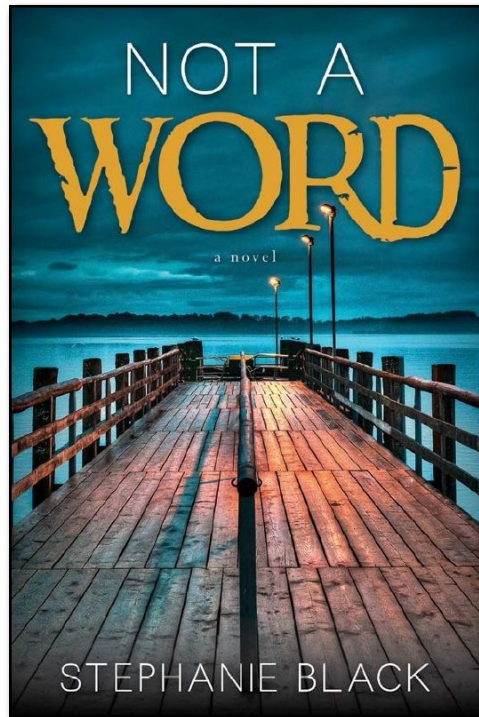


Book Talk: *Not a Word* by Stephanie Black

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Publisher/year: *Not a word* was published in 2016 by Covenant Communications

Genres: Young adult, fiction, mystery

Other Books From Author: *Sentence Conjugations* (2002), *The Believer* (2005), *Fool me twice* (2008), *Methods of madness* (2009), *Cold as ice* (2010), *Rear View mirror* (2011), *Shadow a Novel* (2012), *The witness* (2013), *A timeless Romance Autumn* (2013), *Twisted Fate* (2014), *Player for a fool* (2015).

Book Summary:

Natalie is a psychologist, meaning that she is a pro at keeping secrets, she helps people to hide their pain and to overcome it, but deep down below she is hiding her own pain of losing her mother, who disinherited her after Natalie tried to help her. Soon she finds herself solving a murder that includes many of her clients.

Her best friend Camille thinks that she is being stacked, and Lacey is the one that is scaring her out of her mind. First it was one murder of her childhood neighbor, then it is her friend Camille's husband, and then Camille. Nat doesn't know where to turn her childhood neighbor thinks that Nate killed her Husband, and her step son, Gideon, is the one who believes Nat and strives to help her to

find the truth. Before time run out. It turns out this was all about money and Nats sister knew who the killer was the entire time, and instead of help she chose to send Nat on vacation. When Skyler, Nats co worker, friend, and late mothers phycologist, comes to Nats house to drug her and intend to killer. Nat puts the entire story together. He killed everyone, just for money. The money that belongs to Nat that her sister tried to hide, after there mother died. At this point Nat can feel her body shutting down, she sees the soap bars that her mother had given her for her birthday one year, and carves where Skyler is going to kill her into them, in hopes that Gideon will find them knowing that they were something so important to her. When Skyler brings Nat to the lake, she can barely keep her eyes open, and then he dumps her just like that, with the sisters lies everyone would just think that it was a suicide, but just when times about to run out time jumps in and saves Nat with the help of the police. Everything ends well, and true love meets, friendships are forged, and burdens are lifted. With any happy ending you can assume that they lived happily ever after, even with the heartache that might forever remain in there hearts.

What I thought:

I thought that it was an amazing book. The author switches in between characters so you can get so many different perspectives. The book jumps a lot throwing new thing at you with each pages that you turn, so there is a new piece of the mystery that builds with every minute that you read. I really love how the story line goes because you can follow it and try to solve the mystery but then it ends up being someone that was there throughout the entire thing, that you didn't even suspect.

My Rating:

Definitely a 10 out of 10. The book was amazing, and very engaging, but it kept you on your toes with what would come next.

Who would I recommend this book to?

I would recommend this book to younger adults, maybe someone a little older than me, not just because of the book, but because of how confusing it is, I believe that it will be a little easier to read if you were older. If you love to read mysteries, but have a little fire and a little romance in them, then this is a perfect book for you.

My Final Thought:

Not a word was one of the most interesting book that I've ever read. It keeps you on your toes switching between characters to keep the story interesting, it really

presents a little bit about the real world, and what we really deal with in life, with
just a little twist on it.