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Family is not what it seems in this raw, edgy thriller that *New York Times* bestselling author Lisa Scottoline says “you won’t be able to put down.”

When a mutilated body is found hanging in a seedy motel in Philadelphia, forensics specialist Liam Dwyer assumes the crime scene will be business as usual. Instead, the victim turns out to be a woman he’d had an affair with before breaking it off to save his marriage. But there’s a bigger problem: Liam has no memory of where he was or what he did on the night of the murder.

Panicked, Liam turns to his brother, Sean, a homicide detective. Sean has his back, but incriminating evidence keeps piling up. From fingerprints to DNA, everything points to Liam, who must race against time and his department to uncover the truth—even if that truth is his own guilt. Yet as he digs deeper, dark secrets come to light, and Liam begins to suspect the killer might actually be Sean...

When the smoke clears in this harrowing family drama, who will be left standing?

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Darcia Helle says

I'm glad to see that so many people loved this book. I was not one of them.

The writing itself is good. I wasn't wowed, but I was entertained, at first.

The premise intrigued me, but I couldn't buy into the way it was handled. We have two seasoned members of the police force who immediately decide to lie to and withhold information from their fellow investigators about details of a murder. One even tells the other that they can't trust the cops, who are supposedly professionals and their friends, to do their job correctly. The conversation sounded far more like something you'd expect from seasoned criminals or inner city youth than from two straight-laced cops who've never broken the law. From there, it just became more absurd as the two went totally rogue.

Before the 20% mark on my Kindle edition, I already knew who did it and why. There were no surprises. The characters and the plot are predictable stereotypes.

We also have scenes that go back in time to the brothers' childhood. The transitions aren't marked, and it's often initially unclear as to where we are in the story.

But that's all my opinion, as any review is. You might love the story.

This was my Kindle First pick for September.

M says

My 2.5 Stars Review To Balance The 5 Stars

I managed to finish this book by skimming through most of it, and I'll soon explain why. I bumped up my rating to 3 stars, because it's a well-written book.

If you aren't a manic police procedural reader, you'll probably enjoy this book's twists and turns—including a final corker that I didn't expect. If you're a police procedural aficionado and are comfortable with rogue cops, you'll probably enjoy this book.

Here's what bothered me: A homicide detective convinces his partner to help him coverup his younger brother's possible involvement in a horrific murder. Little brother, who is the lead forensic detective, had an extramarital affair with the victim. The detectives ignore rules of police conduct, sabotage other detectives' investigation, and destroy and/or suppress evidence. Their actions were so egregious, I couldn't like the two brother MCs, not to mention having difficulty suspending disbelief.

By 30%, I guessed the storyline, because it's been done before. I did mention something about manic readers of police procedurals, didn't I?

Ann M Davies says

Lasting first timer

I have to wait another year I, I believe, to read another book by Matthew Farrell, what a brilliant book, scary, fast paced and extremely good to read. Having been to Philadelphia, it took me back to places, which was a bonus. Keep writing Matthew, you are good. Thank you.

Alfred J. Coscia says

Very Surprising Thriller

NO SPOILERS FROM MY REVIEWS EVER!

I really enjoyed reading this book. It was plotted very well, the pacing was excellent, and I was drawn in from the first few pages. The backstory is definitely unique, a very compelling aspect to this well-penned story. It is a tale that I find to be full of depth.

The many characters are fleshed-out quite well, allowing the readers to be able to appreciate the many clever twists and turns this novel takes. The ending was brilliantly conceived, IMHO. My only knock is the one typo that I caught where the homophone "flare" was used instead of "flair". Small issue, since many books I have read are loaded with errors. I guess I should be a proofreader (and if anyone reading this review wants me, I would quit my job in a heartbeat)!

Overall, I am very impressed by this novel by Mr. Matthew Farrell. It is a thriller that makes one think. It also has a rich canvas of characters, solid plotting, excellent pacing, surprising turns, and an ambience sustained throughout. I can easily recommend this book to those who enjoy a great thriller that keeps readers turning pages well into the night. I know that I did.

As Always, I Wish Happy Reads to All from the Unapologetic Book Junkie ?!

Diana says

Still Shivering!

This is an amazing experience, and yes, I am still shivering even after getting to the ending. A scary thought is brought up in this story: is crazy inherited? Two brothers have a harrowing experience in their early youth, and grow up to work in the same police department. A serial killer needs to be found, as one of the brothers is being framed for the murders, and cannot figure out why, or who it is. Get ready for a gripping and heart-pounding thriller. You can't put this one down. Definitely 5 stars. ?????

Christine Lowe says

Very Good Suspense/Mystery

I'm so glad I chose What Have You Done for September's First Read. This book is really beyond what I expected. The characters were written with care to make them believable in spite of terrible circumstances. The book opens with a nightmare of Liam's mother trying to drown him in the bathtub. This sets the tone for the rest of the book. The mystery about the murdered woman was turned into something unexpected. The

writers ability to give little pieces of the story at just the right time continued to increase the suspense. If you like a good suspense/mystery, give this one a try. You won't be disappointed.

Nancy Gold says

Twisty in a good way

Well written. Great twists in plot. You kept trying to figure out motives. Fun because I knew the towns and geography. After this you never want to date a nurse or spend time near water. Worth reading.

Suze says

Very good CSI thriller

Loved this book, my pick of the kindle First Reads for September. This is a great suspense thriller, the characters are engaging, the story keeps moving along.

This book would make a great movie, highly recommend.

Tony Healey says

What Have You Done is a lean, mean thrill-ride of a book that grabs hold, refusing to let go until the last bittersweet pages. I am mightily impressed by Matthew Farrell's first novel, and can't wait to see what he cooks up next. Fans of Meg Gardiner and Mark Edwards will find a lot to love between the covers of What Have You Done.

Abbie says

Twisted tragedy

Matthew Farrell's writing had me feeling like I was in a high speed chase driving the Batmobile. What a rush! Could not stop reading this, finished it in one sitting. I would point out that this was my Amazon Prime pick for September. I want to give it six stars. No spoilers here, read it. I'm off to see what else Matthew Farrell has written.

meheadhurts says

September 2018 Amazon Prime First Reads selection

Another reviewer made the comment that this was like a CSI episode. I would agree, although not sure I see

that as a great thing, as 1 hour crime shows aren't always known for strong story telling and well developed characters, as they try to force everything into a single episode. Some forced, unrealistic dialogue, (especially between Liam and his wife), some plotting issues, some telling vs showing, but it did keep my interest enough to not be a DNF. I would read something from this author again, hopefully as he continues to pursue a writing career, he will work out some of the weaknesses here (or find some more beta-readers/editors to help point out issues!) I could see this selection appealing to fans of Harlan Coben.

bonnie kirchner says

What Have You Done

This was a great thriller. I really wish there would be more books . This would make a very good series. The mystery and thrills were absolutely great. I highly recommend this book.

Christina McDonald says

An edgy crime thriller reminiscent of a CSI episode, What Have You Done is an explosive debut by Matthew Farrell. The novel is a cross between a domestic suspense and a hard-bitten crime story, opening with a mutilated body investigated by forensics specialist Liam Dwyer. But soon Liam realizes he knows the victim. And he has no memory of the night she was murdered.

As he's always done in times of trial, Liam turns to his big brother Sean, a brash, bold, charismatic homicide detective. But as evidence stacks up against him, Liam begins to suspect Sean is somehow involved.

Exploring themes of family, trust and identity, this is a great plot-driven novel you'll easily plough through and enjoy.

Jool says

Wow! Five solid gold stars for this one!!!! This was one of the books offered by Amazon for first of the month picks for Prime members. I am SOOOO glad I chose this one. If this is the first book by this author (I can't remember if it is his first) well, then we have a lot to look forward to. This was an amazing suspense/thriller/police procedural that will have you straining your eyes trying to read faster and faster. I almost read this straight through - but had to take a quick break to sleep, and got back up in the morning eager to finish the book. Amazing and captivating from Page 1 clear through the end. I cannot say enough wonderful words about this book. Matthew Farrell, I hope you write quickly, I will be watching for more from you!

Patricia says

The premise was good, but the book didn't live up to the promise.

I got this book as Kindle First Reads and glad I got it for free.

I knew I was going to have a problem as soon as the two main characters went "rogue." I just don't like those kinds of stories, and the fact that they were able to do it so easily and completely, and then drag others into it (and they easily fell into it as well) totally turned me off.

In addition, there were all the other moral flaws and bad behavior (I don't want to give away any secrets).

Even with their bad childhood, neither Sean nor Liam was likable, and I had no one to root for.

At 18% I knew what the twist was going to be, so I didn't even have the pleasure of being surprised.

The confrontation/confession was the best part of the book for me--as it was like more successful mystery books. It was faced paced and drew me in a little.

But it was too little, too late for me.
