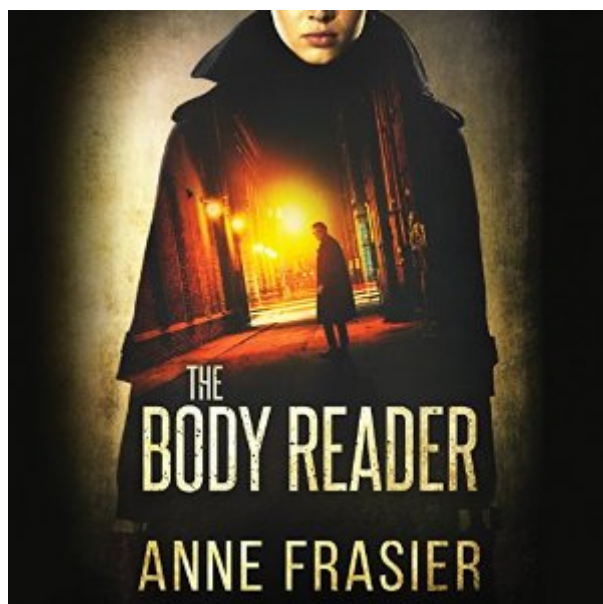


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The Body Reader



Synopsis

For three years, Detective Jude Fontaine was kept from the outside world. Held in an underground cell, her only contact was with her sadistic captor, and reading his face was her entire existence. Learning his every line, every movement, and every flicker of thought is what kept her alive. After her experience with isolation and torture, she is left with a fierce desire for justice - and a heightened ability to interpret the body language of both the living and the dead. Despite colleagues' doubts about her mental state, she resumes her role at Homicide. Her new partner, Detective Uriah Ashby, doesn't trust her sanity, and he has a story of his own he'd rather keep hidden. But a killer is on the loose, murdering young women, so the detectives have no choice: they must work together to catch the madman before he strikes again. And no one knows madmen like Jude Fontaine.

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Customer Reviews

Merriam Webster defines depravity as "a very evil quality or way of behaving". You won't know the true meaning of the word until you have reached the end of *The Body Reader*. As a voracious reader, this is not the first book I've read that describes what it's like to be held captive by a madman. But it IS the first book I've read with that theme that makes every one before it seem trite and lackluster. Anne Frasier manages to take the reader into the dark with Jude Fontaine, and find out what it is like to be stripped of every part of humanity a person can possess. I have always been a fan of Frasier's deeply developed characters, and Jude Fontaine is no exception. She triumphs over insanity in the physical sense,

but Frasier shows us the long term effects of being stripped bare of everything but the most primal of instincts. I don't like to write my reviews like a synopsis of the book, to me that steals the joy of the story from the reader. Instead I like to strongly urge readers to let an author take over their soul for a brief while, and for those of us that glean great joy from exquisitely written psychological suspense, we know that is the effect of a finding a masterpiece like *The Body Reader*. Leave your soul in the darkness for awhile. Feel what it's like to be held captive physically and spiritually. Listen to this tale of pain laced with gut wrenching glimpses of what was stolen from Jude Fontaine. Worry that it could just as easily be stolen from you. Cheer for her as she tries to escape the fear and inability to function. Wonder if YOU could try that hard to live. Cry with her as she fails to overcome the trauma to her mind. Understand what it's like when death would be a welcome release from the torture of being kept alive. If you are already a fan of Anne Frasier, this will be a new treat to be savored. If this is your first Anne Frasier book, you will be in a rush to read all the others. Five star seems inadequate to rate an experience that will leave you breathless and afraid of the evil in the world.

This book has a common synopsis of a detective with a terrible past. But this book takes a very intriguing approach in telling this story. Jude Fontaine is a very damaged woman. For three years she was held captive in a small cell underground by a madman who came within inches of destroying her spirit. She protects her sanity by remembering her old life. When she is able to escape, she finds her old life no longer exists. The world has moved on without her. In an effort to salvage her life, she returns to her job as a detective. Her experiences have left her cold and detached. But she is able to find solace in trying to unravel a case of a girl who has disappeared. While tying multiple cases together, she is forced to face grief for her previous life and a need to find justice for others that may have not been as lucky as she was to survive. Jude finds herself working the case with Detective Uriah Ashby, whom she did not know before her abduction, but was hired as her replacement. She finds herself surrounded by people that believe they know everything about her. She feels as if her old identity has died and she has become a different person. She begins to feel just as isolated as she felt in her cell. She channels all of her energy into saving missing and murdered young women. Sometimes, with logic only she can understand, Jude begins to piece together the crimes. She is caught in a whirlwind of questioning her own sanity and proving her sanity to others in order to be taken seriously about her case. This is an engrossing book that tells the story of not only survival, but of the strength that survival gives you. This is a woman who uses her life as proof that others can be saved. This is a book that is terrifying and enthralling. it

is an extremely easy book to lose yourself in. Anne Frasier has a new fan for life!! I received this book as an ARC from the publisher and NetGalley.com

5 Mind Blowing Stars Take a chance on a new author if you haven't read any of Ms. Frasier work this would be a great one to pick but hold your breath it is going to be a bumpy ride. Ms. Frasier will blow you away with another read you won't be able to put down. Just when I thought I had a handle on the outcome the author sent me on another spin that let me say WOW. I was hooked from the first page to the last this was not an easy book to lay down. This is one author that has fast become one of my all time favorites that I can't wait until another book is published. If this isn't on your TRB list it should be. If you love mystery, thrills and suspense you do not want to miss reading this. I promise you don't know what you are missing as the author hooks you from start to finish. I have read and listened to the audio I am really having a hard time picking which I like the best. Both have good points but both are outstanding. Emily Sutton-Smith does an outstanding job of narration. She pulls you in giving you wonderful character voices with outstanding emotions never leaving you guessing how each character feels. Her tones are right on the money for each emotion that each character has. She gives you a very rich and clear audio that you get lost in and do not want to put down. Her character voice for Jude is flat like it should be with all this poor woman has gone through is there any wonder she shows very little emotion. Emily hits it right on the money. Her male voices are just as wonderful as her female ones giving you an even tone clear listen you get lost in. There are no background noises or any places where the volume is higher or lower than the other. There are no repeats of words, if a break was taken you cannot tell it. This is the first I have listened to this narrator but it will not be the last. She really brought this audio to life for me. As the story opens you have a lady who is and has been kept in a basement nude, alone with only one person who feeds her and abuses her over and over again. As you turn the pages to start this story your mind will hold a picture of each scene once you close your eyes your mind will replay it over and over again. You will become Jude and feel her pain, you understand her as she takes on a life of hunted to being the hunter looking for her prey at every turn. She can tell what you are thinking by your body language. There are those that think she is crazy but we know her and me that she is most likely the sanest of all. Three years of living this nightmare over and over again each day and night you would think she would have gone crazy but you are very much wrong. When you have nothing but time on your hands for years you watch, look and read before long you know what people are thinking just by the way they hold their head, turn their body or let out a breath. She pulls her inner strength knowing one day

somehow some way she will make it out of this alive and when she does someone is going to die. It is kill or be killed so she sets, waits, listen, waiting for the right time to make her move to set herself free. That day is today when the lights go out she makes her move running for her life she is out she is free but for how long and what waits for her on the other side. I really loved Jude she is so strong yet so cool taking it all in moving around watching reading everyone's body knowing who is lying and who is hiding things. The author has an outstanding way of making the words flow easy before your eyes taking you in and making you part of the story. Before you know it you are so hooked you can't put the book down. This is not a story I would want to start at night you really need to start it early so you can give it the time it deserves. As you are drawn in the author will take over and blow your mind again and again. Just when you think you have the answers the author will change it leaving you with your mouth wide open looking back over what your eyes just took in. The author switches back and forth from today to the past as you learn all that this remarkable lady has went through to become the lovely lady she is today. There is no doubt you will cheer for Jude as you feel the pain she has and must go through to find the answers to so many questions. The ending will blow you out of the water there are so many twist and turns you won't see coming. Just as you think you have a handle on it Jude takes you down a different road you never saw coming. This is one author who knows how to get control of her readers leaving them hanging on asking for more. I so enjoyed the many twist and turns each character adds so much to the read. Some you will like others you will not but by the time you have read the last page you will have relooked at each one over and over again seeing each from a different light. From the first page you will find your heart beating faster as you turn to the next it is running over time by the time you have finished and turned the last page you find your heart rate is still beating as fast as it was from the start. Leaving your mind in a state of WOW not being able to forget what you just read you play each scene over again and again in your mind as you regroup and close your eyes for the night hoping you never have to live the nightmare this author has given her characters. If you are looking for your next mystery, thriller, suspense read you can stop looking you have found it. This is one book and one author you do not want to miss. I promise this will be your next favorite read!

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