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## The Better Sister Book

From Alafair Burkeâ€™New York Times bestselling author of the runaway hit, *The Wife*â€™comes another twisty tale of domestic noir. When a prominent Manhattan lawyer is murdered, two estranged sistersâ€™one the dead manâ€™s widow, the other his exâ€™must set aside mistrust and old resentments . . . but can they escape their past?

## The Better Sister Goodreads

Though Chloe was the younger of the two Taylor sisters, she always seemed to be in charge. She was the honor roll student with big dreams and an even bigger work ethic. Nicky was always restless . . . and more than a little reckless—the opposite of her ambitious little sister. She floated from job to job and man to man, and stayed close to home in Cleveland.

## The Better Sister Spoiler

For a while, it seemed like both sisters had found happiness. Chloe earned a scholarship to an Ivy League school and moved to New York City, where she landed a coveted publishing job. Nicky married promising young attorney Adam Macintosh, and gave birth to a baby boy they named Ethan. The Taylor sisters became virtual strangers.

## The Better Sister Growth Network

Now, more than fifteen years later, their lives are drastically different—and Chloe is married to Adam. When he's murdered by an intruder at the couple's East Hampton beach house, Chloe reluctantly allows her teenaged stepson's biological mother—her estranged sister, Nicky—back into her life. But when the police begin to treat Ethan as a suspect in his father's death, the two sisters are forced to unite . . . and to confront the truth behind family secrets they have tried to bury in the past

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The Better Sister has so much potential. I got sucked in immediately and couldn't wait to see what would happen next. But at a certain point, it just got boring. Then I began to notice weird gaps in time and some plot holes. I pushed these issues to the side with the hope that they would be ironed out. But unfortunately, they were not. As I read further, the plot began to spiral. I felt like Burke was just trying to do too much and it became a rather messy and chaotic read.

I thought that the ending was going to save it, but there was one final twist that just irked me to no end. I also wanted to know more about the two sisters' relationship. What plays out does not match the potential of the plot. I loved *The Wife* but perhaps it set me up to have too high of expectations for *The Better Sister*.

I received an ARC of this book from Edelweiss and Harper Collins in exchange for an honest review.

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## The Better Sister Synopsis

A solid, entertaining read, but I think I'm growing weary of the domestic thriller, as they are all seeming to read about the same way. Full review to come!

\*I received a review copy via the publisher.

### THREE STARS

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I would call this a "mild" domestic drama with a murder mystery to solve. It is fairly addictive (due to Burke's talented writing skills) but the story seems to stall out and not go anywhere. You won't regret reading The Better Sister, but you probably won't remember much about it afterwards.

Thank you to Edelweiss and Harper Collins for my early galley. THE BETTER SISTER hits U.S. shelves on April 16, 2019. All opinions are my own. ...more

## The Better Sister Kindle

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ALAFAIR BURKE delivers a compelling and well-written story here that is full of intrigue, suspense, courtroom drama, and familial dynamics. The topical storyline is timely and well-plotted, flowed seamlessly and had interesting and great characters.

This was another one of those books for me where the fantastic storytelling guided and entertained me right to the very end. The courtroom drama was extremely interesting and smartly written without overwhelming you with complicated details. I could definitely tell that ALAFAIR BURKE knows her stuff.

Norma's Stats:

Cover: Absolutely love that dramatic, striking, breathtaking and extremely fitting cover.

Title: Simple, impactful and a fabulous representation to storyline.

Writing/Prose: Well-written, skilled, elaborate, suspenseful and engaging.

Plot: Engrossing, suspenseful, dramatic, realistic, interesting, fast-paced, and entertaining.

Ending: The ending made me pause and reflect but in the end I was completely satisfied with the outcome.

Overall: The storyline is full of twists and turns and so subtly interspersed that I didn't think this was predictable at all. I wouldn't necessarily say it was all that surprising though when everything all played out but it was completely satisfying to me. ALAFAIR BURKE does it again and has another winner here with THE BETTER SISTER!! Would highly recommend!

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Thank you so much to Ashley at HarperCollins Canada for the complimentary copy. It was an absolute pleasure reading this fabulous book!

Review can also be found on our book blog:  
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Do you have the patience to find out? You're going to need it if 'The Better Sister' is on your tbr! 'The Better Sister' is a very slow moving mystery in comparison to Alafair Burke's 'The Wife' and 'The Ex,' both of which I really liked. In addition, I found it to be very confusing, especially compared to the synopsis of this novel which doesn't quite match up to the plot (I waited a good 35% for the characters of Hannah and Graham to show up before realizing the synopsis was just plain wrong - I hate when that happens!). If you don't mind slow moving, predictable suspense novels, you might enjoy this slow burn of a novel, unfortunately, it just wasn't for me.

This was a buddy read with Kacey. Thanks for keeping me company!

Thank you to Edelweiss, Harper Collins and Alafair Burke for an arc of this novel in exchange for an honest review.

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## The Better Sister Pdf

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Really, aside from the focus being on the son as the suspect in the fatherâ€™s murder there were a lot of differences. Mainly in the form of our solo narrator Chloe who had worked her way up the magazine publishing world and instantly brought visions of a certain someone to my head . . . .

(Even though she wasnâ€™t presented as such a ballbuster.) She obviously did have ambitions and a willingness to do whatever was necessary in order to get what she wanted, however, since she not only ended up at the top of the heap of the magazine industry but also ended up marrying her sisterâ€™s husband!

And what about that husband? Well, heâ€™s dead so he doesnâ€™t really have much to say about

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things. You just have to figure out whodunit and why. Just watch out so you don't get knocked out by all the skeletons that start falling out of the closets.

If you like your beachy reads on the stabby side, this might be a winner because homeboy gets stabbed FIVE TIMES : )

If you want to know you live with a bunch of potential serial killers ask the question "what's a buck knife?" while you're reading and have multiple examples be brought to you . . . . .

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Now I am not sure I would describe this one as fast-paced or really entertaining. I felt the strength in this one was in the drama. Now that is something I never thought I would say, not being much of a fan of drama. There is a lot of messy family drama going on here with these very different sisters that unfolded slowly throughout the story instead of coming at you all at once. One sister who craves and needs routine and the other who lives in constant drama. I was hooked right from the start and I was turning the pages as fast as I could as the twists and turns came. I started to question who was the better sister as we learn more about some of their family secrets.

The ending came as a surprise and I didn't see it coming. Maybe a bit weak with the big reveal and one you might find unsatisfying with a few holes. For me, it all came together well and I thought the pacing was well done as the drama slowly unfolded

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