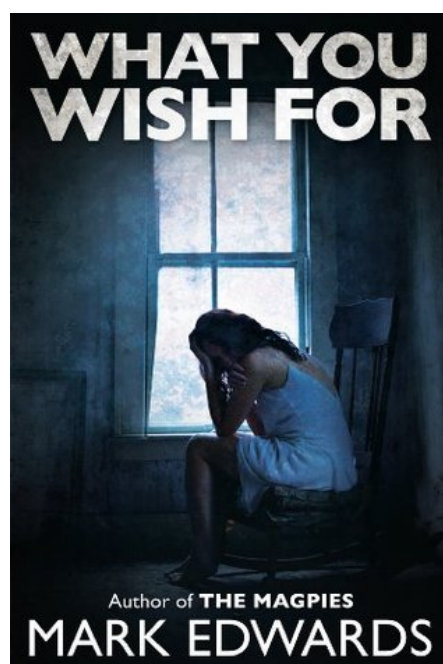




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Ashley D'Orio says

Not my favorite from this author

This was NOT one of my likes by this author! It was super corny an not interesting with all the talk of aliens an ufos! Plus the way the main character fell in love with his girlfriend was stupid he basically fell in love with her in one day an went on this wild goose hunt for her when she went missing..super unrealistic and poor story line definitely not worth your time

Sue says

"What You Wish For" is a psychological thriller which crosses over into the world of UFOs, and cults. I have read two other books by this author; "Because She Loves Me" and "The Magpies", and was so impressed I ordered this new book. At first, I was a little concerned that with the mention of aliens that this book wouldn't be for me. But this book has so much to offer, on a deeper level. Plus plenty of suspense that keeps the plot flowing nicely.

Marie Walker has vanished from the face of the earth, she has a need to believe in something, and for her, her obsession was with aliens. Her boyfriend, Richard, a photographer, a non-believer, attempts to find her. In his search, he is drawn into a world of cults and the darker side of ufology, as he discovers truths. Was she taken or did she go of her own?

This book shows how our beliefs can be extremely powerful and the extent people will go to surrender to them. The relationship between Richard and Marie, is one based on "OBSESSION". This is not about a man in search of a woman he loves but a story about your belief in something and the lengths you are willing to go to protect that belief.

"What You Wish For" is intense and compelling read. Edwards is a talented writer, and Mark Edwards has the ability of writing books that have you hooked right from the beginning. While this novel didn't have the same impact on me as his previous novels, I can appreciate his message.

Liz Barnsley says

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Thank you to the author and publisher for the review copy.

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When Richard meets Marie he falls irrevocably in love, but Marie has an unusual belief system and an utter devotion to her cause. In the spirit of compromise, Richard takes it all in his stride but when Marie disappears without warning he finds himself caught up in unbelievable and far reaching events.

This is an absolutely fascinating look at a strange yet compelling section of society, using a very much character driven tale to, really, show us how easy it is to get caught up in the idea of salvation, in whichever form it comes. Utterly intense, as Richard searches desperately for Marie amidst a backdrop of a world he has no part of – you will be completely caught up in the sense of worry and heartache he has to endure – and will be right there with him as frustration mounts and he heads into the danger zone.

As with "The Magpies" Mark Edwards has given a sense of the darker side of human nature here, even if using a very different story, and once again characterisation is of an extremely high standard. You WILL care despite perhaps thinking at various stages that Richard should cut his losses – but obsession is a strange and wonderful thing. Logic has no part of it.

Again cleverly written, an addictive story flow and a wry eye to the ironic gives you an enjoyable and escapist reading experience. Excellent stuff. Can't wait for whats next.

Happy Reading Folks!

Jules says

This was an enjoyable story about UFOs, alien abduction, strong beliefs, religious cults, love, sex and obsession.

What You Wish For is a mystery thriller, but because of the subject matter, I would say I found it a little lighter-hearted than other books by this author. At first it made me think of Midsomer Murders, as I've seen episodes where people have been members of unusual groups. Part of the story was quite entertaining and amusing, but at the same time, there was a more serious side to the story about the influence of beliefs and cults over a person, their lives and the impact it has on their loved ones. I wouldn't describe this as a particularly tense thriller, but definitely an entertaining one, which worked really well as an audiobook.

I borrowed this through Amazon Kindle Unlimited.

Cat says

Good lord. Interesting. Very interesting!

Aliens? Eh. not my thing. Didn't like this as much as the other books I've read but I did love the ending. Nothing like a bit of ambiguity!

Malina Skrobosinski says

Eh, you win some, you lose some.

Mark Edwards has catapulted right up there as one of my favorite authors, but I've got to say, this one... well, it just wasn't my favorite. It's certainly not his inability to write, or a lack of character development. In the end, I think it was just the subject matter for this one. After reading the acknowledgements, I discovered that he wrote this one back in the days of when X-files was all the rage. So with that, I could see it being a real winner during that time period, however, reading it now, eh... it just wasn't my "cup of tea" if you will.

I would say it's a storyline that would have to appeal to a certain type of audience. Even though I wasn't that audience, I still enjoyed aspects of the novel, and by no means was I prepared to walk away, I simply just didn't love it as I've come to love all his other work.

So, I think I'm just going to leave this review with that. It sure as heck could never dissuade me from reading his future work.

Carry on Mr. Edwards, carry on!

Danielle (The Blonde Likes Books) says

Unfortunately, this was not a winner for me. I've loved every book I've read from Mark Edwards until now, so I feel like this one was just a fluke. I had no idea going into it that it was about aliens/UFOs, and that's just not my thing. I would have skipped this one had I known that before hand. If you're new to Mark Edwards, I'd recommend starting with any of his other books.

Lisa says

ALIEN NOIR!!!! (I'm not kidding)

After reading this book, I know two things for sure: Mark Edwards has a things for redheads, and I have a thing for Mark Edwards.

This book was just a solid brick of FUN. Mark Edwards is so clever. I love how he keeps the premises of his stories simple. They can all be summed up in a single sentence. In this case it was Guy loses Girl and wants Girl back. (The Magpies: Guy and Girl have impossible neighbors. Because She Loves Me: Guy has jealous girlfriend.) We can relate. We have been there. We know where this is going. And that's when we get taken for a ride.

This particular one was different. It was about aliens, love, and a sleazy underground culture of smut and crime. Like I said, Alien Noir! I told you! It's written in a very readable and fast-paced style, just like I've

come to expect from this writer. There were quite a few lines in this one that I really appreciated for their dryness. Here's a couple for you now...

I thought there'd be no topping this one:

(view spoiler)

But then this happened:

(view spoiler)

Yes, it was FUN. Not only for these dry gems of lines, but also because Mark Edwards really appreciates his readers and throws little things in that we'll recognize from previous books. I LOVE THAT! This one was certainly ambitious. It was a risk. And it worked for me. Mark Edwards is a rising star. I think he's got IT. I'm sticking around for more.

Matt says

After completing a stellar thriller in *THE MAGPIES*, Edwards is back with another mind-twisting story. Marie Walker has vanished! Not just from her place of employment or her flat, but from everywhere. Her new boyfriend, newspaper photographer Richard Thompson, is convinced he can find her, even if it means going to the ends of the earth to piece things together. Marie has long been an advocate of a celestial world beyond mainstream acceptance, with UFOs and interactions with visitors. Richard, who does not share these beliefs, must wrestle with them on a daily basis while he continues to fall in love with Marie. When Richard learns of some extremely underground goings-on related to visitors and *The Chorus*, he does a little investigating of his own, in search of the love of his life. What Richard discovers blows his mind and will surely leave the reader wondering what twists and turns brought them to this part of the story. Fans of *The Magpies* will not likely rush out to praise this book, though it surely takes all kinds to create a solid fan base for an author.

Had this been the first Edwards book I read, I would likely have passed and moved on to another fiction writer. However, having seen the potential, I am able to see what Edwards CAN and surely WILL do with his other work and excuse this bump in the road. While Edwards defends that Marie could have been in any sort of cult, the presentation of alien cult experiences and the filthy underbelly of one of the oddest branches of pornography to my knowledge, my original thought "Well then!" stands firm.

Ok Mr. Edwards, everyone's due at least one odd book. I'll let this slide and get back to sinister thrillers. I hope we have a winner waiting for us.

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<http://pecheyponderings.wordpress.com/>

Gary says

After just finishing the excellent 'Because she loves me' by the same author I was really looking forward to this novel but after a good start the book became rather patchy and a little disappointing. This is a

psychological thriller that focus's on belief, in this case UFO's and although I do like the writing style the plot itself was not strong enough. I read after, that the book was written over a long time period with the author going back to it to finish it and also rewriting chunks so maybe he also wasn't convinced either. Although I wasn't completely sold on this novel I remain a fan of Mark Edwards writing and look forward to reading more of his work.

Bill says

I should've known when the basic premise was revealed that it probably was not going to be my bag, but I kept thinking that something, anything, would happen to change the story or at least to give it some juice. Nope. Nada. To be fair - I am going to blame myself for not reading the synopsis. If I would have read it a head of time, I may have pushed it way down the tbr where it would have never seen the light of day. Or maybe that is just wishful thinking. Damn. Time wasted that I shall never be able to get back. The ending of this one was a complete disaster and failed for me on so many levels that I am left feeling ripped off somehow. The entire story was pointless and in the end, when all is said and done, the protagonists' actions throughout the entire story were totally inconsequential and the sub plots leading to the "copout" conclusion, totally ridiculous.

Katherine Marson says

After receiving a advanced copy of this book I was still apprehensive about reading about little green men running around. I shouldn't have worried and should have known that Mark as usual wouldn't let me down.

This book is well written, keeps you hooked and an excellent read. I'm not going to ruin it for you, I will leave that for someone else. Just one warning:

This book caused me to have a bizarre dream. As I was drifting off, I could have sworn my partner said "to stop aliens visiting, you need to swim with sharks. I'm not doing that". I replied (out loud). "Good, they can take you then". That took a lot of explaining and I don't think he was very impressed with my response!

Just goes to show the deep impression this book had on me! Well worth the read and I know I will be reading this book again.

Jean says

Disappointing

This was so disappointing . I couldn't even finish. Not well written. I Would not recommend this. Big waist of money.

Lisa says

Alien-tastic!

Well...it's not really about aliens as such - it is more an exploration of beliefs and how DEEPLY some people want to believe.

The story is fast-paced and funny but with a dark edging that gives the writing it's depth.

Plus, it is based in the south coast of England which is quite local to me - come to think of it I have seen some pretty odd people there hmmmmm...?!

Hans says

The story takes a while to really get going. But it's amazing. It's about love! It's about belief systems! The end is remarkable! What a perceptive writer Mark Edwards is! Food for thought!!!!
