

The Other Woman by Sandie Jones

4 stars

A woman's worst nightmare is a mother-in-law from hell.

From the moment you meet Pam, the future mother-in-law in this intense psychological thriller, she becomes a thorn in the flesh. She's a nightmare to have as a mother-in-law. It is not possible to like her at all.

Emily had no intention of having a relationship when she met Adam unexpectedly after a conference. Their relationship grew rapidly and when it became serious with marriage on the cards he took her to meet his mother, Pammie, who is widowed. On the way in the car Emily gets a taste of another side of Adam which she chooses to ignore because she is so in love with him.

From the moment Emily meets Pammie, her life takes a turn when she becomes the victim of Pammie's subtle incomprehensible abuse that is difficult to confront and put a halt to. I kept wanting Emily to walk away but she determinedly continued her relationship with Adam despite this. Fortunately Emily has her friends Pippa and Seb who support her through this ordeal. Things get worse when Adam's brother James shows an interest in Emily.

There is a climax to the drama in Emily's life. The apprehension while reading intensifies until the very end when Jones skilfully turns the readers' expectations into an astounding reality that you could have become aware of in the first two chapters of the book. But it is brilliantly immersed in the text and that makes it impossible to identify.

Sensational intense reading worth the build up to the end.

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