

You: A Novel by Caroline Kepnes



Joe Goldberg works at a bookstore in East Village. His life turns around when, Brown graduate, Guinevere Beck walks into his store. He immediately becomes obsessed with her the minute he lays his eyes on her. A brief encounter with her leads him to stalking her social media accounts to get to know her better. As Beck and Joe begin to develop a relationship, Joe ensures that no one gets in his way by slowly removing the unnecessary people in Beck's life behind her back. Beck turns to Joe when her world comes crashing down due to Joe's actions, making him look like the perfect boyfriend.

I enjoyed reading the novel, which I why I gave it five stars. I decided to read this novel after watching the Netflix series and really enjoying it. In my opinion, the novel was better than the Netflix series. In the novel, I got to know more of each character's thoughts and emotions. It gave me a better understanding what each character was going through, especially Joe. Caroline Kepnes is a genius! The language she uses to write this novel made me feel bad for Joe at certain points of the novel because I understood where he was coming from in some situations. For example, he simply wanted what was best for this girl he loved, and he presented himself to be the perfect man even though he was also doing awful things to the people Beck cares for the most and left her feeling upset. This novel is suspenseful and always leaves readers with questions after each page. For me, I always wondered how Beck never noticed how suspicious Joe was when he slipped a few times throughout the novel. Besides the language, I responded to most as I read the book were the characters, specifically Joe Goldberg. He was clever and was always a step ahead of others to prevent from being caught which always left me in suspense. He always managed to find a way to get what he wanted. I wasn't surprised that I liked the book

because I had some sense of what it was going to be about since I watched the Netflix series beforehand. I related to Beck the most; she was someone who deeply cared for people (even the ones that hurt her the most) and she is never afraid to stop whatever she is doing to help her friends, especially Peach. This book is definitely one of my favorites of this year so far and I would recommend this book to those who are looking for a thriller and chilling novel to read.

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