

A Good Girl's Guide to Murder by Holly Jackson

The case of seventeen year old Andie Bell's disappearance was closed five years ago. Everyone knew it was her boyfriend, Sal Singh, who brutally murdered her in the middle of the night and committed suicide right after. Although all the evidence points at Sal, seventeen year old schoolgirl, Pippa Fitz-Amobi, doesn't believe he could have done such a thing. In the novel, *A Good Girl's Guide to Murder*, by Holly Jackson, Pip chooses the Bell case for her school project. Her main goals are to prove Sal's innocence and to find the real killer.

Pip's investigation starts with interviews of people related to the Bell case. She visits Ravi Singh first, Sal's older brother. Throughout the novel, readers get to see Pip's and Ravi's relationship growing stronger as they slowly go from strangers, to friends, to dating. Pip finds out information that was desperately hidden by the police and the person (or in this case people) involved in the Bell case.

As Pip continues finding evidence and uncovering secrets, she gets sent death threats and other threatening messages warning her to stop investigating. Pip decides to ignore the messages, facing the consequences later of her dog being taken and killed. Even with the passing of her dog, Pip continues persisting, showing just how important this case is to her. Now Pip not only wants to solve the case for herself, but for her new friend Ravi and for her late dog. The messages don't stop, and when Pip learns the truth she nearly gets choked to her death after confronting the person sending them.

What makes the novel especially interesting is that all the characters related to Pip's investigation and the Bell case had motives to murder Andie Bell. As readers get deeper into the book, they realize that Andie Bell was definitely not the innocent girl who got brutally murdered. She was involved in many wrongdoings, causing many to believe her death was simply the consequence to her reckless and foolish behavior and that she deserved to be murdered. It is easy to say that all the characters, good and bad, have their own flaws which make the story more captivating.

Towards the end of the novel, a huge plot twist takes place. While I cannot describe it without spoiling the book, I can definitely say that it surprised me. There were many factors involved in Andie's death. One could also say that many people were indirectly related to her death as well.

I enjoyed the alternating first and third person points of view. They helped me understand the story from Pip's perspective. I liked this because the first person point of view let me follow along with Pip's thought process.

I highly recommend *A Good Girl's Guide to Murder* because it was an exciting read that kept me on my toes the whole time. No matter what I was doing, I could not stop thinking about the novel. I would give this book a 10/10. I hope you enjoy reading it as much as I did.