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A stolen identity leads a woman down a dark and desperate path in a gripping novel of psychological suspense by Wall Street Journal bestselling author Minka Kent.

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When I Was Your Man Lyrics

After barely surviving a brutal attack, Brienne Dougray rarely leaves her house. Suffering from debilitating headaches and memory loss, she can rely only on her compassionate new tenant, Dr. Niall Emberlin, a welcome distraction from the discomfiting bubble that has become her existence.

When I Was Your Man Chords

But Brienne's growing confidence in her new routine is shaken when she stumbles across unsettling evidence that someone else is living as her. Same name. Same car. Same hair. Same clothes. She's even friended her family on social media. To find out why, Brienne must leave the safety of her home to hunt a familiar stranger.

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What she discovers is more disturbing than she could have ever imagined. With her fragile mind close to shattering, Brienne is prepared to do anything to reclaim her life. If itâ€™s even hers to reclaim.

Go to the police, go to the police, go to the police.

WTF is wrong with you? Go to the police.

When I Was Older

Another fast paced, not so surprising, twisty but hmm its okay, lets meet in the middle and plan another vacation to Switzerland book. The big twist was caught too early (actually at the beginning by my real spider senses theyre stronger than Peter Parkers, trust me!-) too predictable because everyone was acting way too much suspicious. (All those thriller lovers might have sensed easily because they got practiced with real mind bending, WTH I just read kind of rug just pulled out from your feet books!)

The blurb was effective! Brienne Dougray has been attacked to kill and suffered from short term amnesia. Now she locks herself into her house, being afraid of adapting in daily life. Only person she easily connects her new tenant Dr. Niall Emberlin.

Then one day she gets a strange phone call from real estate office that she rented a new place and woman on the phone insists that theyâ€™ve met in person. Her search makes her sure that somebody stole her identity during her attack and now she acts like her. She calls a private investigator who acts like sheâ€™s a nutcase destroys her last piece of self-confidence so she decides to conduct her own investigation to find her impostor but her search takes her to some place so dark that she may lose her total reality and find out nothing as it seems.

The beginning of the book is a little slower to give us more clues about the psychological situation and inner fight of Brienne. I felt a little annoyed because she was so reluctant and weak at the beginning. She was so passionate to follow her imposter instead of gathering pieces of her old life and connect with her loved ones or get some help from law enforcement. (Only one call indicates she has mental problems shouldnâ€™t make her give up so easy!) Those parts made me question things!

Overall: Second and third parts of the book are more intriguing, action packed, riveting and entertaining. I wish the first part which nearly gets the half of the story shouldnâ€™t be so long. We may get to the chase and we may be get fooled by the twists easily.

I gave first parts 2.5 and last parts of the book 4 stars: so with its 3.25 we had a well written, I absolutely didnâ€™t hate it but it could be better stars book with satisfying ending.

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I liked the story okay, but I really had to suspend belief for the majority of it. There was quite a lot that was hard to believe. It is an easy read and okay if you are looking for something lighter and don't mind suspending belief. ...more

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Brienne is a shell of a character. She has no personality outside of her fear and anxiety and infatuation with her tenant, Dr. Niall Emberlin. She's passive, two-dimensional, and her motivations are flimsy at best and incomprehensible at worst. When she discovers someone has stolen her identity, she calls one private investigator, and when he doesn't believe her story, she immediately gives up and decides to take the case on herself, despite having none of the requisite skills to do so. Her decision-making skills do not improve from there.

(view spoiler)[Speaking of two-dimensional characters, let's talk about Niall. I immediately distrusted him. Brienne goes on and on about how perfect he is, and anyone who knows anything about mysteries or thrillers will recognize this as an obvious clue that this character is not what he seems. (hide spoiler)]

When I Was You had a slow beginning, the first third dedicated to Brienne's dull everyday life. Then we get to the first twist, which was so cliché it almost made me stop reading, but because it came so early on, I thought, "Surely there must be another twist," which there was. It was less cliché than the first, but infinitely less believable, and that was the point at which I put the book down.

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Ultimately, the final nail in the coffin for this book was that Minka Kent never succeeded in making me care about her characters or her plot. I didn't read to the end because I didn't need to know how it ended. This one was a pretty big disappointment, but at least I didn't waste too much time on it. Unfortunately that's the best praise I can give it. ...more

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Hey, who knew gaslighting was so believable?

Not only was this my Amazon First pick for January, I also received an ARC from the publisher (many thanks). The opinions are entirely my own. Overall, I'm satisfied. Minka Kent is a very engaging writer, despite a couple issues within the story. ...more

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When I Was Your Man Karaoke

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The second part moved faster as we get to know about the tenant and his motives but a lot of the things were done were just too convenient. Not sure how to describe it without spoiling the story but there were things hard to believe or be convinced about. Part of me wanted just to go with the flow and another part of me kept criticizing the whole thing! When I Was You sounded interesting to me when I decided to read it but unfortunately, at best it was just an OK story.

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After discovering her identity has been stolen, Brienne is led down a complex and crazy path. This novel definitely requires some suspension of disbelief, but it's a fun read. ...more

When I Was Your Man Piano Chords

I read a ton of pre-release books, and when I get them gratis or at low cost from publishers, I figure I owe it to my benefactors to finish them no matter what. And if I've learned one thing over many years and many more books, it's that I'm right to not be too hasty to call it quits.

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It didn't take long, though, for me to be glad I hung in there. You guessed it: Not only was I pleased (and surprised) by the turn of events, but in spots I was so close to the edge of my seat that I nearly fell off. I won't say Brienne and I could ever be best buds, but the whole thing kept getting better by the chapter.

The survivor of an attack, Brienne has holed up in the old, spacious home she inherited. Just so she won't constantly be alone, she advertises for a tenant; goodness knows she's got the extra room. The ad is answered by Dr. Niall Emberlin, who turns out to be the caring friend and helper she needs. But then, she learns that her identity may not only have been stolen, but another woman is actually living her life: Same name, same car, same physical characteristics. That's puzzling, to say the least - especially since no one seems to have tinkered with Brienne's substantial bank accounts or credit cards.

Gradually, readers begin to suspect there's much more going on here (as does Brienne). But what? And who? And why? Alas, my review must of necessity stop right here; otherwise, I'd be revealing too much. Suffice it to say it's an enjoyable roller coaster ride complete with a few surprise bumps that make it even more interesting.

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I particularly loved the whole setup of the book, with Brienne super nervous to do anything, and questioning everything. Throughout the first half of the book, there's a strong sense of menace and a hint of pure bat shit crazy. I couldn't put it down!

It always surprises me how some reviewers hate on books because they find them 'too' predictable or 'too' twisty, but not surprising enough. Did you enjoy the journey? That's all you need. Buckle up and get ready for a roller coaster of twists, turns and surprises, When I Was You is a frenetically paced, absolutely compulsive page-turner. ...more

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The happy ending was expected, and much needed for the gullible protagonist.

The only quote worth mentioning:

"All the horrible things she said and did, it was because she was hurting, and hurt people hurt people."

Thanks to the author and the publisher for a copy.

Verdict: Pick it if you want to get out of your reading slump. ...more

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