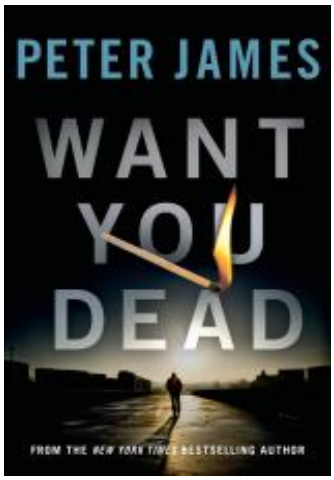
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Want You Dead

by Peter James



About the Book

Single girl, 29, redhead and smouldering, love life that's crashed and burned. Seeks new flame to rekindle her fire. Fun, friendship and --- who knows --- maybe more? When Red Westwood meets handsome, charming and rich Bryce Laurent through an online dating agency, there is an instant attraction. But as their love blossoms, the truth about his past, and his dark side, begins to emerge. Everything he has told Red about himself turns out to be a tissue of lies, and her infatuation with him gradually turns to terror. Within a year, and under police protection, she evicts him from her flat and her life. But Red's nightmare is only just beginning. For Bryce is obsessed with her, and he intends to destroy everything and everyone she has known and loved --- and then her too?

Discussion Guide

1. The chapters are very short, sometimes a few pages and others only one paragraph. How does this format affect the way you read the book?

2. Why do you think Red chose to ignore her mother?s warnings about Bryce Laurent? Discuss the warning signs Red overlooked.

3. At what point in the book do you think Roy Grace fully believes that Karl did not kill himself and that there was foul play, despite the facts pointing toward suicide?

4. Do you think there is greater significance to Red?s name, other than the fact that she is a redhead? How does this tie in to the bigger picture?

5. An important theme in many of Mr. James? novels is the role that the past plays on the future. For Detective Roy Grace it is the constant struggle of mourning the loss of his perpetually missing first wife, Sandy. In what other ways

does the past dictate the future for these characters?

6. Technology plays an ever present role in our daily lives, discuss the role that technology plays in this book. How is it both vital and dangerous to the investigation and our characters?

7. Towards the end of the novel Red is finally forced to fight back against her assailant and instead of feeling afraid and helpless, Red is left with only anger and hatred. How do you view Red? As a helpless victim or something more?

8. In your own opinion do you believe that justice has been served at the end of this novel? Not only for Red Westwood but for the other characters too.

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Peter James is the #1 international bestselling author of the *Roy Grace* series, with more than 15 million copies sold all over the world. His novels have been translated into 36 languages; three have been filmed and three are currently in development. All of his novels reflect his deep interest in the world of the police, with whom he does in-depth research. He lives in England.

Critical Praise

?Few authors can dish out thrills and suspense as readily as James, and his 10th DS Roy Grace procedural is heady proof. Nonstop action...perfect for *Gangs of New York* fans.?

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