

THE BODECIA BOOK CLUB REVIEW

No Time for Goodbye by Linwood Barclay

Fourteen-year-old Cynthia Bigge woke one morning to discover that her entire family—mother, father, brother—had vanished. No note, no trace, no return. Ever. Now, twenty-five years later, she'll learn the devastating truth.

Sometimes it's better not to know. . . .

This book had us gripped by reading the cover! We couldn't wait to get reading to see what happened to her family? ... Murdered? ... Kidnapped? ... Had enough of their daughter's rebellious ways? ... Were they a sleeper cell?... A spy? ... Abducted by aliens? ... Or did Cynthia have something to do with it? ... We had to find out!

Cynthia is now married with a daughter of her own, she is haunted by what has happened and needs to find out what happened and why.

So she agrees to take part in a TV documentary revisiting the case, in the hope that somebody somewhere will remember something - or even that her father, mother or brother might finally reach out to her. It certainly does stir things up and things take a turn for the worse for Cynthia and her family, the truth is out there and with the publicity the tv show has caused, nothing is going to stop it from being uncovered which makes it a very exciting and riveting read. Cynthia's husband tracks down her old boyfriend, who admits seeing her mother and brother leave the house that night, and her father rush away shortly afterwards. She has also been receiving unsettling messages suggesting they are still alive. It's a hopeful scenario that develops at breakneck speed, with a plot that tightens with every twist.

The book is written in the voice of the husband, it confused us a little by keep flicking back to when Cynthia was younger which got us tangled up to which time he was discussing. The chapters were short which is always good when reading a book, although some were too short at a page!

There is so much I would like to tell you about this book, about the twists and turns and what eventually happens ... but that will be giving too much. I do really recommend that you go out and get this book so you find out for yourself.

We gave No Time for Goodbye 7 ½ /10

The book we are reading now is The Poison Tree by Erin Kelly.

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