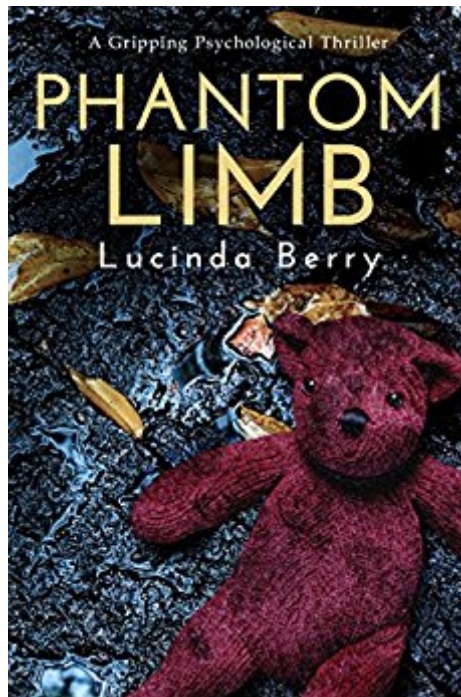




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Synopsis

Emily and Elizabeth spend their childhood locked in a bedroom and terrorized by a mother who drinks too much and disappears for days. The identical twins are rescued by a family determined to be their saviors. But there's some horrors love can't erase. Elizabeth wakes in a hospital, strapped to her bed and unable to move or speak. The last thing she remembers is finding Emily's body in their bathroom. Days before, she was falling in love and starting college. Now, she's surrounded by men who talk to themselves and women who pull out their eyebrows. As she delves deeper into the mystery surrounding Emily's death, she discovers shocking secrets and holes in her memory that force her to remember what she's worked so hard to forget—the beatings, the blood, the special friends. Her life spins out of control at a terrifying speed as she desperately tries to unravel the psychological puzzle of her past before it's too late. This is a new release of an edition originally published by Rise Press.

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Customer Reviews

Psychological? Yes. Thriller? Not really. Not to say it isn't a good book, but I wouldn't put it in the

thriller category. It's a pretty brutal look at what happens to a person when they suffer extreme trauma at an early age (parental neglect, starvation, sexual abuse). Elizabeth is in a psychiatric facility after she tries to kill herself after her twin sister's death, and she has to come to grips with her history regain her memory of what happened to her sister. To give too many details would be to ruin the book, so I don't want to go into too much detail. The only negative I found in the book was Thomas, his character wasn't fleshed out enough. Elizabeth claims to be in love with him, but they didn't seem to have much of a relationship. Add to the fact that he was in college to become a youth pastor, and Elizabeth didn't even believe in God and they didn't make much sense. I'd be shocked if any church would hire a pastor whose spouse was an atheist.

This book is really a psychological drama involving the treatment of a woman diagnosed with dissociative personality disorder, with large chunks of narrative devoted to discussing the dysfunctional and abusive early childhood she shared with her twin sister. It is not a thriller in that the story does not generate any sustained level of excitement or anxiety about what is going to happen next, though it does engage the reader's interest in monitoring the woman's recovery - and it does provide two very unexpected "twists" near the end (although one of them, if you really analyze it, isn't as plausible as it might appear); the final one, which actually represents the story's "resolution", is satisfyingly not a resolution at all. This book is actually the 2nd novel I've read by this author - and both have been excellent psychological dramas, misleadingly, I think, promoted as thrillers. Also present in both books, although in much more muted tones, have been several religious references in which it has appeared to me that the author is structuring an unstated debate about the existence of God. I mention this only to "warn off" any readers, whose religious beliefs might be offended by narrative that seems to "come out" on the side that questions organized religion (s).

I thought I had this story figured out a few times and the end was not at all what I expected. Very good read. Can't wait for more by this author.

Although I thoroughly enjoyed this psychological thriller, about halfway through I figured out where it was going. To me the ending was rushed, I would have liked a different conclusion to the story.

This was a good read. Then I borrowed *Appetite for Innocence* and I wish I had bought it. That book was great! Lucinda Berry keeps you turning the page. I read *Appetite for Innocence* in 2 days.

Good book, twist and turns...

Totally a book worth reading, especially if you like lots of twists and turns, never expected THAT ending!!!

I really enjoyed reading this book. Never got to a point where I wanted to put it down. Life is filled with tragedies like this and really some people should not have kids or pets. Point in case

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