

Faking Friends by Jane Fallon

5 stars

A woman scorned is a dangerous woman indeed

What do you do when you inadvertently discover that your fiancé is cheating on you with your best friend? If you are Amy, you start to plot your revenge on both of them with the help of your friend, Kat, and her husband, Greg.

To add insult to injury Amy also finds herself jobless and homeless. What follows is an amusing story that charts the ups and downs of friendship and how we can delude ourselves about what friendship really entails.

Melissa is a self-centred, spoilt, indulged person who befriends Amy at school and their friendship continues until Amy discovers that Mel is the other woman. Amy is devastated but Mel's behaviour seems typical of somebody who goes through life oblivious to the destruction caused. Mel's past bad behaviour has caused Amy to lose good friends but until this point Amy has always made excuses for her, but not anymore.

The story takes a few delightful twists along the way. Fallon's writing has skilful characterisation and the story remains fresh and exciting until its conclusion. I like Fallon's own description of this genre as 'chick noire', and as most readers will have had an experience with a toxic friend it really resonates.

A fabulous read and I am now a fan of Jane Fallon.

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