

After Anna

by Lisa Scottoline



About the Book

Nobody cuts deeper than family...

Dr. Noah Alderman, a widower and single father, has remarried a wonderful woman, Maggie Ippolitti, and for the first time in a long time, he and his young son are happy. Despite her longing for the daughter she hasn't seen since she was a baby, Maggie is happy too, and she's even more overjoyed when she unexpectedly gets another chance to be a mother to the child she thought she'd lost forever, her only daughter Anna.

Maggie and Noah know that having Anna around will change their lives, but they would never have guessed that everything would go wrong, and so quickly. Anna turns out to be a gorgeous 17-year-old who balks at living under their rules, though Maggie, ecstatic to have her daughter back, ignores the red flags that hint at the trouble brewing in a once-perfect marriage and home.

Events take a heartbreaking turn when Anna is murdered, and Noah is accused and tried for the heinous crime. Maggie must face not only the devastation of losing her daughter, but the realization that Anna's murder may have been at the hands of a husband she loves. In the wake of this tragedy, new information drives Maggie to search for the truth, leading her to discover something darker than she ever could have imagined.

Riveting and disquieting, *AFTER ANNA* is a groundbreaking domestic thriller, as well as a novel of emotional justice and legal intrigue. And *New York Times* bestselling author Lisa Scottoline will keep readers on their toes until the final shocking page.

Discussion Guide

While no guide is available at this time, be sure to check out our mystery/thriller discussion questions, which may help

you in your group's discussion of the book.

Author Bio

Lisa Scottoline is the *New York Times* bestselling author and Edgar Award-winning author of 32 novels. She has 30 million copies of her books in print in the United States and has been published in 35 countries.

After a successful career in corporate law, Scottoline released her first legal thriller, *EVERYWHERE THAT MARY WENT*, in 1994. Her debut was nominated for an Edgar Award, the most prestigious award given in crime fiction. Her second novel, *FINAL APPEAL*, won the Edgar Award for Best Paperback Original in 1995. Since then, she has gone on to write 30 more critically acclaimed novels, and her recent, *AFTER ANNA*, was a #1 bestseller. Scottoline also writes a weekly column with her daughter, Francesca Serritella, for *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, and those universally beloved stories have been adapted into a series of bestselling memoirs.

In addition to writing, Lisa reviews popular fiction and nonfiction, and her reviews have appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post* and *The Philadelphia Inquirer*. Lisa has served as President of Mystery Writers of America and has taught a course she developed, "Justice in Fiction" at the University of Pennsylvania Law School, her alma mater. She lives in the Philadelphia area.

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