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When Chris Wallace looks in the mirror, he sees a deep and complex man. He is, in fact, selfish, shallow and very, very devious - a master of deceit. Suzy Wallace, a woman scorned, wreaks havoc and revenge on her husband's mistress, once her best friend, now her sworn enemy. She will never forgive and never forget. Alexandra Johnston, ambitious, talented and seductive, uses every trick she can to get what she wants...and then finds out that having is not quite the same as wanting. Ellen Munroe, the mother of Chris' child, the woman he has used and abused over and over, finally has the chance for happiness with an honest, decent, steadfast man...until Chris lies his way into her heart again. Mirror, Mirror is the story of women who have had enough. This is a tale of delicious revenge and glorious vindictiveness, as Chris Wallace finally tastes the bitter fruits of his deceits and gets what has been coming to him.

Mirror, Mirror Details

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Mary Geraghty says

Another great read

The story was fantastic. Reminded me of some of the Mammys boys I met along the way?. The characters were brilliantly written.

Fiona says

Set in 1969 this novel follows the lives of three woman all intertwined with one man and the consequences he has for them . An earlier book from one of my favourite authors .

Kate says

A good “unputdownable” read.

Dorian says

Patricia Scanlan is one of the few chick-lit authors I read, and I think this is one of her best books. (It's the sequel to her "Promises, Promises", but I read this one first.)

It's 1969 in Dublin, and things are going all sorts of wrong for Chris Wallace, womanising shit extraordinaire. His wife, Suzy, finds out about the affair he's having with her best friend, Alexandra, and throws him out of the house. Alexandra doesn't actually like him (or anyone, really; she's what they had in mind when they invented the term "ballbreaker"), but she allows him, grudgingly, to move in with her. Ellen, the woman he impregnated and abandoned seven years ago has clawed her life back up out of the abyss that is single motherhood in mid-20th-century Ireland, but despite the presence of a new - and decent - man in her life, she still can't quite seem to resist Chris.

All of which makes it sound like the book is about Chris, but it's not. It's about Ellen, mostly, and also about the other women whose lives Chris has affected. It's about Ellen rebuilding her life, starting her own business, dealing with her mother (Sheila is a wonderful example of the Irish Mammy), coping with her daughter's questions, trying to finally cut loose from Chris and accept what Doug is offering. It's about Suzy, angry and bitter, wreaking revenge on Chris and Alexandra (and oh, what wonderful revenge she wreaks on Alexandra!) It's about Alexandra, realising what a monstrous mistake getting together with Chris was...and somehow managing to come out on top (by her standards) anyway.

And this is a book set in a world I know. Not quite a world I live in - I was born in the year it's set in - but a world I remember, at least in part, and a world that hasn't entirely gone away even yet. I love this book as much for its setting as its story.

(This is not actually the edition I have, but Goodreads for some reason doesn't seem to have the 1998

Poolbeg paperback with the red cover with the mirror on the front.)

Sandra Johnson says

Abrupt ending

two many characters ,it was. difficult to keep track of them all ,or differentiate who was who, the main character made you want to shake her, too many scenarios left wanting an end ,

Rachel says

This is a fab book and like the first book in this series "promises Promises", I found it very hard to put down. I loved both books just as much in different ways. Wow, this one was extremely dramatic. Like others have said, I didn't feel sorry for Chris in the slightest; He got what he deserved for sure. I'm so glad I've discovered this author and I'm now off to read another of her series.

Jillean Whyte says

Need more stars to give this lady. Bought this book, only half way through part one. And it didn't disappoint, a fitting end to an amazing duology. You feel an inner guilty pleasure to see Chris get his cumuppance. I just couldn't put down this series, housework was abandoned. Can't wait for another PS book, bring on the genius.

Bubblestarlet says

Good to catch up with the characters again but not as good as the first book in the 'pairing'.

Bookread2day says

Review by www.ireadnovels.wordpress.com

Mirror, Mirror is the story of two women who have had enough and are about to get even with Chris Wallace.

Chris Wallace was an accomplished liar. Suzy Wallace knew her husband Chris was having an affair. Alexandra Johnston was one woman who wouldn't dance to his tune,she would just use him as long as ut suited her.

Ellen Munroe, let Chris think that his emotionally abusive behaviour was perfectly acceptable. After seven years of emotional turmoil, Ellen finally let go of Chris Wallace. Another man is on the scene for Ellen Munroe, but will Chris lie his way back into her heart again.

Julie Haigh says

Brilliant end to a two part saga!!!

This is the second of a two part story so it's really a must to read Promises Promises first. I had not heard of Patricia Scanlan before and really bought the set of two books because they were on special offer but this author should be at the top of the bestseller lists because I was really pleasantly surprised at the quality of her writing. It's a family story where a girl falls for a rotter and, for a time, things seem to go his way and he comes up smelling of roses every time. In the second book his run of luck runs out and everything seems to go wrong for him at the same time. This is a wonderfully healing read if you have gone through a bad relationship and/or divorce and many things said and done in the book were uncannily similar to my own experience! The characters are so lifelike, for example, the mother-in-law who is a big noise at the Townswomen's Guild who wonders how she will show her face there again after all the scandal that has befallen her family. It is such a heart-warming story with a few comic episodes, it really does make you look back at your own divorce/split and makes it easier to get through, the revenge episodes made me think YES! This story is so life-like and so enjoyable, I couldn't put it down, it's perfect holiday reading. Patricia Scanlan's writing is so clever because she does different scenes from different characters' point of view, for example one moment she would have me thinking, poor Ellen, Chris is such a rotter then in the following interlude she would write from Chris' point of view and describe his confusion about his feelings so next thing I would feel sympathy for Chris and be able to understand why he had been acting as he had. One of my all time great reads, a brilliant saga. Now I have gone on to read all Patricia Scanlan's books, I have really enjoyed them all but this saga is something special.

Tracy Munro says

Good follow up to Promises Promises, good Irish chick lit author

Nicki says

Great sequel. I wish there was a third. I loved reading about these three women

Donna MacRae says

Great read, with some colourful characters. An enjoyable read.

Adeline Kam says

Another good and wonderful read written by Patricia Scanlan. I enjoyed reading her books. It is interesting and easy to read. Nice characters, interesting storyline and moral values behind each and every story.

Kathryn says

Whilst I really enjoyed this book - I wasn't sure why it was set in 1969/1970?? I thought it was going to have a 'present day' ending, but it didn't.

I liked how the women were connected to Chris, and how he got his comeuppance!! It was only when I was halfway through that I realised there was a book that was written before this, oops
