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Editorial Review

Review

“It’s every mother’s nightmare: the disappearance of a child. But in *The Daughter*, what appears to be a simple abduction soon turns into something far more complex and baffling. Jane Shemilt builds layer upon layer of tension in a thriller you won’t be able to put down.” (Tess Gerritsen, bestselling author of *Last to Die*)

“Shemilt injects a great deal of suspense into her narrative in both time frames, even as her fluid prose eloquently captures a mother’s grief and painful journey to self-awareness.” (Booklist)

“Jenny is a strong believable character...[her] journey is a memorable one.” (Publishers Weekly)

From the Back Cover

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Jenny knows she'll never be able to find Naomi unless she uncovers the whole truth about her daughter—a twisting, painful journey into the past that will lead to an almost unthinkable revelation. . . .

About the Author

While working full time as a physician, Jane Shemilt received an M.A. in creative writing. She was shortlisted for the Janklow and Nesbit award and the Lucy Cavendish Fiction Prize for *The Daughter*, her first novel. She and her husband, a professor of neurosurgery, have five children and live in Bristol, England.

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