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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

This powerful, moving and well-controlled thriller follows the metamorphosis of Sara Burney, an abused, submissive and battered wife whose daily goal has been to keep her brutish husband Martin from still more violent assaults. Presumed dead when she is swept overboard from a sailboat in Manhasset Bay, Sara seizes the opportunity to escape from her husband and begin a new life. She rides the bus from Boston to the small university town of Cedar Falls, Iowa, where she finds a job as caretaker to Dr. Hazel Channing, a professor who is recovering from an accident that has left her both mute and paralyzed. Sara (now known as Laura Pray) gradually edges into independence. She reads Henry James to Dr. Channing and awakes her to sprightly dialogue. She finds the strength and the wisdom to counsel another woman in crisis. And she begins a tentative but promising relationship with her next-door neighbor, a perceptive professor. But her desire to visit her mother in a nursing home enables her murderously psychotic husband to trace her. Reveries, dreams and images of drowning form an effective counterpoint to chilling scenes of observation and pursuit, and the author of *An Accomplished Woman* brings the novel to a triumphant conclusion. Major ad/promo; film rights to Leonard Goldberg Productions.

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From Library Journal

Picking up on society's increasing concern with battered wives, Price's work is a disjointed account of Sara Burney's long-postponed attempt to escape her abusive husband. Motivation and empathy are sadly lacking and questions abound: Why did she remain in a childless marriage to be abused for over three years? What drove Martin Burney to his destructive behavior? Is Sara's relationship with new neighbor Ben Woodward realistic given her circumstances? Price has unfortunately reinforced the stereotype of librarians as weak-willed, desperately sex-starved women. Secondary characters serve little or no purpose. On the whole unsatisfactory. Judith A. Gifford, Salve Regina Coll. Lib., Newport, R.I.

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Review

"Wonderfully gripping" Deborah Moggach

Users Review

From reader reviews:

Kathleen Owens:

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