

The Runaway Wife by Rosie Clarke

4 stars

Spousal abuse is not a modern evil.

Annabel Tarleton is expected to marry money to save the fortune of her family, but she falls in love with an ordinary man. To help her family she agrees to stop seeing the love of her life. At a ball she is put in an awkward position by charming Richard Fortescue. She agrees to marry him to save her reputation and her family.

Not long after their marriage she realises she is married to a bully and rapist. It becomes imperative she must hide from this cruel man and save her own life and that of her unborn baby.

This was a good book with a touch of chick lit but also the horrible and all too familiar case of spousal abuse, which is still so pertinent today. Who can a woman talk and go to when she is in such a situation?

One of my only criticisms is that, with little persuasion, Annabel told just about everyone about the abuse. Surely, in the 1920s when this book is set, that sort of trouble was very much brushed under the carpet and not discussed?

Overall a very good book which has you reading just one chapter. I enjoyed the book and will read more by Ms Clarke

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