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I'll Never Tell Gif

Deeply buried secrets make for a disturbing family reunion in bestselling author Catherine McKenzie's tantalizing novel of psychological suspense.

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What happened to Amanda Holmes?

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I'll Never Tell Brittany Murphy

Twenty years ago, she was found bludgeoned in a rowboat at the MacAllister family's Camp Macaw. No one was ever charged with the crime.

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Now, after their parents' sudden deaths, the MacAllister siblings return to camp to read the will and decide what to do with the prime real estate the camp occupies. Ryan needs to sell. Margaux hasn't made up her mind. Mary believes in leaving well enough alone. Kate and Liddie "the twins" have opposing views. And Sean Booth, the groundskeeper, just hopes he still has a home when all is said and done.

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But it's more complicated than a simple vote. The will stipulates that until they unravel the mystery of what happened to Amanda, they can't settle the estate. Any one of them could have done it, and each one is holding a piece of the puzzle. Will they work together to finally discover the truth, or will their secrets finally tear the family apart?

Twenty years ago, Amanda washed up on shore off Camp Macaw in a rowboat with a gash on her head. Many were interviewed by the police, but an arrest was never made. Now the children of the camp owners are called together for the reading of the will. But there is just one minor thing they need to do - vote! But it's not that simple. In fact, it's complicated.

Who hurt Amanda at camp all those years ago? Who had a motive? Who saw her last? Who saw something? Who has secrets? The siblings are tasked with looking back at that summer and the events of that night to determine the culpability of one of them. As they look back, we learn bits and pieces about each of them.

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This was an interesting whodunit that also worked as an examination of family dynamics. About family secrets, about keeping secrets for others, about sibling relationships, and the walls we build around ourselves. You think you know your family? Think again!

This was a thoroughly enjoyable book. I enjoyed all the characters and liked how the Author had each have his/her own personality and quirks. The plot was very clever and carefully woven. This book had several twists and at one point I just KNEW that I guessed it, I KNEW I was so right, to only have another twist to blow that theory out of the water. The great thing was that each guess could have been plausible and when the reveal did occur it felt authentic/believable. I am not a huge fan of reveals that come out of nowhere just for the wow factor. The final reveal here was clever, well thought out and made sense. I also enjoyed the charts/forms throughout the book that let us know where each family member was at certain times during that fateful night. I'm happiest when I am wearing my super sleuth hat while reading and this book had me guessing and trying to figure out whodunit along with the characters. I found the story to be captivating look back in time while at the same time being grounded in the present. The characters were well developed, flawed, likable yet not always reliable. I look forward to reading more books by this Author.

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Friend: We're back to my first question, what is the book about?!

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Yes, there is a mystery involving a girl twenty years prior.

Yes, there is a will requiring a decision on the guilt or innocence of a brother.

For me, that plotline is nothing but a good premise to bring together five estranged siblings after the death of their parents.

The mystery of what happened twenty years prior and the reading of the will is but a catalyst for these siblings being forced to reveal themselves to each other for the first time. Maybe that's what their eccentric late father intended, who knows?

We learn that they each hold secrets, not only about what happened twenty years ago, but about themselves. It seems that none of them really knows the other. Their individual secrets and assumptions have driven a monumental chasm in this family.

Man, Catherine McKenzie can develop a character. I felt like I knew these people, like they were my own family. Hell, they ARE my family. I liken McKenzie's style to that of Celeste Ng, whereas the players ARE the story.

This story really got me thinking about my own secrets, we all have them so don't even try it. No matter how small or inane the closeted skeleton, it still causes tiny fissures in our relationships. If revealed, they wouldn't cause a complete break and could only serve in strengthening our bonds, so why do we keep them?

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My next book, coming out in June, 2019! I am so excited about it! More to come, but in the meantime please add it to your goodreads shelf!

I'll Never Tell Brittany Murphy Gif

Seventeen year old Amanda was smashed on the head, twenty years ago, at the MacAllister family's Camp Macaw. Now the five MacAllister siblings have been called together for the reading of their parents' will, after their parents died in a train accident. Everyone in this family has secrets and it seems they each know something about what happened that night, twenty years ago, that they haven't shared with the others. Now their dead father is instructing them to figure out who attacked Amanda because he thinks it's one of them, and the estate can't be settled until they have done as he has instructed.

This is an Agatha Christie type whodunit and it was an enjoyable and quick read for me. The short chapters are written from the point of view of the siblings and Sean, the camp caretaker, who has never wanted to anything other than to continue taking care of the camp. Whether the camp continues to be run by the MacAllisters or gets sold to build condos, also depends on what the siblings learn and decide, after a final vote, once the mystery has been solved.

After reading this book, I'll definitely be reading more of Catherine McKenzie's work and I see that she has a lot of books already other there for me to read. Thank you to Lake Union Publishing and NetGalley for this ARC. ...more

McKenzie does a wonderful job of placing us front and center in the MacAllister family drama. They may be adults, but the siblings fight and bicker the same way they did as kids. Gathering at their parents' summer camp after the unexpected deaths of their parents, they expect to hear the will and make a decision about what to do with the camp. But it's not that simple. Twenty years before, Amanda, a young counselor was found after an overnight camp outing in a canoe, with a large gash in her forehead. No one was ever charged with the crime. But now, the father has left instructions for the siblings to determine what happened before a decision on the property can be made. I can't imagine a father that would put such a quandary to his kids, but I loved it as a plot device.

Despite there being five siblings, I had no trouble keeping them straight. We hear from each of the siblings, along with Sean and Amanda. Each voice brings not only a different perspective but also a different batch of secrets. And half the time, they're keeping facts to themselves thinking they're

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protecting someone else. I loved how much the past colored who they still were and how they saw themselves. "That was the problem with camp. Everywhere and everything was memories. Whether they were your own or other people's. You couldn't escape them. The person you were, the person you used to be, it didn't matter. All that mattered was how others saw you."

The writing is so clear and vivid I could picture everything. It was like watching a movie play out in my head. The chart of where everyone was at each hour worked well and helped keep the reader focused.

With this book, McKenzie returns to the thrills she gave me in *Fractured*. There's a definite creepiness factor to this book. There's also an ending I didn't see coming. This one gave me chills.

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This is such a well done novel. Thanks to NetGalley and Lake Union for the opportunity to review this book, which RELEASES JUNE 1, 2019.

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However, with the death of the MacAllister parents, the adult children gather together on the property to discuss what is to come of the land they knew all too well as teenagers. Will it be sold or portioned off and who will have the final say as to what happens? At the reading of the will, the group is surprised to learn of the parameters around which all this must be decided, something that Mr. MacAllister devised to unite and divide the group one final time. This rag-tag group must decide if their one brother, Ryan, should be permitted to inherit something, but the choice must be unanimous and they have forty-eight hours before the vote. This brings to mind a tragedy from two decades before, when a young camper, Amanda Holmes, was found, assaulted on a distant part of the camp's property. The scandal caused ripples that almost shut the facility down and Ryan was deemed responsible. Though he denies being involved, it was largely a foregone conclusion. Now, with the family back together and grown, they must face the gruesome facts again and get to the truth, or bury it once and for all, while also letting their formative time at Camp Macaw drift away on the summer breeze. With flashback chapters that help build the Amanda storyline as well as present-day struggles, this story will keep the reader at the centre of the action and leave them wanting to cast their own decisions before all is said and done. A great mystery that entertains in short order. Recommended for those who love Catherine McKenzie's work and the reader who enjoys stories where family secrets turn truths upside down.

I have always come to find Catherine McKenzie's work quite detailed and her stories hit home in ways I could not have predicted. Both the characters and the plot pulled me in from the get-go and I found myself fully committed before too long. In this piece, McKenzie offers up a quaint camp community, where a family has come to remember their parents and try to put all else aside. However, there is little chance of that, with the tragedy of years before facing them during the reading of the will. The reader meets the entire group, as well as a few adopted members of the MacAllister clan, all of whom have their own lives now, but also played key roles during the summer of 1998. What did happen to Amanda Holmes and how did things go so wrong? McKenzie offers interesting flashbacks throughout this piece to develop that narrative, as well as plotting the whereabouts of each character at key points during the night of the event. The reader can make their own presumptions, though it is the truth that seems to elude everyone. With strong characters who help shape the story and a narrative that pushes the plot forward, McKenzie offers a gritty mystery that is sure to keep the reader guessing and wondering until the very end. Camp Macaw's future may be in doubt, but it is the strength of the MacAllister family that remains the real x-factor throughout. Brilliantly devised and executed, it is no wonder Catherine McKenzie has so many fans and seems to add more with each novel she publishes.

Kudos, Madam McKenzie, for another wonderful piece. I can only hope that others will see some of the nuances I found while reading this book.

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Agatha Christie goes to Summer Camp.....

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It's July of 1998 near Montreal and Camp Macaw is filled with young adults and kids who seem to come back for the same experience every year. It's owned and operated by Pete and Ingrid MacAllister with their teenage kids serving as counselors. The camp grounds contain a Secret Beach with no easy access and The Island in the distance beckoning for a canoe to its shores. A map of the grounds is provided in the first pages.

As the readers settles in, we come to find that a serious tragedy occurred that summer at Camp Macaw involving a young counselor by the name of Amanda. Catherine McKenzie introduces us to the large MacAllister brood: Margaux, Ryan, Mary, Liddie, and Kate. There's also Sean who serves as a groundskeeper after being taken in by the family. Whatever happened that summer spins an arrow pointing at one of these individuals.....or maybe not.

Fast forward twenty years and we find the MacAllister bunch arriving at Camp Macaw for a memorial ceremony for their parents who passed away. Suspicion is heavy as the crime was never solved from 1998. The family lawyer arrives who reads a strange letter dictated by Pete MacAllister before his death. The clan must vote to keep or sell the property and one of them will be excluded from inheriting by the vote which must be unanimous.

Agatha Christie dons her counselor's whistle from around her neck and the piercing shriek will be definitely heard. McKenzie starts to peel away cumbersome tree branches and we come to know the backstories on this family tribe. Smoke from the familiar campfires will drift away. McKenzie uses a grid that will be filled in after the chapters to locate who was where and when back on that fateful night in 1998. Very clever.....very clever indeed. I'll Never Tell is filled with multi-faceted characters and a trail of twisty events that readers will follow to the very Agatha Christie style ending.

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We then join the McAllister siblings at the camp, on Friday, where they have been gathered along with the Camp's life long groundskeeper, Sean, and the family lawyer, Swift, for the reading of their parent's Will.

Ryan. Margaux. Mary. The twins, Kate and Liddie . What is it about grown siblings getting together and resorting to their childhood behaviors?

The Will contains an unusual exception. It stipulates that the mystery of what happened to Amanda, be unraveled, and that the siblings have 48 hours to do so, before voting on whether or not Camp Macaw will remain in the family, and operational, or be SOLD, and on WHO will inherit?

Their father has left some clues...he thinks he knows what happened.....and all of the amateur detectives out there, can also follow a "timeline" of WHO was WHERE and at WHAT TIME...as each sibling reveals what they know, and tries to figure out how each piece of the puzzle fits together.

You are also privy to revelations from Amanda, from the night in question, every few chapters as well.

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The unorthodox characters, and their relationships, just didn't feel authentic to me, and I did not like or connect with any of them. The strength of the author's writing for me in the past has been that her other books all contain realistic characters who feel like they could be your friends and neighbors, but that was not the case for me, with this book.

But, the story is clever, with one sibling finally connecting all the dots at what could be the camp's FINAL lantern ceremony, following their parent's Memorial Service.

Although, I preferred the author's other novels... "The Good Liar", "Fractured" "Hidden" and "Smoke" to this one, I will continue to watch for, and look forward to reading, whatever she writes next!

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