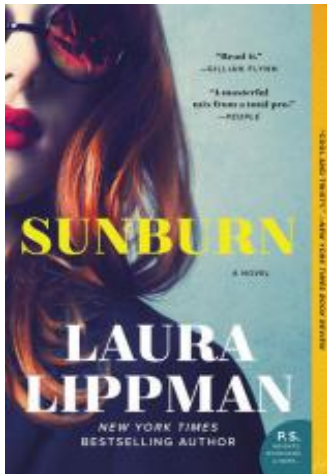


Sunburn

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About the Book

New York Times bestselling author Laura Lippman returns with a superb novel of psychological suspense about a pair of lovers with the best intentions and the worst luck: two people locked in a passionate yet uncompromising game of cat and mouse. But instead of rules, this game has dark secrets, forbidden desires, inevitable betrayals --- and cold-blooded murder.

One is playing a long game. But which one?

They meet at a local tavern in the small town of Belleville, Delaware. Polly is set on heading west. Adam says he's also passing through. Yet she stays and he stays --- drawn to this mysterious redhead whose quiet stillness both unnerves and excites him. Over the course of a punishing summer, Polly and Adam abandon themselves to a steamy, inexorable affair. Still, each holds something back from the other --- dangerous, even lethal, secrets.

Then someone dies. Was it an accident, or part of a plan? By now, Adam and Polly are so ensnared in each other's lives and lies that neither one knows how to get away --- or even if they want to. Is their love strong enough to withstand the truth, or will it ultimately destroy them?

Something --- or someone --- has to give.

Which one will it be?

Inspired by James M. Cain's masterpieces *THE POSTMAN ALWAYS RINGS TWICE*, *DOUBLE INDEMNITY* and *MILDRED PIERCE*, *SUNBURN* is a tantalizing modern noir from the incomparable Laura Lippman.

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

Since Laura Lippman's debut, she has been recognized as a distinctive voice in mystery fiction and named one of the "essential" crime writers of the last 100 years. Stephen King called her "special, even extraordinary," and Gillian Flynn wrote, "She is simply a brilliant novelist." Her books have won most of the major awards in her field and been translated into more than 25 languages. She lives in Baltimore and New Orleans with her daughter.

In addition to the novels and novellas and short stories Laura writes, she has written essays --- for the *New York Times*, *Glamour* and LongReads, among others --- which were collected into the stunning MY LIFE AS A VILLAINESS. The *Wall Street Journal* wrote, "With this book, Ms. Lippman demonstrates that the first-person essay is yet another form in which she excels." The *Chicago Tribune* called her essays, "witty and poignant and thoughtful." There were raves as well from the *New York Times* ("funny and sharp?"), the *Los Angeles Times* and many others.

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