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When they were children, Megan Copeland adored her younger sister Chloe. Now she can't bear to be in the same room as her.

Megan believes Chloe to be a psychopath. After all, her sister's a textbook case: cold, cruel and lacking in empathy. Chloe loves to taunt Megan at every opportunity, as well as manipulating their mentally ill mother, Tilly.

When Tilly, under Chloe's malignant influence, becomes dangerously unstable, the consequences turn ugly for everyone. Megan's world falls apart, allowing long-buried truths to rise to the surface. Her sister's out of control, it seems, and there's little she can do about it. Until Chloe's actions threaten the safety of Megan's former lover. A man from whom she has withheld an important secret...

A study of sibling rivalry and dysfunctional relationships, *Sister, Psychopath* tells the story of one woman's struggle to survive the damage inflicted by her sociopathic sister.

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Noelle says

I was given this book by Maxine at Booklover Catlady Publicity in exchange for an honest review.

I had to say I was torn in terms of my rating of this book. I was stuck between a 3?? and a 4?? review rating and had to “sleep on it” before posting my review. So I came to a happy medium with my 3.5 ?? rating as I enjoyed the book, thought it was a good read....but it just fell short of a four star read in my opinion.

Although the book is filled with various characters there are 5 main characters that stand out: Megan, Chloe, Tilly, Toby and James. Each of these characters were well developed and certainly play a pivotal role in the plot of this story.

What I liked about this book was the perspectives each chapter took in telling the story. It was not just the one character, but instead...the views of those named above represented a bit of the story and it was introduced so that it ran very smoothly rather than chopping and changing so you lose the plot all together. I also thought the characters were brilliantly formulated. You learn a lot about the key players without boring you to death.

What I was not so keen on was the predictability. I pretty much knew what was going to happen when “twists” appeared. There was nothing too shocking and that disappointed me somewhat as the title and synopsis of this book was great — maybe I was just expecting too much.

Regardless, this is a good book and a good read so I would encourage readers to take the chance and check it out. After all, this review is only my opinion!

I will, however, be checking out what other books Maggie James has written as despite not being hooked to the point I could not put this book down...I still had to keep reading and that says something!!

Sarah says

Megan is someone I couldn't help but feel sorry for. She is very much cast in a shadow from her sister Chloe's presence. Even though you know their mother loves them both, Tilly seems to favour Chloe, whether this is because she's the youngest or as she is very controlling, to start with it's hard to tell.

Chloe I took an instant dislike to. She is very selfish and she will stop at nothing to get what she wants. She isn't interested in peoples feelings and doesn't mind stepping on anyone who gets in her way. There is definitely no wonder why Megan is wary of her as well as dislikes her.

It's hard to say too much about this story without going into the relationships between the characters of which I think would spoil it somewhat for people who haven't yet had the chance to read it. It is one that definitely the less you know about it before hand, the better!

Sister, Psychopath is a tense read that will mess with your head. Gripped from the off, this was a page turner that I couldn't put down. A must read for fans of psychological thrillers.

Linda Strong says

First there's Tilly, the mom, just a hair's breadth from being schizophrenic. Her two daughters Chloe and Megan. Although the oldest, Megan has always been manipulated and demeaned by her younger sister the mom's favorite child. Chloe will do anything to get what she wants, when she wants, and no one had better get in her way. She is the classic vindictive witch.

Mom and Chloe both have their eyes on James, Mom's boss, although for different reasons. Unfortunately for them, after two failed marriages, he is having a mid-life crisis and questioning his entire life. Toby, Megan's long time friend, much to her sorrow, is also watching James.

When Chloe becomes dangerously unstable because of James' lack of interest in her, everyone around her starts feeling the consequences.

There is never a dull moment in this book. Secrets and lies are exposed one right after the other... each one seemingly worse than the last. The characters are finely drawn. The tension starts on page 1 and is relentless until the very last page. And what an ending it is!

It's a very engaging story, but not what I would consider a mystery/thriller in the traditional sense. This is Megan's story how to survive all the damage inflicted by Chloe, her sociopathic sister.

Many thanks to the author and her publicist for making this available to read in exchange for an honest and unbiased review.

Britney says

I was so excited to read this book after reading Ms. James 2 others books but I just couldn't finish this one.

Chloe annoyed right from the beginning. She's self centered, sex crazed adult but acts like a teenager. All she wanted to do was bed a man so that she could use their money to buy things. She refused to get a job. But her mother is part of the problem by always drinking.

I really wanted to like this book but between the immature character of Chloe and all the book talked about was sex or had sexual innuendos. It was just not my cup of tea.

I received this book for an honest review.

Stefanie says

Rating 4 Stars

I have to say, I really enjoyed this book!

I came across Maggie James and Sister Psychopath some six months ago while browsing Goodreads. The blurb pulled me in immediately so I went in search of a copy. At the time an Ebook wasn't available in

Amazon nor was the hard copy available in the States. I was so disappointed! Then recently, my goodreads friend Maxine had this book on offer to read an review for her publicity company. I was so excited. Overall, this one did not disappoint.

Sister Psychopath is the story of 5 people who lives are irrevocably enmeshed. The five include sisters Chloe and Meghan, their mother Tilly, and two men Toby (friend of Meghan, ex-boyfriend of Chloe), and James (Tilly's Boss).

Each chapter is told through the eyes of one of these 5 characters. Some may find the writing somewhat repetitive, as two characters may discuss the same series of events, but I loved this style of writing. I love when an author allows you to see the same event through the eyes of more than one character.

The drama that unfolds between the five is afternoon Soap Opera material!! Days of our Lives comes to mind immediately (a Soap Opera in the U.S.)

I found myself picking this book up at every opportunity. It isn't filled with cliff hangers at the end of each chapter or a lot of heart stopping moments but nonetheless, I couldn't get enough of the drama unfolding before my eyes!

James has a way of sneaking in a shocking event when you least expect it. Giving you that "Wham!!" feeling, forcing me to reread the revealing sentence a few times to make sure I was getting it right.

As you can see I enjoyed this book a lot. I would definitely recommend this to readers of thriller and suspense novels (Or anyone who likes a good soap opera or a primetime Lifetime Movie)

Much Thanks to Booklover Catlady Publicity and Maggie James for the opportunity to read and review this novel.

Mark Tilbury says

Chloe is a self-absorbed, vain young woman who sets her sights on things and people she can't have. Her family all have problems that Chloe can exploit and manipulate to try and get what she wants.

I enjoyed the story and the great mix of characters and the plot kept me guessing throughout. The author does a fantastic job of creating personalities that a reader can really be interested in and wonder how they got to where they are. In this case Chloe and her narcissism are dark and twisted and I'm glad I don't know anyone like her in real life – at least I hope I don't!

Great psychological suspense from Maggie James. A recommended read.

Dawn says

Wow! Talk about a psychological thriller! There is a great deal to keep up with in this book with all the twists and turns, but vivid characters and the wonderful way the story is woven together makes it easy. Every time I thought I knew what was going on or about to happen, I was wrong! This was a delightful read and I thoroughly recommend it!

Maxine (Booklover Catlady) says

I have been a fan and loud supporter of Maggie James and her psychological thrillers for a long time now. I was thrilled to finally get around to reading this book knowing Maggie always delivered a good reading experience!

Do you like your characters dysfunctional? Look no further..this book is full of them. If you were a sideline Psychologist you can be doing your own diagnosis along the ways of personality disorders at work. It makes for quite intriguing reading. Who wants a boring book character anyway? Not me.

Take two sisters, throw in a lot of complex issues then stir in a few more characters that spark with elements of abnormality sprinkled by an intense plot that may surprise you where it takes you and you have Sister, Psychopath. A recipe for reading fun. I don't recommend you try to take this book too seriously, you may miss the enjoyment aspect of it altogether.

It took me by surprise some of the plot twists and directions, some I did see coming but not all and Maggie left me in the dark more than once with where things were going to end up. This is one of those reads where even when I didn't like where the plot went or what a certain character did I had to keep reading regardless, respecting that it was not up to me anyway.

I loved some characters and disliked others, but that happens with a lot of books and I think the audience will be divided with who they like/dislike in this book. I love flawed characters with plenty of imperfections and you get that here for sure! The book moves a good pace too.

Maggie writes with a lot of punch and I enjoyed the book like I have her others. This one gets 3.5-4.0 stars from me.

Many thanks to Maggie for a copy of her novel to read in exchange for a fair and honest review.

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Lisa says

When they were children Megan Copeland adored her younger sister Chloe now she cannot stand her even being in the same room is hard.

Megan believes Chloe is a psychopath she has all the traits she is cruel & always taunts Megan their Mother Tilly believes Chloe is the be all & end all & treats Chloe as her favourite. Tilly is a schizophrenic when Tilly becomes under Chloe's Evil ways becomes dangerously unstable .

The consequences turn for everyone Megan's world turns upside down allowing secrets to rise to the surface.

I must say i wasn't that impressed with this book i found the characters so full of themselves & totally out of control too dysfunctional.

Christine says

I would like to thank Ms. Maggie James and Maxine of Booklover Catlady Publicity for gifting me an ARC of this novel in exchange for an unbiased review.

Wow, what a ride! For being only the author's second novel, this book is very well done. In a tiny nutshell it is about the intricate interactions amongst a couple of sisters Chloe and Megan, their mom Tilly, and a couple of guys named James (my favorite) and Toby. Be warned that this tale contains a boatload of dark drama, nasty deception, and downright mean-spiritedness. And the psychological pathology we see is a psychiatrist's dream!

Ms. James' writing impresses me in several ways. The character development, especially of the two sisters and James, is superb. The author rotates the POV of four characters by chapters, which provides good knowledge of who is thinking what and why about each situation. Furthermore, Ms. James sets up the storyline in such a way that all the main characters are intricately interwoven, leading to a multitude of plot possibilities. You just know something really dreadful is going to happen, but what? And by whom? And who will the victim(s) be? Anybody's guess! I read this book with a clever book buddy, and we had all sorts of theories regarding the answers to these questions. And we were wrong, dead wrong. Just the way we like it.

I also appreciate the way Ms. James nonchalantly lays out clues here and there. It was a good thing I was taking notes so I could keep track of any passages that seemed to holding clues. They are there if you are a good enough detective to follow them. Another terrific technique in the author's bag of tricks is her penchant for tossing bombshells right in the middle of a chapter with no warning whatsoever. Talk about sneak attacks. These delighted me.

The only criticism I have is that there is a lot of repetition going on as each character's "side of the story" is explored. Also some might object to the length of time it took for the setup, but frankly, I enjoyed reading about every one of these characters. And boy, was the investment in the setup worth it in the end.

A couple of nonspoilery observations about the end. I thought the story was wrapping up at around the 70% mark, but there was still 30% to go, and go it did. At 90% I wondered how Ms. James was going to fill in the last 10% and that turned out to be the best part of the book. For you fans of nonabrupt endings, this one's for you. Ms. James tied up every little loose end in a jaw-dropping slow leisurely wrapup.

Kudos, Ms. James! Despite this being only your second book, you are already a pro and have stepped up

onto my favorite authors' perch along with a few select others. I plan to read your other 3 novels and have one of them and your novella on my Kindle ready to go. I highly recommend Sister, Psychopath to all readers who love dark psychological thrillers and character-driven novels.

Oh, and one last warning—keep an eye out for those psychopaths out there.

Books n All Jill Burkinshaw says

Sometimes you read a book and it doesn't quite hit the mark but then you read it again for whatever reason and love it. That was the case with Sister Psychopath although Maggie has re-edited it so maybe that is why. Whatever the reason I am very glad I have had the opportunity to re-read this book.

The story is a case of sibling rivalry with a very big twist. Megan is a very loveable and compassionate character who develops well through the course of the book. She has had a rough journey through life. Her mother is mentally unstable and Megan ignores the abuse she receives from her sister as she visits regularly to make sure her mother is okay. Chloe is the complete opposite of Megan. Her character also develops gradually into a nasty manipulative piece of work.

There are a lot of different aspects to this book, infatuation, romance, jealousy. It covers many issues associated with Mental Health.

If I had been asked several years ago how realistic I thought Chloe was I would have said that no one person could be that bad. Unfortunately I now know that evil people really do exist and the Chloe's of this world plough their way through peoples lives leaving havoc and devastation in their wake not unlike a hurricane.

The book moves along at a steady pace I was pretty sure I knew the outcome but at some point while I was reading something changed and the book turned into a roller coaster ride full of twists and turns with a complete shocker at the end. It was a riveting, thought provoking read and well worth the 5 stars.

Donna Maguire says

<https://donnasbookblog.wordpress.com/...>

I have been a big fan of Maggie's books for some time now and they are always well written good psychological thriller and this one, Sister, Psychopath is no exception – I do love a good sociopath in my books!

For those that have read a previous version of the book, this one has been re-edited so it might be worth getting your hands on this new version as Maggie has made quite a lot of changes (for the better!). For me, this book was a gritty and intense read and the characters work so well together in this book, plenty of twists and turns and an unexpected ending too – 4 stars from me!!

Jan says

3.5 stars

Be warned- this book is dripping with major delusion and dysfunction! There are also a lot of plot lines that are completely far-fetched and questionably believable. But with all that said, if you allow yourself to **embrace the crazy**, you are going to really enjoy this book... It's one messed up, shake your head, feel better about your life experience!!

The story is told through the voices of 5 characters:

- 1) Megan: blends into the crowd, never causes a fuss, steady-eddy, reliable Megan. Sister to Chloe, daughter to Tilly.
- 2) Chloe: bombshell beauty, narcissist, manipulative and mean spirited. Uses and then discards. Sister to Megan, daughter to Tilly.
- 3) Tilly: Mother of Megan and Chloe, just turned 50 and hanging tenuously to her life with the help of meds to ward off Schizophrenia and bi-polar depression.
- 4) Toby: Good friend and past one night stand of Megan, past boyfriend of Chloe. Big time player going through a bit of an identity crisis.
- 5) James: Tilly's boss. 50, handsome, rich and married. Fighting an identity crisis of his own that he's been fighting most all of his life.

What happens between these 5 is nothing short of a Lifetime movie on steroids. Obsession, jealousy, betrayal, lies, manipulation and sexual promiscuity. You have to read it to believe it!

While I did have some issues with the writing style (The aforementioned unrealistic elements and there were some chapters that were repetitive) I was also extremely impressed with how the author was able to weave the lives of these 5 people so intricately. She also has a wonderful way of introducing a twist or big reveal....she just hits you upside the head with it! I'm looking forward to reading more from this author as its wildly apparent she knows how to weave a twisted tale.

My thanks to Booklover Catlady Publicity for the ARC in exchange for an honest review.

J. Kahele says

First off, I have to get this out quickly. Chloe is one crazy ass bitch. She is vindictive, overbearing, degrading to her older sister Megan (who is a little touched in the head too) and just one of those girls that you would love to grab by the neck and shake the daylights out of her. But what do you expect when their mother Tilly is two short of a six pack?

Chloe becomes interested in her mothers boss James and when he shows no interest in her, all hell breaks loose and everyone around her pays dearly.

I have never read about such a crazy family in my life. Sure all family's have secrets, have their moments, but nothing compared to these women.

What a good read!

sue says

I was looking forward to getting to read this book for several reasons.

1. I like the author
2. I have read one of her other books and enjoyed it.
3. She lives near me and its based around places and my hometown which I am familiar with.
4. It has a **great** blurb which took my attention.

I wasn't wrong on any of these counts.

For you who follow my reviews will know that I do write honest and as tactfully as I can when something just wasn't 'there' just something that was missing for me personally.

The "only" thing was that it was so slow in the beginning.

Once it captured my attention I was a 'green' for 'go' and just stayed with this book last night until I finished it.

Megan and Chloe were half sisters. When they were small Megan adored Chloe however, that changed, that changed drastically as they grew up.

Chloe made some really horrible remarks to Megan which I would have slapped her for. I thought Megan was very calm in some aspects towards her sister.

There is a man involved in this tale. Its a good weave.

James Matthews is a wealthy businessman. Megan and Chloe's mother works for him and has an infatuation for James. Whilst Chloe also is wanted to reel him into her wicked web.....gold digger!

Their Mother has a psychiatric illness which makes her act, shall we say...not sensible at times.

James is married.

James likes Tucker.

Megan is close to Tucker.

Chloe wants James.

Their mother wants James.

There are wicked sociopathic inroads in this story that lead us to how dangerous Chloe is. There are family dysfunctional epics, there are sister rivalry, there are conflicting love interests, there are questionable sexuality issues and acceptance.

But there is **Chloe** and she is one mad chick, she is one deranged female that has a lot going on.

When you get to about 1/2 way through this story you will not be able to stop thinking about it, you will need to sit with this until you see the conclusion.

Its a superbly well thought out plot that yes, it did start off slow for me, but that was OK in the end because it reached its climax. And the climax was breathtakingly good.

My thanks to the author and the authors publicist for allowing me the honor to read and review this book.
