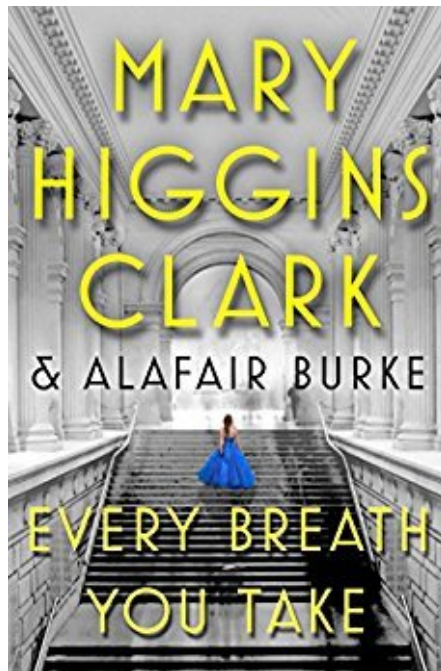




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“Queen of Suspense” Mary Higgins Clark and Alafair Burke are back with their fourth book in the New York Times bestselling Under Suspicion series; Every Breath You Take follows television producer’s Laurie Moran investigation of the unsolved Met Gala murder—in which a wealthy widow was pushed to her death from the famous museum’s rooftop.

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Tamara says

I absolutely love the duo of Mary Higgins Clark and Alafair Burke. Between them- they create books that combine my favorite things about each of the writer's style.

In Every Breath You Take- there are def some red herrings. It seems that many people have a motive. I love it when that happens!

I just soaked up the story- wasn't really trying to figure out where the story was going- just enjoyed the ride!

Nurse Lisa In Ohio (PRN Book Reviews) says

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MY GOODREADS RATING (0-5 star scale): 4 stars

BRIEF REMARKS:

Mary Higgins Clark is one of the very first mystery writers I discovered as a teen(-ish); once I had devoured Agatha Christie, Sidney Sheldon, & Lawrence Sanders, I went to our local library and Karen (librarian) introduced me to MHC & many others. All these years later and I still enjoy her writing. I think it's refreshing to read a mystery that is just that: a mystery. No gory/shocking scenes, I don't think there's ever a swear word, and the romance is subtle, if present at all, for the most part. While my biblio style has evolved (& my language & love of smut! Lol), it's still really nice to read a solid "whodunnit" that's easy to follow and entertaining.

Just my opinion, obviously, but I do think the literary world as been solidly enriched from MHC's contributions all these years (guys, she's 90!). I am also glad to have discovered Alafair from these collabs...she's an excellent writer on her own & is still growing, IMO.

Always, message me here or social media for more info or with questions; I'm a spoiler avoider ?

Happy 2018, friends!

Cheers ...Lisa (@NurseLisaInOhio IG, Twitter, Pinterest, FB, Google+, YouTube, etc...) ??

Tim says

Less than satisfying. 2 of 10 stars

Selu says

I knew the series had to produce a dud eventually but I was hoping that this fifth installment would be better than it turned out. The mystery was subpar, the victim was not very sympathetic, the suspects were lackluster; the only interesting parts were Grace and the Alex/Laurie romance finally getting off the ground. Perhaps, had Jan Maxwell been the reader, I would've enjoyed it more? That definitely would have helped because Heather Lind was not up to the task.

Minty McBunny says

I really enjoy this series. I'm so-so on Alafair Burke's solo work and I often feel that MHC is calling it in for the last decade or so, but it seems like they sharpen each other by working together and have created an enjoyable cast of characters as well as a tidy structure for each book (the show makes a neat way to keep new cases and fresh bad guys coming to Laurie's life). It's not great literature, but it's fun and entertaining.

Julie says

Every Breath You Take by Mary Higgins Clark and Alafair Burke is a 2017 Simon & Schuster publication.

This fifth installment in the "Under Suspicion" series has Laurie reluctantly agreeing to investigate a cold case suggested to her by her new co-host, Ryan, who is still an insufferable jerk.

The case involves Ivan, a fitness guru, suspected of murdering his much older lover for money. Charges were never brought, but the man lives under a constant shadow of suspicion and wants to see his name cleared.

As Laurie and Ryan dig into the cold case, they discover the victim, Virginia Wakeling, a wealthy widow, had been thinking about changing her will, which sent her children, and her son-in-law, into sheer panic mode.

Could one of them have killed Virginia? Is Ivan as innocent as he claims?

For me, this series is very appealing, not only because of the two fabulous authors, but because I really love the set up. A series focused solely on cold cases is right up my alley because of all the mystery tropes out there, cold cases are one of my all-time favorites.

I have really enjoyed watching Laurie's character bloom, as she slowly comes back to the land of the living after the tragic death of her husband. There is a little romantic angst tossed in, along with the mystery, which is a nice addition to the story, as well.

This particular segment is just as fun as the first four installments have been, although, I must confess, I didn't feel a connection with the suspects or even the victim, in this case, even after all the facts were presented. I found myself thinking that I didn't really like most of the characters this time around, which

muted the feeling of vindication a little bit.

But, I couldn't decide who was trustworthy, or who to suspect, which at the end of the day, is the most important element of a mystery- trying to figure out whodunit! The suspense builds at a nice brisk pace, and kept me fully invested in the story, if not the characters.

The dry spell in Laurie's love life is about to come to head- one way or another- and I thought perhaps there was a bit more time spent on this area than in the past, but it was also something I thought should be resolved and was happy with how things turned out.

Overall, I enjoy the light, clean mysteries these stories provide, and with the powerhouse team of MHC with Alafair Burke, the writing is always superb, giving their readers the type of entertaining stories they expect and enjoy, and will come back for time and time again.

3.5 stars

Sherri Thacker says

I'm not sure how this can only be my 3rd book I've read by Mary Higgins Clark since she's been around forever but it is. This grabbed me from page 1 and I was able to read it in one day while laying around the house with a sore throat. It was good, nothing great.

Amanda McGill says

A nice, quick easy read.

The 5th full novel of the Under Suspicion series is similar to the previous novels. Lorie is working on the next case for her Under Suspicion TV series. Her host, brings her a new case that is only from a few years ago. 68 year old, Virginia Wakeling, fell to her death, at a Met gala and of course her younger boyfriend was the only suspect. He was never charged and wants to clear his name.

I wasn't as confident with the murderer as I was the previous novel, but I slowly put it together. These mysteries aren't too complex since there is only a number of characters involved. There are some progressions that are made in Lorie's personal life, but I felt that a bit too much time was spent on it. I would of rather had another suspect in the mystery.

Laurel-Rain says

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My Thoughts: From the very first page of Every Breath You Take, I was drawn into the story of Virginia Wakeling, a wealthy woman who fell (or was pushed) from the roof of the Met during a celebrated fundraiser.

Her much younger boyfriend, Ivan Gray, was a major suspect of the family, but the police did not have enough evidence to charge him, and, in fact, the accusations of the family members were all they really had.

I enjoyed the way Laurie Moran handled the investigation, and even how she found a way to co-exist with Ryan, the egotistical new on-air talent. He so clearly believed in the innocence of his friend and trainer, Ivan, that Laurie feared his ability to remain objective. However, she gradually saw another side of him in his willingness to set those feelings aside in order to find the answers.

Laurie's talent for following her instincts and the ability to pursue fresh angles made the story a great page-turner that kept me guessing. With each new revelation, the possibilities of finding the truth seemed to increase.

Would Laurie's search for the truth put her own life in danger? Would an irate killer bring her to the brink of disaster? There were numerous red herrings until we unexpectedly saw who the killer had to be. Meanwhile, some new possibilities for her sidelined relationship with Alex kept me intrigued, just as the case started heating up. 5 stars.

Michelle says

As always, nothing you'd not expect from Mary Higgins Clark. I like the new characters and the ongoing series.

Louise Wilson says

This is the 5th book in the Under Suspicion series.

For me, this was not the best book by Mary Higgins Clark that I have read (and I've read all her books). She has teamed up with Alafair Burke to write this series. I do like all the main characters in this series but the suspects in this book all seemed to have a motive but not really anything concrete to go on (apart from inheritance) to back it up. I did guess correctly from early on who the culprit was. This won't put me off reading more from Mary Higgins Clark in the future as I'm a big fan of her work.

Ellen says

3.5 stars

I liked this more than book 4 in the series, but still not quite as much as books 2 and 3. I didn't have a clear idea who the killer was until close to the reveal, so that was good. Sort of spoiler: I'm glad they've resolved the Laurie/Alex issues that I think have plagued this book and the last. I'm looking forward to the next book in the series that comes out later this year.

CD {Boulder Blvd} says

I've read all but book #2 in the Under Suspicion series. It's a good series and this was a quick fast read. I really like the characters of Loran Moran and Alex Buckley. And I like to hate Alex's replacement host and Ms. Moran's boss. There were definite points in the story in which I just got irritated by Ms. Moran's boss and his male chauvinistic tendencies. A little too much of the reality we still deal with.

Carol Irvin says

I always enjoy MHC's books!!

Monnie says

I've now read four of the authors' *Under Suspicion* series, and quite honestly, I've enjoyed every one. Some of my enthusiasm, I know, comes from the media angle; I spent years in the industry, albeit on the print side of the desk - so if it involves news reporting, I'm all in. That said, holding my interest goes well beyond the setting; a solid story and relatable characters need to be in the mix as well.

And they are. Mind you, I'd call all these books lightweights when it comes to blood-and-guts type action; in this case, there's just one murder - a mega-wealthy businesswoman is tossed off the roof of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. If that's not your style, you may want to pass; but that's perfectly okay with me. What's not, though, is that the romance parts in this one go way beyond sappy (for the most part accounting for my rating of 4 stars instead of 5). The rest of the story, though, held my attention throughout.

Here's the deal: Laurie Moran produces a popular TV show titled, appropriately, "Under Suspicion," which opens new eyes on cold cases. Although it's been only three years since that aforementioned woman took a header off the museum roof and the case in theory remains under investigation, Attorney Ryan Nichols, who replaced Laurie's now-estranged love interest, Attorney Alex Buckley, as the show's host, is hot to trot on taking it on. Ryan, as it turns out, is friends with and believes to be innocent the primary suspect in the case: The 20-years-younger fiancé of the murdered woman, Virginia Wakeling.

Laurie is reluctant at first - partly because she misses Alex terribly and is no fan of Ryan - but when further investigation reveals that several of the victim's family members, including a daughter, son and son-in-law, may have had means, motive and opportunity as well, she capitulates and the game is on. Aided by her

father, Leo Farley, retired NYPD first deputy commissioner who now serves on an anti-terrorism task force, she begins to obtain requisite permissions, line up interviews and secure background footage for what looks to be another hit show.

But not everyone is thrilled at the prospect of airing dirty linen on TV - most notably the killer, who, needless to say, is dead set on remaining unidentified. If that means stopping Laurie dead in her tracks, so be it. Beyond that, if Laurie is able to survive all that befalls her and an hour later chow down on dinner and drinks (God forbid losing a reservation at a fancy restaurant), bless her heart. That kind of intestinal fortitude makes me reasonably certain she'll make it to another day and another book - and I'll be waiting to read it.
