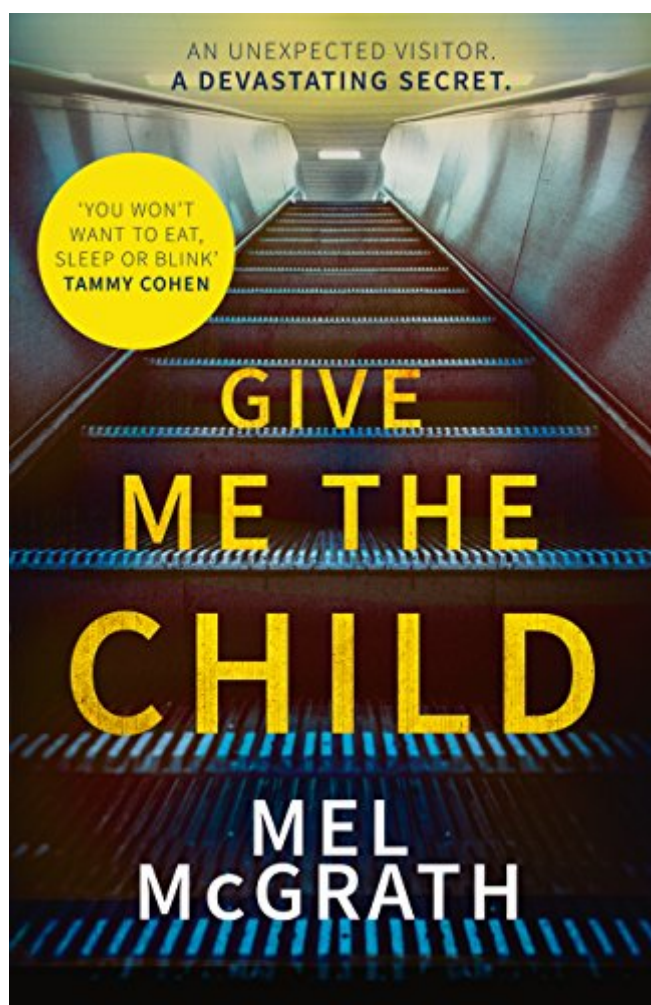


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# Give Me The Child: Summer 2017's Most Gripping Psychological Thriller



## Synopsis

Erin Kelly You won't want to eat, sleep or blink Tammy Cohen An unexpected visitor. Dr Cat Lupo aches for another child, despite the psychosis which marked her first pregnancy. So when Ruby Winter, a small girl in need of help, arrives in the middle of the night, it seems like fate. A devastating secret. But as the events behind Ruby's arrival emerge her mother's death, her connection to Cat her mother Cat questions whether her decision to help Ruby has put her own daughter at risk. Do we get the children we deserve? Cat's research tells her there's no such thing as evil. Her history tells her she's paranoid. But her instincts tell her different. And as the police fight to control a sudden spate of riots raging across the capital, Cat faces a race against time of her own. Compulsive, dark and devastating, Give Me the Child is a uniquely skilful thriller with an unforgettable twist.

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## Customer Reviews

Totally surprised by this book! I rarely write reviews, I'm just so busy and I read so many books. My

fault entirely though, I usually enjoy most of what I read and the rest I really should put my two cents in to warn others. But this book only had 3 reviews and I was intending to steer clear of it. I'm glad I took a chance and bought it. Great suspense, fluid storyline and mostly well developed characters. I will be looking for this author again!

This is a very deep book that delves into the darkness of the mind of mankind. It keeps you wanting to keep reading.

Excellent read. I love this author's way with the phrases, the structuring, of this book. Lots of unexpected, lots of twists and turns. Sorry it was over.

Just imagine it. It's the middle of the night, the house is all quiet with everyone asleep in bed and there is a knock at the door. Standing there are police officers with a young girl. A young girl whose father is the father of your own child, a young girl you knew nothing about.

What's more you are now expected to take care of this young girl. What could possibly go wrong? I was totally blown away by this fantastic psychological thriller from Mel McGrath. I love a good psychological thriller so I'm always on the look out for a new author to try. The author's writing drew me in, I was total immersed in Cat's world. I wanted to devour the book but savour it at the same time. The more I read, the more I questioned the reliability of Cat. You'd expect a child psychologist to be a reasonably reliable narrator. But as her world starts to come crashing down around her and give the fact she suffered mentally whilst pregnant to the extent that she had to be placed into care for her own safety, I began to wonder. There are two children who really haunted me as I read this. Joshua is a chilling child, I actually felt a tightening of my chest as I read certain sections about him. It is quite upsetting as a mother to think that there are children, not just people under the age of 18 but children at primary school who can be diagnosed with such extreme personalities. And then there is Ruby, the young girl who is airdropped into Cat's life without any warning. She's a dark child is she hiding something, is she someone not to be trusted? I really did not know what to make of her. The extent of the darkness of these two children can only be found by reading right to the end. I found the cover to this novel very intriguing at first, such a simple image of an escalator which makes perfect sense as the story builds to its climax. I highly recommend this psychological thriller if you like them dark

and gripping! Many thanks to HQ and Netgalley for my advanced copy of Give Me the Child.

I'm looking forward to what Mel McGrath has to offer next!

Impossible to put down, and terrifyingly plausible. "Give Me the Child" is an absolute must read, but only with the lights on.

This novel was a fast-paced psycho-thriller with children at its core. The protagonist was well-developed. I was also impressed with the author's writing style.

This well-written book was a great escape. I read the whole book in one day. Enjoyed it!

Actually 4.5 stars. Ooo, I do love a dysfunctional family... and we have it here, and then some. There are secrets, lies, and duplicitous behaviour aplenty in this chilling psychological thriller. Cat Lupo is a child psychologist, she is married to Tom and they have one child, Freya. She really wants another but is wary as her first pregnancy was wracked with psychoses. Then, in the middle of the night there is a knock on the door and, upon opening, Cat is shocked to find the police and a small child, Ruby. Apparently, Ruby's mother has died and, as she is Tom's daughter the burden of responsibility for her falls on him!. Woah, back the truck up... Tom is Ruby's father. Well, this is news to everyone but, they take her in. To say she is a little different would be an understatement,. Not just cos of her council estate upbringing and her poor background, more that she starts to display some strange behaviour. Mostly only visible to Cat who already has her own psychological crosses to bear. Obviously. for this genre anyway, no one really believes her so she has to take it upon herself to find out the truth whilst trying to protect her other child. Although a wee bit formulaic, this book held my attention nicely throughout and left me satisfied at the end. I say formulaic in the sense of the whole "main character knowing something but not being believed by anyone else and having to go it alone" storyline that has become so popular these days. That's not to say that the rest of the story around that main premise is also old hat. In fact, for me anyway, the opposite is true with respect to originality so I guess the two balanced out for me on the whole. Although I didn't really warm to Cat completely, I could very easily empathise with her for what she was going through. Shock after shock, disruption to her life that was, mostly, ticking along quite nicely on the face of it. Or so she thought! The plot was quite chilling and at times a wee bit hard to read, it did somewhat tug at the old emotions as the layers of duplicity were peeled back to expose the bare wires of the shocking truth. One thing I did like was the ending. I can't (won't) give anything away but

I thought it was quite a fitting conclusion to all the shenanigans that had gone before. My thanks go to the Publisher and Netgalley for the chance to read this book.

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