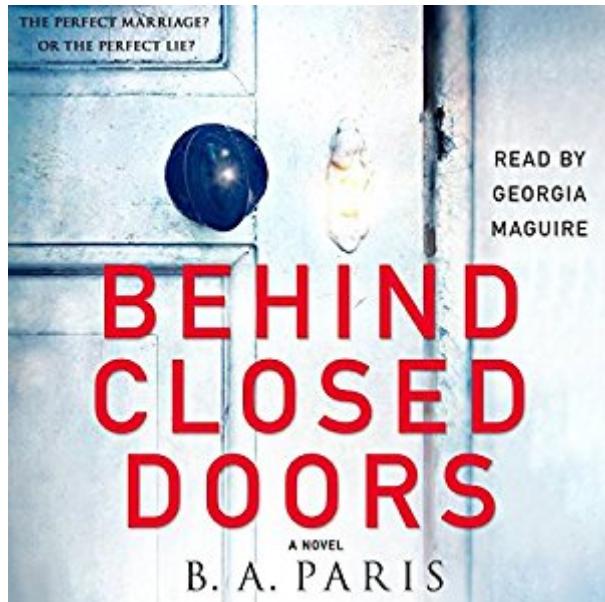


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# Behind Closed Doors



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## Customer Reviews

There will be those who love this book but I am not one of them. It is a well written psychological novel about the "perfect" couple, Jack and Grace. Jack is a lawyer who represents battered women. Grace stays home and paints in their perfect home and throws complex perfect dinner parties. They are the guardians of Grace's sister, Millie, who has Downs Syndrome. Almost done with her school, Millie is anxiously waiting to move in with the couple. The story flips between the past and the present. The past describes how the couple met and how their relationship evolved. The present deals with how Grace is trying to cope with the structure of their marriage and preparing for Millie to move in. I don't want to give too much away but the abuse is horrific. It's not really physical but the mental and behavior treatment made me sick to my stomach. I have enjoyed books with violence but this, without any real gore, was beyond my ability to cope. I could not believe the evilness of it and I couldn't shake it. It is awful that it is rattling in my head. I wish there was a new [book: The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency|7061] but there's not. I will settle for a Hamish Macbeth. I gave it two stars because it is well written and does keep you on the edge of your seat. There was a lot of improbabilities in it but it kept you reading. For me it was awful. If I was not reading it to review I would not have finished it. I would not recommend it to anyone.

Implausible. On so many levels! There is nothing thrilling about this book. Just brutal psychological abuse. Weak characters. Poorly, poorly written. Quit before the dog is killed. Where oh where are the 5 star ratings coming from???

What a stretch to say this book is the equivalent of The Girl on the Train. Only a thriller in the same macabre, gothic way that American Horror Story is scary. Just disturbing. Themes of the most vulnerable groups as targets of cruelty - disabled sister with Down's Syndrome, and a puppy???? I am angry this book didn't come with a warning!!!! Thank goodness for 's return policy!

This book wasn't for me. I love suspense, but I couldn't get through the book. One of the main characters is beyond cruel and sinister to his wife. When he killed his dog...I was out.

When I began this book, it grabbed me. But then it was just constant sadism and I was feeling sick reading it...and the sadism didn't really advance the plot so it was gratuitous. I couldn't go on reading it but I did feel a need to find out how it ended, so I skipped to the final chapters. The ending was good

I had to sleep on this review . I finished this book before bedtime and my mind was racing. How can I put into words the gamut of emotions the reader endures. First you feel empathy for Grace since her parents are icy and she is the primary care giver of her sister with Downs Syndrome, Millie. Then comes Jack, the seemingly perfect mate who quickly shows love and kindness to both Grace and Millie. Then you are rocketed to hell with lies, deceit and pure evil. My view of basements, the color red and fireflies will never be the same. Read the book with the lights on and the doors locked

I got this because it was on a list of "most amazing twist endings". After having read this, I wonder where the twist ending was? They telegraph the potential savior the whole book through. The writing was OK, but I'm not sure people with Down's Syndrome really talk like someone you might see billed as "Chinaman" in a 1930's movie. The ending was so rushed, I went back to see if maybe I had skipped over 75 pages by mistake. Not a good book, sorry.

Interesting storyline. Keeps the reader interested until the end. Quick read and easy to follow. Seems unrealistic, but makes you wonder if there are relationships like this that actually exist.

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