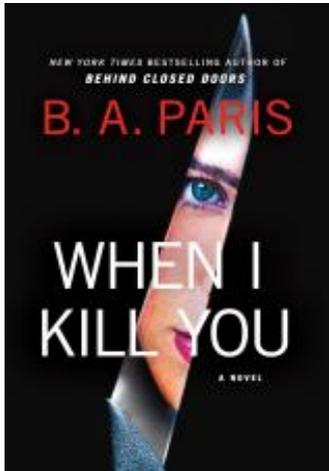


When I Kill You

by B. A. Paris



About the Book

Multimillion-copy and *New York Times* bestselling author B. A. Paris returns with a triumphant, unsettling next suspense novel, **WHEN I KILL YOU**.

Who is watching Nell Masters?

Nell Masters is certain someone is following her. The hairs on the back of her neck rise when she travels to and from work, there are silent calls to her office, and a huge bouquet of flowers arrives without a card. And Nell has a reason to be looking over her shoulder, because she has a secret that she's hiding from everyone in her life, including her new partner, Alex. But Alex also has secrets of his own.

Fourteen years earlier, when Nell went by the name Elle Nugent, she witnessed a student, Bryony Sanders, getting into a stranger's car. When Bryony was found murdered, Elle became obsessed with finding the person responsible. She was convinced she knew who it was, and her fixation with Brett Parker, the man she accused, led her down a dangerous path.

Now, Nell tries to convince herself that this unnerving feeling of being watched is all in her mind. Has someone from her past discovered her new identity? Has the stalker become the stalked? Or is there something even more deadly at play?

Discussion Guide

Please be aware that this guide contains spoilers.

1. When did you first sense that something was off about Nell's life and the people around her? Were there early signs that danger might be closer than she realizes?

2. Did you ever question Nell as a narrator? Did you suspect she might be misremembering or misunderstanding events, or did you trust her perspective completely? At what point in the story did your view of her shift, if at all?
3. The identity and intentions of the person watching Nell are gradually revealed. Did you find the pacing of this revelation effective? Did it heighten or reduce the suspense for you?
4. Our understanding of the characters, especially those closest to Nell, changes over the course of the book. Were you surprised by anyone's true nature? Did you initially mistrust someone who later proved trustworthy?
5. How did the history between Nell and Brett Parker influence your feelings about the events unfolding? Did knowing her backstory make the suspense feel more intense or more personal?
6. Did Nell's reactions and decisions feel realistic to you? Would you have acted differently in her position?
7. Many of the characters around Nell either dismiss or fail to notice the danger she senses. Why do you think this is? Do we tend to downplay threats in real life, or is it easier to believe a rational explanation rather than confront something sinister?
8. What did you think of the roles played by secondary characters? Were any particularly helpful or harmful to Nell, and did they add to the suspense effectively?

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