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Claire and Timothy are chilled to discover that the same strange woman keeps popping up in the background of their holiday snaps. Who is this apparent stalker? The answer is more frightening than Claire ever imagined. The Octopus Nest, Sophie Hannah's prizewinning short story from her collection of 'glittering darkness' The Fantastic Book of Everybody's Secrets is the first to be published as an exclusive eBook short.

About Sophie Hannah:

Sophie Hannah is an internationally bestselling writer of psychological crime fiction. Her Culver Valley Series featuring Simon Waterhouse and Charlie Zailer have been published in 27 countries and adapted for television in 2011 and 2012. In 2004, she won first prize in the Daphne Du Maurier Festival Short Story Competition for her suspense story The Octopus Nest, published in her first collection of short stories, The Fantastic Book of Everybody's Secrets. Sophie has also published five collections of poetry. Her fifth, Pessimism for Beginners, was shortlisted for the 2007 T S Eliot Award. In 2014 she published The Monogram Murders, a new challenge for the little grey cells of Hercule Poirot, Agatha Christie's famous detective.

Sophie lives with her husband and children in Cambridge.

Reviews:

Voted one of the Top Ten Books to Talk About for World Book Day.

Sophie Hannah's (short story) debut will leave you feeling genuinely tickled and wanting more. The award-winning "The Octopus Nest" is menacing enough to keep the pages turning, and astute enough about rocky relationships to make even the narrator wince. Emma Hagestadt, *The Independent*

Hannah has an uncanny knack for letting you feel you could find your way blindfold amongst the Formica and office furniture, get comfy – only to find yourself tripping over the psychopath lurking by the kitchen sink...superbly unsettling. Sarah Hilary, *The Short Review*

The Octopus Nest Details

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From Reader Review The Octopus Nest for online ebook

Anni says

Beware - this author can really mess with your mind!

Claire says

I'm always amazed how much authors can fit into a short story. Sophie Hannah's *The Octopus Nest* is all of 17 pages long but is packed with a very concise creepy story.

Kirsty says

3.5 stars. I read one of Sophie Hannah's books, *Little Face*, whilst on holiday in Antigua as a teenager; I raced through it, but must admit that I wasn't overly impressed. I wanted to try more of her work as an adult, however, particularly after seeing that she has written books with some of Agatha Christie's characters in them, and thus borrowed a short story called *The Octopus Nest* from my library's online catalogue. The plot is interesting, and whilst the ending felt rather rushed, the story itself was rather punchy in its execution. It has definitely made me want to read more of her work in the near future.

Sarah says

A very gripping short story. Loved it.

Niken Savitri says

A nicely done short story with a twist in ending! Love it

Misty says

WoW, didn't see that ending coming, loved it!

Tina says

This is a very short book at only 17 pages long. The book is about a couple who spot a lady in the background of all their photographs going back years. I thought the story was quite good although the ending left me flummoxed. It did take me a little while to process the ending.

Samantha says

Literally read this in 15mins and you will too. I gradually realised the ending but it took nothing away from the feeling of getting there. Great short read :-)

Pamela Scott says

I really enjoyed this short story. The story is well-written and paced well and the big revelation is held until the end. Hannah uses the popular fiction plot – a twist in the tale. This isn't the most original structure to use for fiction. Hannah makes it work really well in The Octopus Nest. The story makes you think one thing is happening and the final few sentences turn things upside down. Nicely done. I might just read the whole collection the story is taken from.

Laura says

Well I'm pretty uncomfortable after reading this! Creepy!

Alice-Elizabeth (marriedtobooks) says

Borrowed from my library's e-book service!

The Octopus Nest had such a promising, atmospheric story-line about a couple, who realise that after looking through some of their holiday photos, discover the same woman standing close to them each time. This sets off a chain of events, as they try to work out who the woman is and why she is popping up all the time. I just didn't feel fully scared enough, I also struggled to connect with the characters and found the ending to be a little rushed.

Garry Marlton says

Really liked this story. Short , sweet and entertaining. You guess towards the end the outcome, but it makes you smile. Lovely story.

Kelly says

Short really means short! :P it's about a 10/15 minute read. I found it quite enjoyable! A twist in the tale and some excitement. The only thing really that bugged me was it's written in first person but the narrator talks about other character's thoughts/feelings.

