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The Back Road



Synopsis

In a quiet country village, secrets abound. When young Abbie Campbell is knocked over and left for dead on the back road of the village of Little Melham, waves of shock ripple through the small community, threatening to expose long-kept secrets. For Ellie Saunders, the truth about that night puts both her marriage and the safety of her children in jeopardy - she has to protect her family, no matter what the cost. Her neighbor, former detective Tom Douglas, has escaped to Little Melham in search of a quiet life, but finds himself drawn into the web of deceit as his every instinct tells him that what happened to Abbie was far more than a tragic accident. In this gripping novel, the peaceful English countryside belies the horrible truths that lurk beneath the trimmed hedgerows, behind the closed doors of smart sitting rooms, and within unspoken conversations.

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Customer Reviews

I love Rachel Abbott. This is the 3rd book of hers I've read, although this is 2nd in her series (I read out of order sometimes!). Yes, I agree with some of the others that there were too many characters and it was hard to keep who's who straight, but it was a very good tale, none-the-less. It kept me guessing for a very long time, and that's what I like. "Only The Innocent" (bk 1) and "Sleep Tight" (bk 3) are much more cohesive but don't skip this one!

Rachel Abbott books take a little concentration at first to learn all the characters, which is a common thread I've discovered. However, it works to keep the reader interested in the story as it unfolds

from several different perspectives and keeps the reader guessing. I especially like the main characters that develop with each book and slowly tell a story underneath the mystery. I am addicted and can't wait to read the next one.

I really enjoyed this read. The story was very good and the characters that make it up are interesting. The mystery is there and also the thrills, you really will be surprised with the who done it ending of the book.

I find it hard to believe that the police can't solve anything and the main character is not very bright for a RN.

I had read two other Rachel Abbott books and enjoyed those both. This one was drawn out and boring. Too much time was spent on character development and it was not even needed for the story itself. This was a huge miss.

With many plot twists, this was a very entertaining read. My only criticism is that there are, understandably for reasons of the complex plot, too many similar main characters who at times can be difficult to differentiate. A list of main characters and spouses at the beginning of the book would be helpful for occasional quick reference.

The book started out a little confusing in the first couple of chapters before everything started to come together. The storyline kept me guessing as to what the mystery was until the last few chapters. I highly recommend this book for a good read. I shall add Rachel Abbott as my go to author for a good mystery.

This author went to great lengths to spin a very plausible and convoluted mystery, keeping you guessing all the way. As in her first novel, she managed to tie up all loose ends neatly. I find her grasp on the ramifications of trauma highly realistic. This makes for an excellent psychological study of victims of crime. Yes, some of the events the book's character's experience are difficult to read about, yet the realistic description works well in these novels in making the reader understand the character's way of thinking and acting. Well done, Rachel Abbott!

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