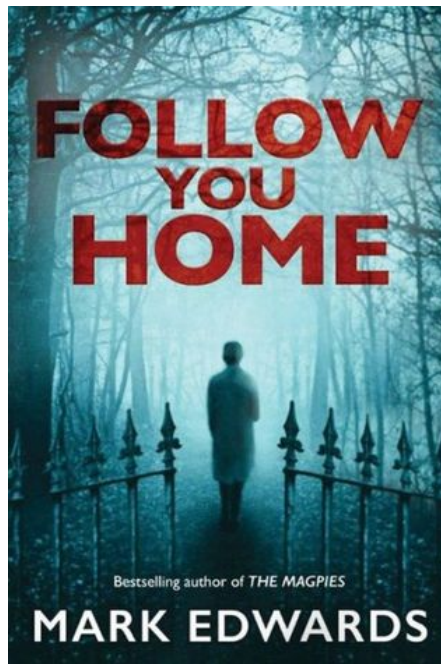




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The page-turning psychological thriller from the author of #1 bestsellers *The Magpies* and *Because She Loves Me*.

It was supposed to be the trip of a lifetime, a final adventure before settling down. But after a perfect start, an encounter with a young couple on a night train forces Daniel and Laura to cut their dream trip short and flee home.

Back in London, Daniel and Laura vow never to talk about what happened that night. But as they try to fit into their old lives again, they realise they are in terrible danger—and that their nightmare is just beginning...

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Jan says

Another knock-out read from an author who truly knows how to keep a reader on their toes!

Being a mystery/suspense junkie, I'd like to think that over the years I have developed some super sleuth detective skills. This can actually be problematic, as often times I am able to anticipate where a story is going, or figure out who the main antagonist is well before the big reveal. But once again, Mark Edwards was able to lead me and my favorite book buddy Chris down many detours and dead ends, keeping us guessing up until the last few chapters!

And that epilogue! Here I am, decompressing now that all the loose ends have been cleaned up and I am completely satisfied like I've just eaten my favorite meal. Then BAM!, he sideswipes me with another unexpected surprise....Completely and utterly fantastic!

True to his other novel that I read and loved for the very same reasons as above (The Magpies) this story was spun from a real life experience he shared with an ex-girlfriend.

A trip of a lifetime, one to experience before life and it's demands require you to officially become a F/T adult. Traveling by train to various locations throughout the country with nothing but your passport, a map and a backpack. Sounds ideal, right?

That's the picture Edwards paints, up until a decision to save money and NOT get a sleeper car on a late night train turns one couple's adventure into a nightmare.

What slowly unfolds is a plot full of twists and turns that will keep you utterly confused and paranoid of every character until Edwards decides to let you in on what went down that night.

This is brilliant storytelling at it's best!

I do think that experiencing this with a buddy truly heightened the thrill of the ride, but don't worry-you will still get a lot of enjoyment and entertainment reading this solo. And don't beat yourself up too much at the end when you realize the clues were right there in front of you the whole time...that sneak Edwards is a genius at camouflaging them!

While some aspects of the plot did come across as a stretch, Edwards still somehow manages to make it all work and feel like it just could happen that way.

Moral of the story-when planning a trip like this, make sure to spend the money for a sleeper car.

SIDE NOTE:

If you haven't read any of Edwards books yet, you can get a free copy of Guardian Angel to sample (a short story) by signing up for email updates from him. Just go to his Goodreads page and you will find the link where you can sign up.

Christine says

Dear Mr. Edwards,

Here we are again. I last wrote to you in my review of The Magpies last year. I said a lot of nice things because you penned one hell of a book. Well, guess what? I hate to swell that head of yours, but Follow You Home trumps The Magpies. Not to pressure you, but The Devil's Work is going to have to be exceedingly phenomenal to beat this one. Don't let me down.

52 Pickup. Yes sir, this book reminded me of that great old card game my big brother used to pull on me when we were kids. He would drop and scatter a deck of cards and I got to pick them up and make them neat again. You wrote Follow You Home in the manner of 52 pickup in slow motion. You teased us for half the book sloooooowly scattering about those many curious pieces of the story, frightening us in the process with your trademark unrelenting suspense. God, my fingernails are a mess from chewing them to pieces. You are getting the bill for the manicure, Mr. Edwards. With each of your little chapters you sprung more and more stuff on me and my very smart book buddy. It got to the point where I was totally stumped and honestly could see no way for you to emerge looking brilliant as there was clearly no way for this story to work out in the end. No way. What a mess of a situation for poor Daniel and Laura. It made the Magpie people look like simple whiners. Well, then in the second half you started to tease us mercilessly with little clues and little twisties one after another, and still no light bulbs in my head. I hate when you do that, Mr. Edwards. You made me feel utterly stupid! I signed up for Brain HQ while reading this book. I'll am going to send you that bill too.

As the info bites and surprises continued, on and on and on, I finally started thinking, hey, perhaps there is a way for Mr. Edwards to salvage some sort of believable ending to this tale. For purposes of full disclosure I must admit I changed my mind about a dozen times, but finally got real comfy in my take of the situation. Then you blew it all up in my face!!! OMG! What?? Are you kidding me??? I nearly screamed with delight in how you got me again! But, by golly, I was badly duped. How can you sleep at night knowing you do that to your readers?

I do get to throw this at you: how could you not bless Daniel with more brains? He did a lot of terribly naïve and downright stupid things, Mr. Edwards! Do you expect us to believe some of his actions/nonactions? The good news though is that I forgive you as you entertained me. Tremendously.

I love you, Mr. Edwards.

Now go back into your little office and get to work, you! I'm waiting...

Your forever fan,

Christine XOXO

sue says

The more I read of this mans work the more I love it.

This author is one outstanding thriller story teller. From the very start to the very end you are so engrossed in the story that my house roof could cave in and I'd be annoyed its interrupted my read. I kid you not.

We have this couple who are travelling around before they settled down, marry and have children. The thing is, they unknowingly get caught up in something that is a double dealing. They don't know it though.

I'm chatting like a mad woman to my Kindle "how did that happen?"

"When did that happen?" "Who did that?"

Its so cleverly written, so cleverly done, I didn't see any hints or red herrings that 'double crossed' me. I was **IN THE ZONE** and totally zoned out of what was going on around me. My nose was *firmly* stuck inside this absolutely well laid out book.

I don't have the best of long finger nails at the best of times, but I need to tell you this.....

When the couple were approaching a house in the woods [not giving anything away here other than how it made me feel] I was so tense even my bum cheeks tensed up. Creeping up over the stairs, I didn't realize I was holding my breath.

Mark Edwards always leaves a little bit at the back of his book [which I LOVE] telling us what inspired him to write the story. I really enjoy that bit because I often wonder how on earth an author comes up with such brilliant pieces of craftsmanship that keeps us readers begging for more....more.....**More**

I don't like reading the words, WOW, fab, fantastic, couldn't put it down, page turner, they are all Clichés, but you know what? All of this applies to this wonderfully nail biting, gasping enthralling piece of work.

My thanks go to Thomas & Mercer and Amazon Publishing for my copy to read/review and enjoy

Diane S ? says

3.5 This was one creepy, creepy read. What starts as the perfect European trip for Laura and Daniel, become derailed in Romania after having their passports and credit cards stolen, they are thrown off the train by the Romanian police. Thrown off with them is Aline, a young Romanian woman they met on the train, traveling with her friend Ion. Stuck in the middle of nowhere, with no papers, Aline goes missing in the woods after entering them to empty her bladder in privacy. Trying to find Aline they come upon a house in the woods, and what they see in this house will cause them to flee and vow to never speak of the atrocities within.

For the first half of the book the reader has no idea what Laura and Daniel saw. Strange things start happening to them, and I was thinking horror book, maybe vampires, werewolves. This turns into a wild ride as Laura and Daniel, must confront the evil that followed them home. Never imagines all this entailed nor what length someone will go to keep these things secret.

What they saw is key but not the only thing that followed them home. A good, suspense filled story. Daniel is a very likable character and as a reader I didn't want anything bad to happen to him. Strange and creepy and I will make sure I am not alone if I go into the woods.

ARC from NetGalley.

Suzanne says

4.5 stars maybe?

I shirked my responsibilities today to read almost half of this on my rainy muggy boxing day. I'm good at this. I think my clan expect it. It was brilliant! So glad to have come across Mark Edwards and now cannot wait for The Magpies which has been on my radar far longer than this one has. Actually, my local reading community are in for a treat as I requested this one be added to my library catalogue and they obliged.

Absolute bum on the edge of my seat material, I was physically leaning over my seat in a kind of 'hurry up get this done' kind of way. I love book anxiety!

One very nice addition was the authors note at the end explaining how he came to write this one, I have a feeling this author is a great communicator and loves to share his experience with his readers. I'm hooked!

Lovers of a good thriller will be enraptured with this, and I absolutely recommend it for this reason. I love when I'm hit for six and have no idea and that's what I've just experienced, and especially love a sinister last sentence. If you've been considering this one, please do!

Lisa says

I am now a Mark Edwards fan i liked this one his combination of thriller, horror throw in a bit of psychological it worked i found myself struggling in the beginning i was engrossed by the middle.

It Was supposed to be a holiday of a lifetime for Daniel & Laura as they travel across Europe on a train their trip ends in Romania where they meet Ion & Aline everything seems to be okay until they have their backpacks stolen Are Ion & Aline to be trusted?

Back in London Daniel & Laura vow never to talk about what happened that night, but as they try to fit into their old lives again they realise they are in terrible danger& the nightmare is just beginning.

This book had everything drugs madness mayhem a thrilling novel by Mr Mark Edwards.

Gary says

Mark Edwards is an author I have only started reading this year but I am yet to be disappointed with any of his novels. I find his books gripping from the start and instantly engaging making them very difficult to put down. The books I have read by him are full of surprises with lots of twists and turns that keep you reading to find out more.

He sets high standards with his writing and this one was again up there with the others I have read. This novel was full of action and so descriptive I felt I was watching a film. When I finish reading his books, I always feel like instantly starting another one of his novels straight away.

This book features Daniel and Laura who are travelling around Europe when their lives are changed forever

when they are thrown off a night train in Romania. What follows is a terror that will haunt them for ever. Once they get back to London they refuse to talk about what happened and they try to resume their lives, but this is just the start of their nightmares.

A clever plot that instantly draws you in and takes your mind on a journey. As the story goes from present day to what happened in Romania the truth starts to unravel. Well written characters and a fast paced action filled psychological thriller that makes you read faster and faster to try to get to the explanation.

Highly recommended and if you haven't read any of Mark Edwards books what are you waiting for.

Andrew says

So bad I created an account here just to slam it.

It's like a montage of cliches and nonsense. A taxi drives through a puddle and splashes an old lady. A homeless guy jumps out of the darkness and startles a character. A pregnant lady holds her belly. The whole book is trite imagery from watching too many crappy noir films and Lifetime dramas.

Oh god, then the nonsense. The British couple, while in Romania, says "it's about 10 kilometers. That's 6 miles." Who are they converting that for? Rob and Erin went through a rough patch when Rob "almost had an affair" but now they're better. WTF is almost had an affair? You had it or you didn't. And if you almost had it, please explain what that means. Nope. The author thinks you should just accept it. And yet he spends oodles of time setting up everything with boring pointless details.

I couldn't stop rolling eyes. Seriously some of the worst writing I've ever read. 40% of the sentences are structured like "I + verb + object." It's 6th grade level writing. I have no idea why it has such good reviews. I returned it to Amazon about halfway through. Avoid!!

Zoeytron says

Backpacking in Europe, a last hurrah before returning to London and settling into married life, jobs and babies, Daniel and Laura board a night train in Romania bound for Sighisoara. Upon discovering their passports, train tickets, and money have been stolen from their backpacks, they are unceremoniously thrown off the train in the middle of nowhere. A nightmare of gargantuan proportions is about to commence. What Daniel and Laura experience will follow them home and affect their relationship and the lives of those around them.

An old man, a monster. A dark forest, an old house with a 'rotten ambiance'. Straying off the beaten path is not always what it is cracked up to be. I thought the ending was terrific and fitting. For the sake of all that is holy, next time buy the sleeper tickets!

Kelly (and the Book Boar) says

Find all of my reviews at: <http://52bookminimum.blogspot.com/>

I discovered *Follow You Home* due to a stranger's review that popped up on my Goodreads' feed when one of my friends liked it. Looky there GR, your "upgrade" actually did something okay. You go ~~Glen-Coco~~ Goodreads! Between the cover art, title, blurb and the fact the weather forecast was calling for cloudy with a chance of meatballs I was ready to dig in to a nice scary story.

Turns out this wasn't a horror but ended up being a thriller so well played, Mark Edwards. You got me good. Because of the aforementioned bait and switch things could have went **really notsgreat**. Surprisingly, I ended up quite enjoying this.

Alright, so the story is that Daniel and Laura are thinking about settling down and having children. Before they do so they are going on one last "hurrah" and taking an extended vacation across Europe via train

While traveling through Romania a poorly timed nap in an unlatched sleeping car lead to Daniel and Laura waking up to discover their passports have been stolen. A woman who the couple met briefly attempts to intervene and explain the situation to the authorities, but unfortunately that only leaves all three of them kicked off the train in the middle of the night. And that is only the beginning of a tale the two will **never** forget when they discover a house in the middle of the forest

Obviously lots more *stuff and things* happen, but SPOILERS so no thank you. If you are familiar with what Mitchell and I like in a thriller, you'll be happy to know our reaction to *Follow You Home* went sort of like this

And before my frenemy chimes in, **of course** the plot contained moments that had me saying

(The only thing Ron 2.0 loves more than plothes is typos!)

But this was a real page turner and there were times I truly didn't know WTF was happening so it makes it a winner in my book.

Elaine says

Laura and Daniel are on the trip of a lifetime around Europe, supposedly their last blow-out before they settle down and start a family. But the trip ends abruptly and disastrously in Romania, an ending that we only see the build up to at first, with the complete story gradually being told to us in teasing little snippets throughout the read.

Three months after their return to London, and their relationship is in tatters. But what exactly happened? What evil happened so traumatised them that Daniel is in therapy and Laura has left him, a shadow of the girl she was at the start of the book. They have made a vow never to discuss it, to themselves or anyone and it is a vow that they seem determined to keep.

It is a story stuffed full of drama, danger, secrets and lies. There are characters who are creepy and sinister and you never really know just who can be trusted. As strange things start to happen to Daniel and Laura in London, you quickly realise that there may just be a link to what happened to them in Romania, and you really are just waiting for the penny to drop with Daniel and Laura to see what they will do. As their story starts to unfold you start to get an inkling of what happened and, believe me, my imagination was working overtime but every time I thought I had it sussed, the story twisted in a very complex and detailed plot that is at times quite audacious and ambitious. It is “edge of your seat” stuff, a book that is impossible to put down or get out of your head and full of surprises that only stop on the last page.

Now, I absolutely loved the story and heartily recommend it, but I do have serious doubts about their reasons for keeping their secret. When I knew all the facts, I couldn't really reconcile them keeping quiet under any circumstances – it is certainly not a secret that should have been kept. But, if they hadn't done then of course we wouldn't have had the story. Many thanks to the publisher for the review copy.

Maxine (Booklover Catlady) says

I am a huge fan of Mark Edwards, he never fails to surprise me with each book. Yet again, another totally unique book here with a new plot, plenty of twists and loads of moments that you will be busting to know what **REALLY** happened. **Mark is brilliant at making you wait for the good stuff.**

I like knowing that when I pick up a book by Mark I am going to like it, without fail. He knows what his readers want and gives it to them time after time. I found this one to be one of the more creative plots in any of his books, something really unexpected. An overall really intriguing and knife-edge read.

It was supposed to be the trip of a lifetime, a final adventure before settling down.

After a perfect start, Daniel and Laura's travels end abruptly when they are thrown off a night train in the middle of nowhere. To find their way back to civilisation, they must hike along the tracks through a forest...a haunting journey that ends in unimaginable terror.

Back in London, Daniel and Laura vow never to talk about what they saw that night. But as they try to fit back into their old lives, it becomes clear that their nightmare is just beginning...

This book will no doubt be nothing that you expect. The plot is so cleverly done and is so intriguing and different that you are just hanging out to find out more. **But Mark is SUCH a plot tease!** The way the book is written is that he gives you snippets of what happened on the trip of a lifetime, lost in a forest, then flips forward to today, in London where the impact of it all is still rolling out.

I was BUSTING to have him take me back to the forest to see what happened there, I nearly skipped pages, but that's a crime so did not do it, I hung in there. Both elements of the plot are interesting but I have to say I did LOVE the creepy element of the nightmare they faced. And a nightmare it was, just horrific scenarios.

I found the characters all really well written with clarity, easy to picture them, imagine being there with them, relating to them. No out of reach airy-fairy characters here. Down to earth stuff.

It's a fast paced book once it gets going, I of course, read it without stopping as I just had to know the end result and the truth of THAT evil place that was too scary to reveal to us all at once. Bit by bit we are given a

taste of the darkness, just enough to whet your appetite for more.

Very clever book, interesting reading, you will take your time to put the plot together, you will be challenged on what you believe and who you believe, but mostly you will love the book. Highly recommended. 4.5 paw prints from Booklover Catlady for this one. A taut, terrific psychological thriller from one of the master of the genre.

For more of my reviews, book talk, giveaways and more find me at:

<https://www.facebook.com/BookloverCat...>

Thanks so much to the author and publisher via NetGalley for my ARC of this book.

Jennifer says

Extremely unbelievable plot, way beyond the believability associated with any decent fiction, which hindered my ability to care even a little about any of the silly characters. I won't summarize the story -- tons of reviewers have already done that. Just know that this book starts on a high note and then makes a slow, aggravating decline encouraged by a ridiculous secret and a cast of equally ridiculous characters. This book will help you sharpen your skimming skills.

Babydoll says

This was almost a DNF but I had to know what was the big bad thing that happened to Laura and Daniel that they swore to never tell. It takes over half the book to find out and it's disappointing. I skimmed the last half to see how it all plays out. At this point I still didn't know if I was reading a story about horror, the supernatural, or a crime thriller. The writing is amateurish, the plot implausible, and the characters aren't likeable.

Carol says

"The evil from that house.....it followed us home."

FOLLOW YOU HOME begins innocently enough as Daniel and Laura continue their *once in a lifetime* travels across Europe by boarding an evening train to Romania, but the combination of a few creepy passengers and a brief nap result in being robbed of tickets, passports and \$ that ultimately end with a boot off the train in the middle of nowhere with nothing but darkness and forest all around.....or so they think.

What happens next, as their nightmare continues, is divulged slowly, but suspensefully chapter by (*short*) chapter throughout the story culminating in a deadly (*sometimes disturbing*) mystery-thriller with one shocker of a twisty ending! (Must read more from Mark Edwards)

