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Don't Go



Synopsis

From the New York Times best-selling author of *Come Home* comes a riveting thriller about one man's search for his wife's killer. When Dr. Mike Scanlon is called to serve as an army doctor in Afghanistan, he's acutely aware of the dangers he'll face and the hardships it will bring his wife, Chloe, and their newborn baby. And deep inside, he doesn't think of himself as a hero, but a healer. However, in an ironic turn of events, as Mike operates on a wounded soldier in a war-torn country, Chloe dies at home in the suburbs, in an apparently freak household accident. Devastated, he returns home to bury her, only to discover that the life he left behind has fallen apart. He's a stranger to his baby girl, and his medical practice has downsized in his absence. Worse, he learns a shocking secret that sends him into a downward spiral. Grief-stricken, Mike makes decisions upon returning to Afghanistan which will change his life forever. It's not until he comes home for good that he grasps the gravity of his actions, and realizes he must fight the most important battle of his life, to reclaim his life and his daughter. Along the way, he discovers that everything is not as it seems, and he learns ugly truths about those he loves the most, as well as the true meaning of heroism.

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Customer Reviews

The first chapter will definitely grab you. A woman is bleeding out and dying on her kitchen floor. She struggles to get to the front door by pulling herself along. Someone unknown enters the home, sees her, and leaves. The rest of the story is told from the point of view of her husband, Mike. He is a surgical podiatrist finishing his tour of duty in Afghanistan but will later rejoin for another year.

Danielle, Chloe's sister, and her husband have taken care of the baby since Chloe's death and appear to be supportive. But Mike is always being told what to do or not do concerning his baby daughter. But everything is good or is it? The police report and the autopsy report provide information that requires more investigation. When Mike looks over the post mortem results, he discovers that his wife was pregnant with another man's child. Dr. Mike's life just seems to go from bad to worse. His wife is dead, pregnant and is possibly a closet alcoholic. His baby screams bloody murder every time she sees him. His practice has been converted into a different practice. How much worse can it get? This book had a good air of mystery to it as Mike tried to find out who his wife was having an affair with. What I didn't like about this book was starting at one point and then switching gears to a totally different point only to go back to the first point. It made the story feel disjointed to me. I felt it should have been either a story about a man losing his wife or a war story. The two together just didn't mesh in my opinion. Thus I will give it only 4 stars

When Dr. Mike Scanlon is called to serve as an army doctor in Afghanistan, he's acutely aware of the dangers he'll face and the hardships it will cause his wife Chloe and newborn baby. And deep inside, he doesn't think of himself as a warrior, but a healer. However, in an ironic turn of events, as Mike operates on a wounded soldier in a war-torn country, Chloe dies at home in the suburbs, in an apparent household accident. In the beginning moments of *Don't Go*, we watch Chloe struggling to crawl across the room, aware that she is bleeding out from an accidental self-inflicted stab wound. Just when she is almost at the door, it opens. And then someone closes the door and walks away. Fast forward to Afghanistan, where Dr. Mike has received the news of his wife's death. In the following week, he returns home, attends his wife's funeral, and realizes that his daughter Emily does not know him. In fact, she cries and throws fits whenever he comes near her. Back and forth between the home and the war front, Mike battles for what matters most to him. His wife's sister Danielle and her husband Bob, a lawyer, take temporary custody of Emily when Mike returns to the battle. But after he is finally discharged, with an amputated arm lost in battle, he is stunned at what happens next. Why do Bob and Danielle take drastic actions to keep Emily from Mike? How does the murder of Chloe's best friend Sara figure into the plot and turn Mike onto an obsessive path that could ultimately be to his detriment? It was easy to find characters to hate in this story. Both Bob and Danielle were annoying beyond belief, in my opinion. Pompous and self-righteous... I wondered if there was more going on with them. And behind every suburban door, something ominous seemed to lurk. How would Mike finally solve the mysteries and unearth all the secrets? In the end, I thought the story wrapped up too tidily... but by then, I really wanted all the answers. And because I couldn't

stop rapidly turning pages, this one earned five stars from me.

A gripping story from start to finish. I felt so much sorrow as the story unfolded from sad revelation to sadder revelation. How much our men and women serving in the military must endure as do their loved ones left behind! This seemed almost biographical, as if the author had experienced what the protagonist did. How does one choose to leave a little baby behind, even though in loving care? How does one recover from a life threatening injury? How does one overcome the knowledge that the one he loved most had behaved uncharacteristically in his absence? He persevered in resolving a mystery that was consuming him with hope as the end result. For those who enjoy reading a story about a family that could be your neighbors or your own, this is one book that is difficult to put down until the last page is turned.

I loved this book. I say that because I couldn't put it down. I needed to know what happened. I think the author did an excellent job of developing the characters. I have to admit that I thought that I could predict where the story was going several times and several times I was wrong. There are unlikeable characters but I think that's what keeps it fresh. It's a story of tragedy, intrigue, sacrifice and human frailty as well as the strength and importance of family. I don't want to ruin the story for anyone! The only thing that I felt slowed the story down were all of the military abbreviations and explanations of what they mean. I'm sure the author wanted to be as accurate as possible in representing the conditions of war however it was distracting for me. I would highly recommend this book!

It started out as a good suspense novel. As it progressed I couldn't believe how many bad things could possibly happen in one story!?!@% Is this the way stories are going now? Disappointing.

I really did not care for this book. I want to care about my characters. As this book went on, I began to dislike the main character. I thought he did stupid things which were really out of character for a doctor and therefore book became unbelievable. I finished it just to finish it. Not one of her better books.

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