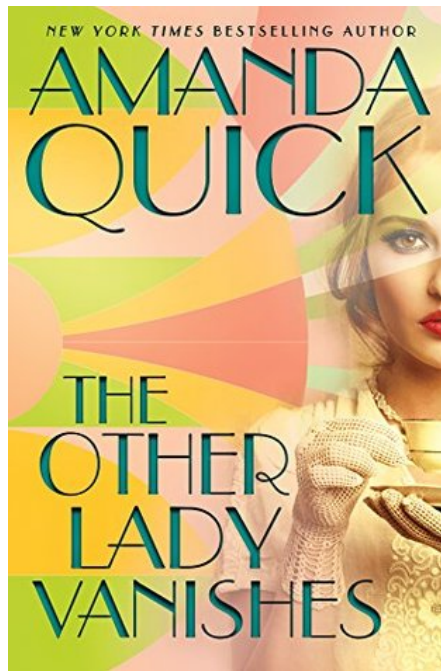




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The New York Times bestselling author of *The Girl Who Knew Too Much* sweeps readers back to 1930s California--where the most dazzling of illusions can't hide the darkest secrets...

After escaping from a private sanitarium, Adelaide Blake arrives in Burning Cove, California, desperate to start over.

Working at an herbal tea shop puts her on the radar of those who frequent the seaside resort town: Hollywood movers and shakers always in need of hangover cures and tonics. One such customer is Jake Truett, a recently widowed businessman in town for a therapeutic rest. But unbeknownst to Adelaide, his exhaustion is just a cover.

In Burning Cove, no one is who they seem. Behind facades of glamour and power hide drug dealers, gangsters, and grifters. Into this make-believe world comes psychic to the stars Madame Zolanda. Adelaide and Jake know better than to fall for her kind of con. But when the medium becomes a victim of her own dire prediction and is killed, they'll be drawn into a murky world of duplicity and misdirection.

Neither Adelaide or Jake can predict that in the shadowy underground they'll find connections to the woman Adelaide used to be--and uncover the specter of a killer who's been real all along...

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Adele Boynton says

It seems the author woke up in the last 5% of the book and tried to pack in the mystery and drama that were missing in the first 95%.

? Kimberly says

The story begins as Adelaide Blake escapes a private sanitarium. Her time there was dark and Quick shared a chilling story while shedding light on experimental drugs and the practice of sending unwanted family members off to mental hospitals. Both threads were chilling and led to murder, blackmail, and betrayal.

Adelaide, the daughter of botanists, is working at a local herbal tea shop. The owner has allowed her to create special blends of tea that calm your nerves or energize you. They've become quite popular with the movers and shakers, particularly the Hollywood crowd. However, Adelaide doesn't want to draw attention to herself. Jake Truett, a retired businessman on an extended stay to calm his nerves takes an interest in her and fate has them investigating a possible murder. A romance develops between them as their snooping places them in danger.

I enjoyed the updates about characters from the first story while Quick quickly immersed us into this suspenseful tale. The romance which started as friendship was an enjoyable one as both Jack and Adelaide slowly confessed secrets and tied threads together. Both rely on new and old acquaintances to gather info and protect themselves. A lot was going on in this story, with plenty of twists, villains, and suspects. However, Quick tied it all together and kept me engaged. While I guessed early on the mastermind behind the threat, Quick added some twists that surprised me and I enjoy when that happens. This review was originally posted at Caffeinated Reviewer

JoAn says

The Other Lady Vanishes by Amanda Quick created a "book hangover" for me. So as soon as I finished it, I immediately went to the first page and read it again. I've been reading Ms. Krentz's books for over 30 years under all of her names and am rarely disappointed. This book was no exception.

Adelaide Blake is a strong and capable heroine who I quickly enjoyed getting to know. Her knowledge of herbs and teas in Burning Cove has made her a place at the Refresh tea shoppe. She has a "normal" life and enjoys the new friends that she has made. Jake Truett was an intriguing character as I got to know him. He's definitely had a varied career. He's also a true alpha male who will do what is necessary to protect his loved ones.

The writing was crisp and descriptive, the plot twisted and turned as more of the characters were revealed in their true evil forms. I loved the reference Ms. Quick/Krentz made to her Jayne Castle futuristic books by using a character's name from the book GHOST HUNTER in Jake's spy books and in the title of one of those books, too. I also enjoyed getting to know Raina Kirk and Luther Pell better in this one. I look forward to getting to know them even better in the next one. It's going to be a long year until the next book is released.

Aleen ~Lampshade Reader says

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Back in Burning Cove and it seems as dangerous as ever. The *Other Lady Vanishes* is another riveting mystery set in the 1930s. This time focusing on the seemingly doomed character of Adelaide Blake.

I really did find myself drawn to the whole escape from the insane asylum thing. Quick's way of grabbing the reader's attention from the first chapter really never fails to impress. The scenes in this book far surpass those from the previous installment. While the whole drug plot might be a little cliché it did set the seedy tone throughout the entire story. The killer's systematic killing style was super creepy and fun to read.

As with the mystery and suspense, a good amount of romance is sprinkled in. Adelaide's and Jake's romance is an easygoing one. I love their partnership both in and out of bed. He never once underestimated her because of her sex and always took her seriously. They do hold secrets from each other, but those are quickly dispensed with as the suspense escalates.

Characters from the previous book do make an appearance in this book and I can already tell you that I'm ready for Raina's and Luther's story. However, this can totally be read as a standalone.

Anna's Herding Cats says

Reviewed for herding cats & burning soup. (posting to blog 5/8/18)

Amazon: <http://amzn.to/2EcOK06>

It's Amanda Quick. You know it's gonna be fantastic. And it was. It really was.

The Gist: Some seriously shady shit is going down and Adelaide seems to be at the middle of it. Which is how she's found herself escaping from an insane asylum. And jumping straight into all kinds of crazing including a psychic with dire predictions, a hero with "exhausted nerves", spies, blackmail. I mean. There's a lot going on and woo boy it's one wild ride for Adelaide and Jake. Especially when they start kinda maybe having a thing for each other.

Adelaide and Jake were lovely. They have a nice sense of humor and strength to them. Both hiding some things from their pasts, both determined to survive. They're incredibly easy to like and root for.

Their romance was nice, too. They kind of fell into it but you know? Sometimes that works. And they suited each other. I enjoyed seeing them open up and working together. They just made me smile. It's fairly pg but not entirely.

And things didn't skimp on the suspense side. These two don't get much of a break as they confront their individual demons. But thankfully with the other by their side to give them strength they deal with everything thrown in their paths. Danger every which way, some twists and surprises, a dangerous drug and those trying to spread it around. The ties it had to both of their lives. It was exciting and kept things moving along nicely.

All in all, like I said. It was Amanda Quick. You just cannot go wrong when you grab one of her books. The Other Lady Vanishes had it all. Suspense, romance, the glamour of Hollywood and a peek at it's dark underbelly. Book 3 can't get here quickly enough.

Kimberly says

Reviewed for **Wit and Sin**

Return to the dazzling world of Burning Cove, a place of fantasy and glamour...and also secrets and death. I fell in love with the world of Burning Cove in *The Girl Who Knew Too Much* and my enchantment with the town only deepened in ***The Other Lady Vanishes***. The setting drew me in from the first; the flash of 1930s Hollywood stars meeting dirty secrets, blackmail, and murder is a potent combination. When you add in two engaging protagonists and an intriguing mystery then you know you're in for a good time.

Heiress Adelaide Blake spent two months drugged and imprisoned in an insane asylum. When she's finally able to escape, she makes her way to Burning Cove and finds work as a waitress. Though she's careful, Adelaide's true identity and knowledge of the experimental drugs that were being tested on her means she has to constantly be on her guard. She's finally finding her feet in Burning Cove and her tea blends make her a success with locals and visiting celebrities alike. But when visiting "psychic to the stars" Madame Zolanda comes to town, Adelaide's world is turned upside down. Madame Zolanda's gruesome prediction sets off a chain of events that involve murder, blackmail, and drugs. Against her will, Adelaide is drawn into the mystery. And one of the few people she may be able to trust is Jake Truett, a former businessman with secrets of his own. The two of them will have to unravel a tangled web of secrets if they hope to live long enough to enjoy the new lives they've created for themselves.

Adelaide and Jake are two interesting, intelligent protagonists who are easy to root for. Adelaide has nerves of steel that I admired. She's been through hell and has not only survived, but has built herself a new life from nothing. I adored her and was delighted to see her find happiness with Jake, a widower with more than a few secrets of his own. Jake is a clever, protective hero who fits Adelaide extremely well. They have solid chemistry and their romance was one you can cheer for.

There's a lot going on in ***The Other Lady Vanishes***, but Amanda Quick takes her time and sets the multiple stages and players up before drawing everybody in closer together. The story starts off with a bang, then slows down, building up the suspense again as the pieces of the puzzle are laid out then put together. I don't want to say much about the mystery because that would truly ruin the fun, but I will say it's well-crafted and engaging. By the book's climax I definitely couldn't put it down. My only complaint is that I finished the book wanting more Burning Cove stories. Ms. Quick has created an absolutely fascinating world and I have my fingers crossed in the hope she returns to this place and time again.

FTC Disclosure: I received this book for free from the publisher in exchange for an honest review. This does not affect my opinion of the book or the content of my review.

Magdalena aka A Bookaholic Swede says

I first thought that I would start off this review stating that reading Amanda Quick is a guilty pleasure of mine. Then, I thought that I'm not at all guilty about it, vice versa to be honest. However, Quick's books are definitely a pleasure to read.

THE OTHER LADY VANISHES is the second book in the Burning Cove series, but there are no problems reading this one without having read the first book. Sure, there are people from the first book that shows up in this story as well, but the main story, about Adelaide Blake, is definitely a standalone one.

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Gawelleb says

Le romantic suspens est en passe de devenir mon genre préféré! J'ai adoré celui-ci pour son petit côté old school, son héroïne "pas si naïve que ça mais tout de même", l'intrigue tarabiscotée qui arrive à nous surprendre .. et l'époque !!!

Kathy says

Amanda Quick's second foray into the world of the 1930s is even better than the first. I was caught up the mystery from the beginning, and even when I thought all was told there was yet a little more to getting the whole story. There were twists and turns, and each time I thought "what about this?" the answer came. I loved the descriptions of the time period, from the dress to the cars to the suggestion of drug abuse and Hollywood stars. The relationship between Adelaide and Jake progressed slowly, from two people with a mutual goal, to friends, to lovers, and then to a life together. I'm a long time fan of Amanda Quick's and am very happy with this new series.

Ceki says

The whole escape from the insane asylum thing was interesting but I found the romance a bit underwhelming which is a bad sign when it comes to Amanda's books, her characters usually manage to grip me from the very start.

On the other hand, Raina and Luther make a big appearance and they are supporting characters. I assume their book is the next? Speaking of Raina, I have to sound bitchy once again and say that I was let down by her character as well. In the prequel she was this butt kicking and mysterious secretary who ended the book with a bang but here she was... meh?

Well, if there happens to be a sequel, I'll definitely check it out.

Lakshmi C says

3.5 stars

It opens with murder and a daring escape. A promising start.

Adelaide has a lot on her plate - reinvention, hiding, building a new life and taking control.

Jake Truett was supposed to be mysterious but came off as bland.

The murder methods were interesting and varied.

The romance was too convenient, almost mechanical. Book loses half a star here.

Luther Pell and Raina completely overshadowed the lead pair. They had crackling chemistry, nice quips, added anticipation and excitement to the story. I'm hoping for their sequel.

Everybody gets a chance to save the day at some point - I really liked this.

Adelaide tries to be practical and has no hopes for their relationship. This irritated Jake and made me chuckle often.

The bad guys were underwhelming and predictable. The book loses a star due to this.

Something important is hidden in plain sight. Clever.

Favorite scenes

When Jake and Adelaide need to spend a night at the auto

Moonlight road

When Luther and Raina discuss Romeo and Juliet

"You can't live in a hotel forever."

"Why not? You seem to be doing just fine living on top of a nightclub."

"That's different. I own the place."

Lisa says

This one was just okay. It moved at a steady but very slow pace and I never really felt the passion between the main characters. It was also strangely written, with bafflingly stilted dialogue between people who refused to speak in contractions, and a ton of repetition. We must have been told a hundred times that Jake was in the Import Export business. And every time the mental hospital was mentioned it got a full recitation of the name; The Rushbrook Sanitarium. We were told over and over that Vera Westlake was the most beautiful woman in Hollywood, etc.. All very tedious to read as I slogged through this over-long book.

(view spoiler)

Over all it was a slow, plodding book with an overly convoluted plot. I didn't really care about the characters because they never showed any emotion. They were like a couple of robots going through the story. But it was better than the previous book in the series so that's something.

Milena says

The Other Lady Vanishes is a rather enjoyable historical mystery set in 1930s California and the world of Hollywood's rich and famous. This book is the second book in Burning Cove series, which I didn't know when I started reading it, but it can be read as a stand-alone. I didn't feel lost for not reading the first book.

I loved the setting and the time period, I liked the characters a lot, and the mystery was quite interesting, if a little predictable. This book has a lot going for it: a dazzling setting with a story partially set in an insane asylum, a number of nefarious villains, and a swoony romance. I would recommend The Other Lady Vanishes to any historical mystery or fiction lover.

P.S. I won an ARC of The Other Lady Vanishes from the publisher in a social media giveaway.

Under the Covers Book Blog says

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An escape from an insane asylum, Hollywood starlets, a psychic predicting her own death and a mysterious handsome stranger. Intrigued? If you are then you need to pick up The Other Lady Vanishes as it contains everything on that list. Adelaide Blake has escaped to Burning Cove after being held captive in an asylum, but on the night of her escape one of her tormentors was murdered. Thinking she is safe, she works in a tea shop that caters to Hollywood stars and their hangers on. However, it looks like trouble may have followed her to Burning Cove and the murderer has her in his sights.

This is the second in the Burning Cove series by Amanda Quick. However, it can easily be read as a standalone as the mystery is self-contained. If you've read the first book it will mean that you are familiar with some of the side characters that pop up in the story. The thread tying the series together is the location rather than an overarching story line.

The Other Lady Vanishes had two things that I love; a mystery that kept me on the hook and a good romance. The mystery aspect, although I had guessed what was going on fairly quickly still left me doubtful enough that it was exciting to read. The story also had a bit of a twist at the end that I enjoyed and didn't see coming. As for the romance, it built through the book as the hero and heroine work together whilst hiding their mysterious pasts from one another.

Another good read from Amanda Quick, if you're after a good mystery romance this is definitely the book for you. Although, I think I may avoid holidaying in Burning Cove, bad things seem to happen...

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Sheryl says

I've not read anything by this author before and wasn't aware that it's part of a series. It was done quite well as a stand-alone. It was like watching a black and white noir film, Ms. Quick did an excellent job with the dialog and setting for the pre-war era. I look forward to reading the next book in "Burning Bush" series. It was a fast read, with a great plot.

I would like to thank "First-To-Read" for the opportunity to read and review this e-galley.
