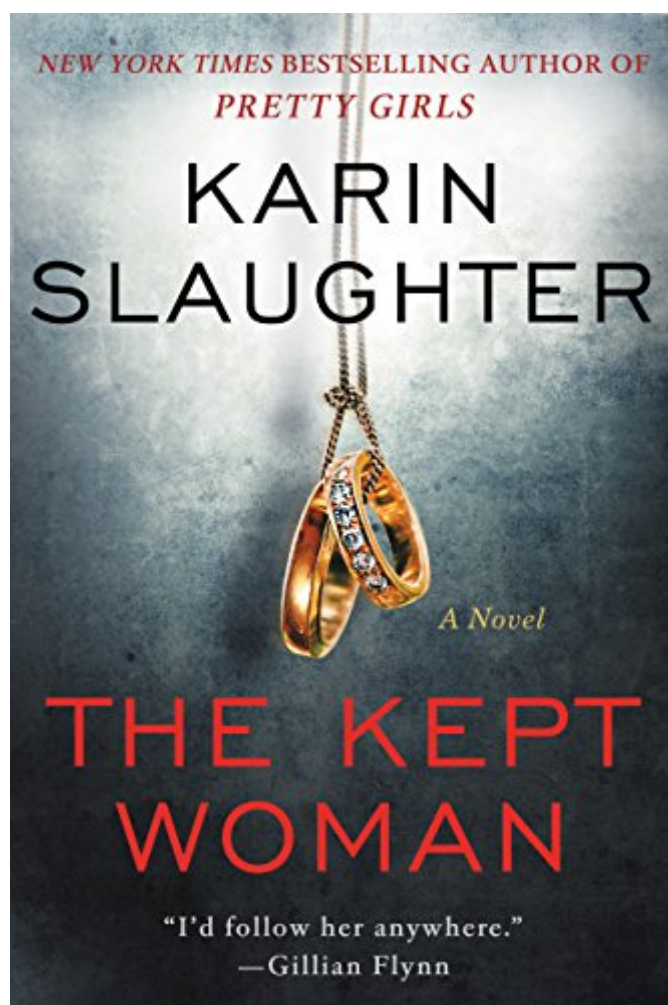


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Customer Reviews

The Kept Woman is Karin Slaughter's latest entry in the Will Trent series. I will admit that I was so excited to see that Slaughter was returning to this series. I've been a constant reader from way back and feel that Will Trent is one of the author's most interesting characters. Will has always exhibited that pitch perfect combination of machismo and vulnerability that makes him a compelling hero. In this latest offering, we find Will happily involved in a relationship with Sara yet still dealing with Angie, that master of psychological torture that he happens to be married to. The story that unfolds is complicated and sometimes a bit convoluted, yet it is always surprising. The murders at the center of this story are grisly, and the circumstances are disturbing. Slaughter's writing style has evolved over the years and she brings a new hardness to these characters and their stories that might be a bit surprising for Grant County readers. We spend a lot of time in these characters heads, and I think if you weren't already familiar with Will and Angie, you might end up being a bit lost. So much of the story and understanding of the characters motivations relies on a knowledge of their history. I was easily engrossed in the tale, but others might not be so lucky. The book alternates between Will and Angie's perspectives. I found myself getting a bit tired of hearing from Angie. I think the author might have been trying to make her a more sympathetic character. If so, I don't think she was all that successful. The pacing lagged during her portion of the narrative, even though we continued to discover more information throughout. I kept wondering what Will was up to!

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