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The Girl You Lost: A Gripping Psychological Thriller



Synopsis

Eighteen years ago your baby daughter was snatched. Today, she came back. A sinister and darkly compelling psychological thriller from the No.1 bestselling author of *The Girl With No Past*. Eighteen years ago, Simone Porter's six-month-old daughter, Helena, was abducted. Simone and husband, Matt, have slowly rebuilt their shattered lives, but the pain at losing their child has never left them. Then a young woman, Grace, appears out of the blue and tells Simone she has information about her stolen baby. But just who is Grace – and can Simone trust her? When Grace herself disappears, Simone becomes embroiled in a desperate search for her baby and the woman who has vital clues about her whereabouts. Simone is inching closer to the truth but it'll take her into dangerous and disturbing territory. Simone lost her baby. Will she lose her life trying to find her? Read what people are saying about *The Girl You Lost* – "Oh my gosh! What a stunning story. I couldn't put this book down and devoured it over a weekend . . . Giving a 5 star rating has never been easier." – StefLoz Book Blog – "WOW!! This book left me speechless! Completely threw me for a loop!! I seriously could not put this book down." – My Own Jackpot – "WOW this book was intense! . . . amazing and so disturbing all at the same time . . . So many times I would say "OH MY GOD" out loud." – Steph and Chris's Book Review – "This is the best book I think I have read in a long time. I was completely hooked from start to finish . . . made me cry, laugh, scream, beg, and plead at the characters within this book and kept me guessing right till the end. Amazing!!!! If you only read one book in your life. Make it this one." – Joss Dreaming of Publication – "Wow, I am still trying to pick my jaw up off the floor after this ending. It is so creepy crazy. There was absolutely no way I saw the ending coming . . . I'm still stunned and I finished reading the book 30 minutes ago and I've had two cigarettes! . . . This was one thrilling ride . . . I strongly in all sincerity recommend this book!" – The Reading Room – "I still I have that "I didn't see that coming" feeling – excellent." – Sarah's Cozy Book Nook – "OMG it is good, it is better than good it is mind-blowing . . . I absolutely loved it and devoured this in one evening. I simply could not put it down . . . I was on the edge of my seat having palpitations . . . This is one hell of a gripping story so if you love psychological thrillers then this is a must read for 2016. I am giving this an easy 5 massive well-deserved stars." – Chelle's Book Reviews – "Had me gripped from the first few pages, and at no point does the story disappoint. Love a good twist? This is the ULTIMATE thriller." – The Bookshelf Blog – "The suspense is epic in Kathryn Croft's latest novel. The fear and dread she generates is for me what makes her one of THE best thriller writers. The shocks just keep coming and the ending is just how I wanted to it to be. It's just perfect." – Postcard Reviews – "A powerhouse of emotions . . . Put simply, it's wickedly engaging, and one I'd

absolutely recommend.â™ Little Bookness Laneâ^This book really surprised me. Considering the fact that I have read more thriller books and watched more thriller/mystery shows than I can count I have pretty much resigned myself to the fact that nothing could surprise me any more. Guess what?? This book has taught me there are still books out there in the mystery genre that could surprise me . . . I would recommend this book to all the mystery lovers out there. I don't remember the last time I enjoyed a thriller/mystery genre book this much.â™ Nair the Critique

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Customer Reviews

Well, this is another book that grabbed me right from the start, held me tight and didn't let me go right up until the very last page. Matt and Simone suffer one of the worst tragedies that could befit a married couple. Their six month old baby, Helena, is snatched when out in the park with Matt's mother. Fast forward 18 years and remarkably Matt and Simone are still together and have had no further children. Then, one day, Simone is approached by this young woman who claims to be Helena. She provides enough information and evidence for Simone to not dismiss this outright. What happens next is a veritable roller coaster of ups, downs, twists and turns culminating in an ending that, although I had an inkling, I really didn't expect to be right. Although not a particularly

long book, there is definitely nothing missing from this story. Strong, easy to emote with characters that I was definitely interested in enough to want to get to know. Strong punchy narrative which gets to the point without wasting time. Again, like with "The Girl With No Past", the author tells the story in the present with flashbacks to fill in the past. A couple of times I stopped during the book as I had a nagging doubt that what I was reading was actually credible. Would Simone really have done that. But then I paused and thought for a second and realised that Simone is a woman who has been holding on to hope for so long and when someone comes along who could actually BE her missing daughter, of course she will do anything for that person. The bond between mother and daughter really is that strong.

This is the first book by Kathryn Croft that I've read. I've heard many good things about her previous book. When I read the description for "The Girl You Lost" I was intrigued to say the least. ***Possibly some very minor spoilers*** As the book begins we are taken back eighteen years. Simone and Matt are a young couple adjusting to life as new parents in their tiny apartment. Matt is twenty-two and studying to be a doctor and for now nineteen-year-old Simone has put school on hold to raise their six-month old daughter, Helena. They are lucky though that Matt's mother, Miriam is around to help out. She frequently takes Helena out to give the young couple a bit of a break. Matt's mother comes to take Helena to the park one afternoon so Matt can study. The tired parents are happy to have a few moments to themselves. Just as they say how happy they are, how great everything is, the phone rings and their world is forever changed.. Helena is missing. The book then jumps to the present. Simone Porter is now a successful journalist and is married to Matt, who is now a doctor. Their daughter, Helena has been missing for eighteen years and they are no closer to finding her then they were before. That is until one day. Simone is approached by a young woman named Grace. Grace tells her she needs to talk to her about her missing daughter. Simone is hesitant as she's been fooled before by people who claim to have information about Helena. But she decides to hear what the young woman has to say. What Grace says gives Simone hope for the first time in years. But can she trust this woman? When Grace also goes missing Simone will do anything to find her and find out if what she says is true.

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