophie is an great character. You really get to see into her life. David I won't say if I liked him or not. It may ruin the story if I do say. This book is so great I actually read it and then reread it. It is a very emotional story that will keep you on the edge wondering how it will end. Then you are left wanting more. I'm glad to know there is going to be more to this story cause I want to read it now. The characters have so many hidden depths to read about I just know more is waiting to be uncloaked. Hands down a great book you need to pick up and read.

Pamela says

A horribly written book with pathetic characters and unbelievable plot.

Jek Jamison says

This book is completely different from Exiled, the other book out by RaShelle Workman.

First it's written from 1 point of view, that of Sophie, the main character.

It's an adult contemporary (sort of). It's strange, mysterious, and down right cool! It made me wonder if this really happened.

Something occurs in Sleeping Roses that threw me for a loop. I seriously turned off my kindle for like an hour, fuming mad. Then I went back to it because I had to know where the story was headed.

The ending was one of the better I've read in a long time!

RaShelle Workman says this is part of a series. I'm intrigued to know where she could possibly take it. Kind of giddy excited.

Hurry and write the next one.

Melissa says

This book was free on Amazon and because the plot sounded interesting and the author is from where I'm from, I decided to download it. I loved reading about the area I grew up in and the author is very descriptive. While the mystery was really unique and intriguing, the author gave away too many clues and unfortunately, I figured the plot twist out in the first few chapters. There were also A LOT of typos and grammatical errors that made me want to chuck the book across the room.

There was a little bit of swearing and violence, but probably the most awkward thing in the book was that the author made one of the minor characters gay. There aren't many details given about the character's life, but it just didn't make sense with the ending of the story and I couldn't figure out why the author decided to go this route. It just made the story uncomfortable in spots and like I said I couldn't quite figure out where this character came from in the end.

I think that this could have been a much better story. The premise was really unique and the mystery was good too. There were just too many issues I had with the book for me to recommend it. Frankly, I finished the book out of pure stubbornness to see if all my presumptions were correct and for the most part they were

pdbkwm says

By far one of the worse books I've ever read. Bad pacing, one dimensional characters, stupid main character, an ending that made the rest of the book seem like it was a waste of time, and tons of grammatical and spelling errors that leave you wondering how this got published.

Only good points is the book cover and the synopsis for the next book, which actually sounds interesting.

The Good

I love the cover. It's really pretty.

The Okay

The synopsis for the next book in the series is quite intriguing.

The Bad

Shut the faulty door, I sure have a lot of reasons why this book is positively horrid. But to save time and to

refrain from ranting so much, I'll only mention 5.

1. The grammar and the amount of spelling mistakes in this book will make you scream. It's almost like this book didn't have an editor to look through this book before publishing it. I don't think you even needed an editor to catch these mistakes. Just looking over the work would have been enough. There are a lot of adverbs used for no reason too. They don't add to the story or the writing, it just makes everything sound clunky.
2. The characters are so one dimensional it isn't even funny. Sophie is stupid. Rena is the gay best friend who is in love with Sophie, but not really. David is the abusive husband who is so over the top you can't take this book seriously. Phillip is meant to be the complete opposite of him and while he seems nice, his love for Sophie is so shallow that you wonder why he wants to be with her when all she does is yell at him.
3. I feel bad for this point, because it sounds bad if you haven't read the book. Even though Sophie, the main character, goes through a horrible situation with her husband and is clearly scarred from the ordeal. She's way too much of a Mary Sue, which means she's TSTL for me to care.

The book starts off with Sophie leaving her abusive husband. We're told many times he's a psycho and that he's beat her a lot. So at point in the novel Sophie decides enough is enough and files for divorce.

The divorce lawyer asks her if he should send the divorce papers to her husband. Sophie says no and that she has to do it. David, the husband, before this happened has been leaving messages to Sophie telling her that she's dead if he sees her. He's already abused her and put a knife to her neck while they were together, killing her should be easy for him. Still Sophie decides to go to him, alone, when she delivers the papers. When her friend Rina offers to go with her, Sophie says no because she wants to be a strong independent woman and face her problems head on. So she visits David and almost gets raped.

Oh Sophie, you sure are a smart one.

4. Like I mentioned in the beginning, the ending makes you feel like this book was a complete waste of time. This is a spoiler, so...(view spoiler)
5. Phillip and Sophie kind of suck as a couple. (view spoiler)

Overall:

This book had a lot of potential and if this was written better, I think I might have liked this a lot. But the writing isn't good, there are a lot of spelling and grammatical errors, the characters are very one note, and the ending makes you feel cheated.

Don't read this book. It is, by far, one of the worse books I've ever read.

Jill says

Wow and bravo to that twist. I don't usually get surprised in books, and holy cow I sure did.

HOWEVER. I want to STRANGLE whoever did the proofing of this novel (and I use the term lightly!) It's HORRIBLE! There are errors literally on every page. English misspellings like brake/break, you're/your, to/too, than/then - my mouth was literally dropping open in disbelief at the errors, and I almost even stopped

reading it a few times because it is so bad. Oh, and chicken COUP!? Are you f'n kidding me? COUP. Not once, but twice. Are the chickens planning a revolution? It's COOP! Chicken coop! What is this world coming to that a professional novel has errors in it after the author, editor, and publishing company have all gotten their hands on it. There is no excuse for these kind of errors. A fifth grader could have proofed it better. I can NOT get over it.

Nicole Pope says

I have read several of RaShelle's novels and I have to say that she is definitely one of my very favorite indie authors. And this book was one of my favorite! The story line was well developed, consistent, and so incredibly imaginative! The plot was unusual and through me for a loop - what a twist! The characters were relatable and well developed. I felt like I understood all of them. It was incredible how it all fell together! What an imagination this author has! I stayed up late to finish the book and after explaining to my husband the entire story, he wanted to read it too! Granted, as with all indie books, there were some typos and errors, but very few. It kept me intrigued and captivated. If you love the movie *Enough* or *Sleeping with the Enemy*, enjoy medical mystery novels, and enjoy reading excellent indie authors, you will not be disappointed. I look forward to the next installment!

Edited to add: I am a fan of indie novels and their authors. I admire their work and dedication to an underappreciated craft. On Amazon, there were some negative reviews regarding editing and technical criticisms. Grammar, spelling, and editing are very important to me - I consider myself a gramma ninja. In fact, I highlight mistakes that I find in the books I read. With that said, when reading self published authors, you need to look past those things (unless of course they are truly excessive) and read the story, not read for editing. If you have ever edited or proofed, or graded papers for that matter, you look past the story and focus on the technical aspects. When reading for pleasure, the opposite is true. If you are looking for professional editing and proofing, stop reading indie books.

Tara says

Let me start this off by saying I LOVE this book! I did not at all expect the twist. The characters were so well developed it felt like I was watching a biography unfolding before me. I didn't want it to end. I'm glad to see that there is another book but picking up later down the road with other characters. I'm quickly becoming a huge fan of this author!

Liza says

[Abuse is not... this... casual. The writing was forced, or unrealistic, I don't know.]

The "lesbian friend professing her love" scene was a little awkward, mainly because it seemed so unnecessary, with nothing leading up to it to suggest its validity.

This is a little too personal for such a public website, but: I watched someone I love go through a relationship like that. Controlling, abusive, life-altering. It culminated in my renting a

Bèbè ♦ RANT ♦ says

Overall score: 3 Stars

Sophie married a monster and there was no way of getting out of the relationship. Until one day she said it was enough and left him. However, having a man who sees women as slaves does not do her any good and she has to live in constant fear for her life. Specially after she finds out that she is pregnant with his baby and the child that she is bearing may upset him even more. While hiding from her soon-to-be-ex-husband, she finds an amazing job and starts having a relationship with her coworker that she is falling for which scares her. But David finally catches her and the past that she has been trying to forget for so long might catch up to her as well. That is until she wakes up...

Ummm I am not even sure about this book. Before I write a review, I always check out other people's reviews and just see what they thought about it. This is the time where their review may have opened my eyes to the things that I haven't noticed before. Weak and emotionally-distressed main character, unbelievable spot and uncontrollable pace of the book. Yes, I thought that Sophie was relying on her Lesbian BBF too much and sometimes she really annoyed me. But it was a quick read and some moments made me pause and think: "Holy sh*t!". I think when people get very emotional and then someone says "Just kidding", they get a little upset and take everything out on the whole book instead of just one part. But hey, I felt the same moment and this book can definitely change some minds. 3 stars.

Christine says

Very disappointed in this book- and I wasn't even expecting very much.

First off, the editing for this book is atrocious...misspellings and missing words run rampant through the book. Kindle editing in many of its books is bad, but it is especially bad in this case.

Story-wise.. every part of this book is predictable, from beginning to end. The plotline itself is boring and uninteresting, and when it seems like it might become interesting, and incredibly predictable "twist" in the story comes out, making the book feel like a waste of time.

I was only able to finish it because I was on vacation, and had limited reading material. Definitely do not recommend.
