

Good Girl's Guide to Murder Book Review by Julianne

A Good Girl's Guide to Murder is a YA mystery thriller written by Holly Jackson. The book takes place in a small town called Fairview following our main character Pippa Fitz-Amobi who is also referred to as Pip. Five years ago high school senior Andie Bell went missing and was never found. She was suspected to be murdered by her boyfriend Sal Singh who is found dead several days after Andie disappears with Andie's phone. The police swiftly close the case, convinced of Sal's guilt. Five years after the incident, the tragedy still haunts Fairview. For her senior capstone project, Pippa Fitz-Amobi decides to reexamine the case but she can't do it alone. She enlists the help of Sal's younger brother, Ravi Singh to prove Sal's innocence. Ravi agrees determined to find even the slightest clue to prove his older brother's innocence. Pip leaves no stone unturned as she tracks down and talks with everyone connected to Sal and Andie, recording her conversations, writing a project log and even making a suspect list of who could have done it if not Sal. Pip and Ravi's efforts begin to yield promising results, as they uncover dark secrets that suggest Sal may not have been responsible for Andie's murder and that Andie might not be the innocent, nice girl everyone thought she was. However, as they get closer to the truth, the real killer lurks in the shadows, determined to do whatever it takes to keep their secrets hidden. Pip must decide whether to complete the investigation, even if it means putting everything she loves at risk. I loved the intricate writing and flawless plot development of the book. The pacing was perfect, and the twists were ingeniously crafted. The author's inclusion of subtle clues throughout the book was brilliant with each leading to a dozen more. The way everything came together at the end was incredibly satisfying, and I wouldn't change a single thing about it. Each character is so complex and each is struggling with something. It is a beautiful reminder that no one is perfect and helps you feel for the characters and relate to them. **The** book is absolutely incredible, offering an equal measure of outstanding and fulfilling mystery. It keeps you hooked until the end, with numerous twists and a beautifully detailed writing style. I highly recommend this book to any mystery lover and anyone who has enough time to read an almost inch-thick book in one sitting. While part of a series, each book can be read independently, offering some relevance without depending on each other to make sense. The conclusion to A Good Girl's Guide to Murder is gratifying and leaves no loose ends. It is the first of a trilogy, followed by Good Girl Bad Blood as the second book and As Good as Dead as the third. **This** book is a murder mystery and does cover heavy topics and includes trigger warnings such as drug use, sexual references, cyberbullying, anxiety, animal death, child death, rape, and false imprisonment.