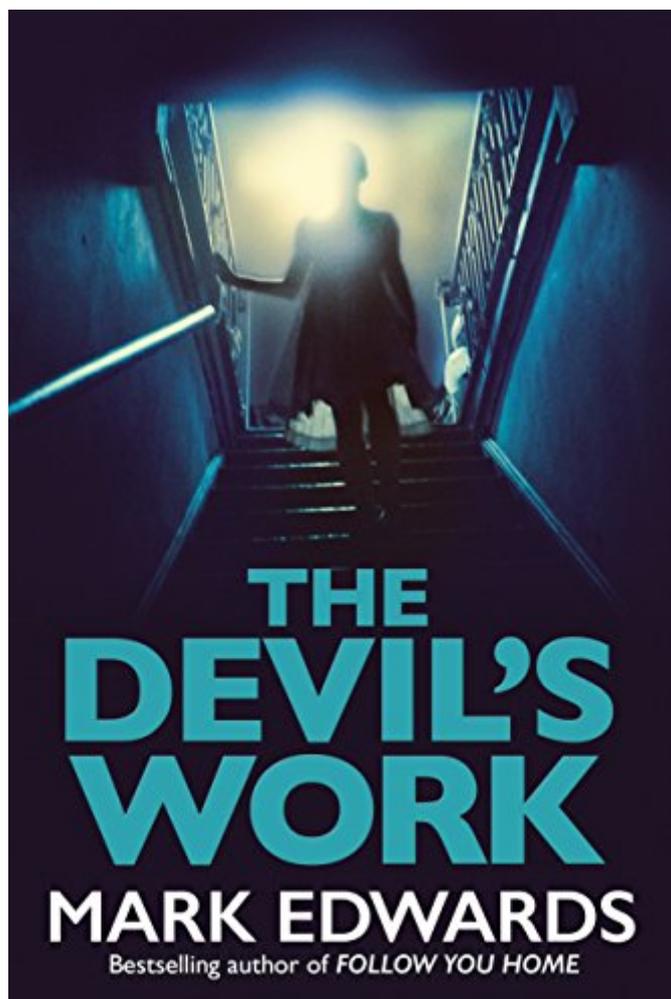


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The Devil's Work



Synopsis

A gripping psychological thriller from the bestselling author of Follow You Home and The Magpies. It was the job she had dreamed of since childhood. But on her very first day, when an unnerving encounter drags up memories Sophie Greenwood would rather forget, she wonders if she has made a mistake. A fatal mistake. What is her ambitious young assistant really up to? And what exactly happened to Sophie's predecessor? When her husband and daughter are pulled into the nightmare, Sophie is forced to confront the darkest secrets she has carried for years. As her life begins to fall apart at work and at home, Sophie must race to uncover the truth about her new job before it kills her.

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Customer Reviews

There are no spoilers in this review, that being said.. Can people stop doing that? People read reviews to see if they think the book might interest them, not to get a short synopsis of the story! Onto the review. Wow! This book will have you sitting on the edge of your seat, and find yourself having to take short breaks just to think about and comprehend what you had just read. I was loving all of the twists and turns, all the way to the very end. Once you think you've figured it out, BOOM

think again! I also loved that he incorporated some of his previous books and characters in this book. It's pretty ingenious! Best physiological thriller I've read all year! Make sure you have some time before you open this thrill ride because you start, you won't want to put it down! Amazing work by Mark Edwards... Once Again!

The Devil's Work is yet another brilliant psychological thriller by Mark Edwards. I don't know what it is about this author's novels but they always seem to leave that weird feeling in the pit of your stomach. You know the one I mean, the way you feel when it's your first day at a new school or a new job. Where you feel a mixture of nerves and excitement but also feel scared. That is what his books bring to me. They fill me full of excitement as I know he is going to thrill me but then he also has me on edge as I can feel the build up of something awful going to happen. It's such a strange feeling but in a good way and I love how through someone's writing that they can affect me in that way. Sophie for me has it all. She is happily married with a lovely daughter and she also lands her dream job in a publishing company. I don't think things could be any better for her. As soon as she starts at her new job though, alarm bells started to ring. As with Sophie, there was just this gut feeling about certain things as well as people that something just wasn't quite right. Cassie, Sophie's assistant, I took an instant dislike to. It is obvious that she is power hungry and she will do whatever it takes to get as far as she can in the company. I felt every empathy for poor Sophie having to work alongside her. The story itself flicks between present day with Sophie in her new role as well as back to when she is at university. Both past and present makes for some tense reading that has you questioning everything. The Devil's Work is an absolute must read for any die hard psychological thriller fans out there. It is an enthralling read that had plenty of twists that shocked and thrilled me. This is yet another book I would highly recommend to anyone that will listen to me. My thanks to the author for a copy in exchange for an honest review.

There are two authors capable of making me feel distinctly uncomfortable while reading their books. You know that feeling, it's like when you walk into a room full of people and you can cut the atmosphere with a knife. You want to leave, but you can't because your sense of curiosity is driving you onwards, and you're willing to take whatever is coming, to find out what is going on. The first is Stephen King. The second is Mark Edwards. This sense of unease was more prevalent than ever while reading The Devil's Work. But this is a very good thing, and I know when I read a book by this author that he is going to invoke every emotion to make me keep turning the pages. In The Devil's Work, Mark Edwards delves deep into the minds of his characters, twisting and turning until you

don't know who to trust. Such is the authenticity of his writing, the story played out in my mind as if I was watching it on the big screen. It's no secret that I'm a huge fan, but his latest offering has blown me away. This is, without a doubt, his finest work to date. The transition between past and present is effortlessly blended as we are introduced to Sophie Greenwood and her acquaintances. She lands a job at Jackdaw Books. But what starts out as a dream soon turns into a nightmare, as the many twists and turns bring you a story of love, betrayal, and cruelty. With razor-sharp suspense, this story will keep you gripped until you've devoured every last word. Thank you to Mark Edwards and Thomas & Mercer for my early review copy, which I thoroughly enjoyed.

Now this novel is just one of those read it with your back to the wall type books so you can keep your eye on all the entrances and exits. I just felt so darn edgy all the time like I was being watched, a 3D effect in a book as it wrapped around me. This is Mark Edwards and how he makes you feel. You just don't know who you can trust from the work place to home. The only one Sophie can trust as being on her side is Daisy and she is only 4, comforting but not really helpful. So how did I get to this place from simply opening a book? Well there is a saying, It's not what you say but how you say it, and Mark Edwards just puts the fear of God into me from the prologue, which consists of just one page. By the time I had turned on to Chapter 1, I already didn't trust anyone. The story is set over less than a 3 month period from Sophie's first day in her dream job at a Publishing House to the climatic ending. This present day story is laced with flash backs to Sophie's University days, her connection to this very sort after Publishing House and Franklin Bird. It is one of those novels where the author lays down the fear and you are left with saying out loud 'don't go in there' or 'don't go down there' but do these characters listen? Hell no! and they take you with them because you have no choice. This really is such a brilliant psychological thriller to keep you on your toes from start to finish. A highly recommended stand alone novel. I wish to thank Netgalley and Thomas & Mercer for allowing me to read this novel in exchange for an honest review.

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