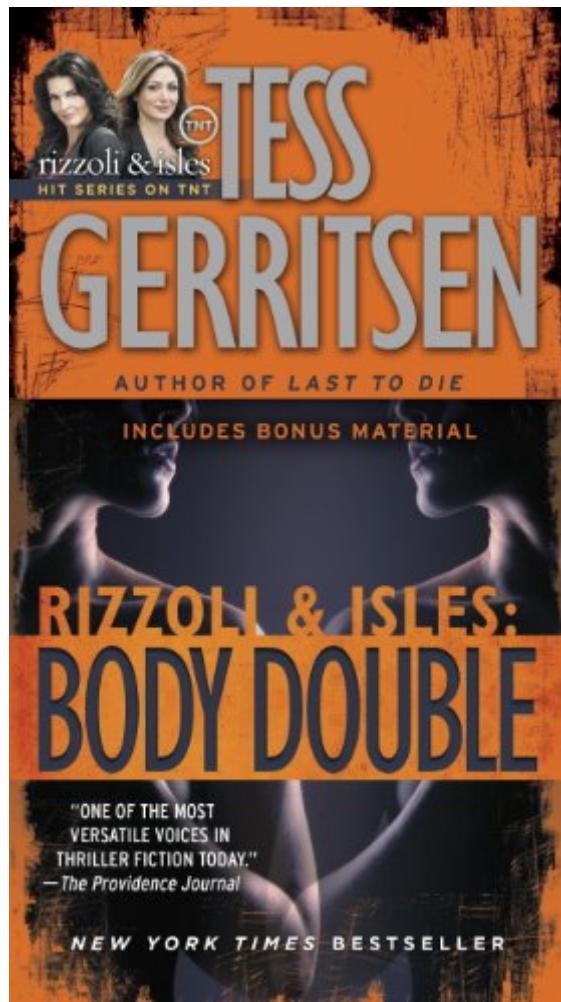


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Synopsis

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This ebook edition contains a special preview of Tess Gerritsen's *I Know a Secret*.  Crime writing at its unputdownable, nerve-tingling best. Harlan Coben Boston medical examiner Dr. Maura Isles is shocked to discover that the murdered woman looks exactly like her. For Maura, an only child, a DNA test confirms the startling fact: the mysterious doppelgänger is in fact her twin sister. Now an already bizarre homicide investigation becomes a disturbing excursion into a past full of dark secrets and twisted truths. It is a journey that leads Maura to the mother she never knew an icy and cunning woman who gave Maura life . . . and who just might have a plan to take it away. Praise for Tess Gerritsen and *Body Double*  "One of the most versatile voices in thriller fiction today." The Providence Journal "Masterful . . . Gerritsen rises to her best yet." Kirkus Reviews (starred review)  "The story zips along." Entertainment Weekly  "Chilling suspense . . . leaves the reader breathless." The Philadelphia Inquirer

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Customer Reviews

Dr. Maura Isles returns home from a conference in France to find the police at her house and a dead body in a car parked in front. Not only that, the dead person looks exactly like her! Thus begins not only a case to find the murderer, but also one where we find out more about Dr. Isles' past. In this book, we tend to learn more about Dr. Isles than Detective Rizzoli--who is 8 months pregnant. Well-written and suspenseful with a great twist or two.

Trigger warning for pregnant women. Compelling. Stand-alone that is easy to follow but difficult to read due to emotional impacts. No drag-you-down drama. Some scenes are graphic. Storyline has several twists to keep the reader guessing. There are two separate scenes at the end of the story, one is sad and the other humorous. Believable characters with distinct personalities.

Thought-provoking dialogue. 'Hopeless causes might be seductive, but they seldom brought you happiness.' I may re-read this story and always look forward to works by this author.

I didn't guess exactly whodunit, but I was in the ballpark. The denouement/climax was done pretty well. No cliffhanger, no funny stuff, for which I am always very grateful. For some reason I couldn't really care much about the main characters. The plot is complicated enough and there are some red herrings that were well done, although parts seem contrived to me. But I'm not so sure I will continue reading the series. This was #4, I think.

This is a good, solid mystery with one surprising twist that raises the bar for mystery series books. Readers unfamiliar with the BOOKS as opposed to the TV show will be confused by the major differences between the TV incarnations and the Tess Gerritsen novels. This time Dr. Isles is in jeopardy as the secrets of her birth family come to light.

This was the first book I read by this author and it was interesting, but the TV portrayals of Rizzoli and Isles were far better. Who can imagine Jane Rizzoli married and 8 months pregnant and Maura Isles with dark hair from a heritage that doesn't even come close to her TV mom. Maybe if I never saw the TV Series (and I was a devoted fan) I would have a different opinion, but this is one book where the TV programs were much better.

Gerritsen can write, and can build suspense. But she is careless, too much that should have been part of police routine isn't done. And she reduces too much to cliche and pithy sounding but ridiculous soundbites. She's created some great characters but fails them.

So the fourth installment of the Rizzoli and Isles novel series (I enjoyed the first three books so much I have gotten the whole series!). *Body Double* is fairly mellow - not a heart-thumping-edge of-your-seat thriller but fairly paced one that kept me interested and turning the page. Maura Isles is mostly central for this story plot in which she discovers she has a twin sister (who unfortunately is found dead in the beginning of the story) which sets her off on a personal journey to discover her roots, her romantic storyline develops a bit more from the third book as well but it is Rizzoli who is the key bringing everything together for a thrilling conclusion. Maura's discovery of having a twin is the trigger for her to find out who her birth mother was and potentially if she has any biological family. Rizzoli is investigating the murder of Maura's twin and through some twists and turns, she realizes that there may be a link between Maura's personal investigation, her own and the fact that there is a moving line of disappearing pregnant women. Again another good read from Tess Gerritsen and totally recommended!

Nothing prepares the reader for the twisting, suspenseful and Terrifying ride to the conclusion of this novel! Monsters are among us and we may never see them coming! We must remember to keep our guard up and our doors locked!

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