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A phenomenal suspense thriller from Katia Lief, bringing back ex-police detective Karin Schaeffer, who survived the murderous wrath of a fiendish serial killer and now must confront new enemies along with her personal demons in the wake of her husband's unexplained disappearance.

## Next Time You See Me Details

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## From Reader Review Next Time You See Me for online ebook

### **Jane Myers says**

Awful. Badly written. Unconvincing and over complex story.

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### **Debbie bailey says**

rubbish. completely unbelievable storyline. very disappointed as the authors first novel you are next was brill.

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### **Rebekah Roberts says**

So good, a thrilling storyline

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### **Mandy says**

This was a hell of a book and this author is a hell of a writer! She's becoming my new fave. She writes a lot like Wendy Corsi Staub and I so enjoy that! Highly recommend this series... start with the first book as this was the second and I'm starting the third right now :)

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### **Starr Gardinier says**

Another great novel by Katia! I really love her work.

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### **Suspense Magazine says**

Lief does it again. Mac MacLeary leaves the Maplewood police department and takes an executive position at a security company. Karen Schaeffer is Mac's old partner and new wife and they live in New York City with their son Ben. One night, Mac gets the phone call every son fears with an added surprise—his parents, Hugh and Aileen—were found in their home in Bronxville just outside the city dead; murdered. Police say it was a botched home invasion...a blood bath.

After the funeral Mac and Karin's lives change forever. One morning on his way to work, Mac disappears. Things quickly go from bad to worse when Karin befriends a woman named Jasmine who works with her mother. Jasmine decides she wants to spend her birthday in Miami under a palm tree drinking Blue Devils. Karin doesn't want her to spend her birthday alone and surprises her by joining her there.

While waiting for Jasmine's plane to land, Karin can't believe her eyes...if she hadn't known better, she

would swear her husband Mac was walking across the Miami Airport. He doesn't respond to her yelling his name so she immediately wonders if she is hallucinating or if he is indeed alive.

After hiring a P.I., she gets a photograph of him with another woman and immediately thinks the worst. Before long, she is thrown waist deep into a drug cartel, a jealous ex, an illegitimate son and countless, hired, drugged-up lackey's do to the bidding of a bitter woman who wants nothing more than to see Mac and everything he covets, destroyed.

There's a lot that goes on in this story and every twist and turn brings you closer to the brink of madness and the real story behind the murders of the MacLeary's and Mac's "death". An awesome read, but I expect nothing less of Lief.

Reviewed by Terri Ann Armstrong, author of "Morning Menace" and Executive Editor for Suspense Magazine

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### **Best Crime Books & More says**

This book drew my interest with both the title and the cover. It looked intriguing enough and when I read the jacket details it sounded like just my cup of tea. As I normally do before I read an author I have not read before I checked out Katia Lief online. Some people may get confused reading her books and I can see why.

Katia Lief was born Katia Spiegelman and following on from her career in publishing she wrote and released two novels. Shortly after that she used the name Kate Pepper who started writing thrillers of which she wrote 4. Once married (I'm assuming) she moved to her current married name of Katia Lief. It seems (from Katia's website) that she has written 8 stand alone novels, one of which is a young adult novel. In addition to that she has written two books in the Karin Schaeffer series, with a third due for release in 2012.

To add to the already confusing list of things Katia has done, some of her books have different titles both in the US and the UK. Once I had confused myself sufficiently, I figured I should just read the book and see if I liked it.

The book itself was not too big and to be honest I was glad of that. I am getting far too used to reading my nice light Kindle. The story focuses on Karin Schaeffer and we see her and her husband Mac along with their young son Ben leading a reasonably normal life. As both of them have had careers with the police, they are certainly used to the harsh realities of life. However when Mac's parents are murdered, and Mac's brother is taken into custody for the crime, things turn ugly.

Karin and Mac were likeable characters and it doesn't take long for the story to heat up. Pretty soon, Mac disappears and is presumed dead, only Karin is convinced otherwise; she just needs to prove it.

The story was pretty well paced all the way through and there is certainly no shortage of twists and turns as Karin goes all out to find her husband and unravel whatever it is that he's involved in. On the plus side, as the book has a pretty good writing style with short and sharp chapters, it tends to keep your interest. However, although it was an easy enough book to read, it seemed rather hurried and at times a little too easy (if that makes sense).

I think that this is the sort of book that people can read just to pass the time, but there are too many predictable parts to the book that I almost knew what was on the next page. The ending was also pretty hurried which made it feel rather rushed.

I certainly enjoyed the book and it didn't take long to read. However, although I wouldn't turn down another Katia Lief book, I certainly won't be rushing out to buy the next one.

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### **Stephanie O'neill says**

Is this book based on real life events or what? I found it boring and confusing. Karin was just so annoying. A busy body who can't keep her mouth shut. I won't be hurrying to get her next book that's for sure.

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### **Jane Walker says**

Poor stuff. The story lacks shape, as well as credibility. The characters are lifeless. I won't be looking for more os Lief's books.

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### **Bibi says**

BORING

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### **Karmen says**

Plot was too convoluted. Husband's parents are killed. Husband's brother suspected. Husband goes missing and is presumed to have committed suicide when they find his car submerged in the Sound.

Karin on trip to Miami thinks she sees husband at the airport. Hires PI who snaps photo or him with another woman. Woman turns out to head a drug cartel in Mexico. Knew Mac when she met him during his spring break trip to Mexico.

She killed parents as revenge for him leaving her and stealing her money for ticket back to States. She had been pregnant when he left.

But not enough. Then DEA agents are found to be working in league with Ana's rival, one of which works for Karin's mom.

Too much melodrama.

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### **Siobhan says**

Somehow I enjoyed this one both more and at the same time less than I did the first in the series. It's an odd way to feel about a book, and yet such is the case.

In the end the book was just as gripping as the first, yet I had been hoping for more action. When there was action it was great, but as with the first I felt as though the story stopped and started more than was necessary. It was as though our main character couldn't quite convince herself to move forward, waiting for things to happen and being more passive than I would have liked.

As with the first book, however, the crime aspect of the book was thrilling. It was interesting to see the way things played out, the way everything was connected, filled with twists and turns. The criminal aspects of these books are certainly high up on my list of enjoyed crime stories yet the other aspects of the books seem to let me down – hence my love-hate relationship with them. As my four stars show I love them more than I hate them but I still find myself wanting something more from them. Whether it is due to the fact that I'm more accustomed to the bulky crime books I cannot say, but I feel as though these pass too quickly.

Still, despite that, I am in love with the developing story and want to see where everything goes.

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### **Gloria Feit says**

Katia Lief's first book, the thrilling "You Are Next," was published in October of 2010; this novel, a sequel, was published under the title one short month later. Inasmuch as it picks up four years after the end of the first book, everything to follow must be considered a potential spoiler, hence:

#### **SPOILER ALERT**

Karin Schaeffer is still living in Brooklyn, New York, but now she is about to celebrate her second wedding anniversary. Five months pregnant, she had married Mac, after the latter quit the Maplewood, New Jersey police force [as had Karin herself a few years back], moved to Brooklyn where he married Karin and they both started a new life after [barely] surviving the events described in the first book

Karin had been a soldier, a cop and a detective; now a mother and currently taking courses in forensic psychology at John Jay College of Criminal Justice; Mac [nee Seamus MacLeary], a former cop for more than twenty years, has just been promoted to senior vice-president of Forensic Security at the exclusive firm of Quest Security after a scandal involving allegedly altered forensic testimony in a high-profile legal case had resulted in his predecessor in the job being summarily fired. Also present is Billy Staples, the cop who worked with them on the earlier case, now Mac's best friend and still working in Brooklyn's 84th Precinct.

As the tale opens, Mac's parents have been found dead in their home, apparently the victims of a botched home invasion. But a few days later, shortly after the funeral, the police suspect Mac's brother, Danny, who has a history of alcoholism and rootlessness, frequently changing jobs and girlfriends, based on DNA evidence found in the house. In a state of exhaustion, when Mac insists on going to work but trying to exude

enthusiasm on the morning of their anniversary celebration dinner, he promises Karin, with a kiss and a smile, “next time you see me, I’ll be . . . “ when she cuts off his apology with another kiss. Then he disappears.

Two weeks later, with no word from Mac, they are notified that the car that he had apparently rented has been found in Long Island Sound, with no trace of a body. Months go by, with no word from or trace of Mac. Karin is convinced that his disappearance has something to do with his new job, rather than his parents’ murder and Danny’s possible involvement. She is convinced that Mac is still alive, focusing on the fact that no body has been found. She hires a private detective, and discovers things about Mac’s past she never knew of or suspected. As her mother tells her, “we may think we know someone, but there are always surprises,” and as Karin herself thinks, “if you think life is going to turn out the way you plan it, you’re a fool.”

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### **Jody says**

Just when she thought she'd put her horrific past behind her, Karin Schaeffer is once again thrust on to the scene of a grisly murder that puts the family she just created in jeopardy. In this sequel to You Are Next, Karin appears to have everything, a new husband and baby and college career that she loves. The nightmares from the serial killer that were haunting her are now gone and her life seems perfect. But as the day of her wedding anniversary to Mac approaches, her perfect life starts to turn sour. Mac's parents are killed in a bloody massacre where his brother is the prime suspect. Mac's grief starts to eat at him as he tries to find the truth behind the murders and as Karin waits for him at their anniversary dinner, Mac vanishes without a word. Before long his car is found in the river with only his shoe found wedged under the gas pedal. As Karin continues to investigate the mystery of Mac's disappearance she realizes there's a lot about him she didn't know. She learns of his troubles at work and finds a purchase for an expensive jewelry piece that she never knew about and never saw. Contrary to what others say though she doesn't believe he's dead, and on a trip to Miami with a bubbly new friend she sees someone that looks just like her husband. With information from a private investigator guiding her, she returns to Miami which leads to a series of events that end with a gun pointing at her head. Is the man she saw really her husband and if so, what in his past has led Karin to again fear for her life and that of her son?

This is a book full of twists and turns that keeps the pace moving along quickly. Just when things appear to go well for Karin something comes along to put her in danger again. But Karin is no coward and will always sacrifice herself for those she loves. She'll always come out fighting instead of hiding in the corner. This keeps the reader rooting for her and excited to see what comes next. Helping to keep the plot exciting are a few characters from the previous book, most notably Mac. He's gone from work partner to personal partner in this book and more sides to his personality have emerged. He's not exactly the perfect man he appeared to us before, he has a dark past that comes back to harm his family. He tells lies and Karin at times questions the view she had of their marriage. It will take a lot of work to try to repair their marriage. Mac's not the only one who's not as he appears though. There are numerous characters who appear to be heroes only to change later on in the story. This keeps the reader in a constant state of distrust and fully immersed in the mystery.

For lovers of suspense, this is a book that you will love. It will keep your heart pounding and questioning everything and everyone until the very last page.

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