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In November 1974, a young woman called Sylvia Tredwin goes missing. Nobody has the faintest idea where she's gone. She was wearing only a light skirt and T-shirt, didn't take anything with her, no suitcase, nothing. Simply went out one dark evening and never returned.

Some say she went off with another man, because there'd already been talk in the small Somerset village of Petheram that she's that type of woman – attractive, flirty with it, dressed too provocatively. But her husband, Bruce Tredwin, doesn't believe a word of the callous whisperings of the locals as they gossip about his outsider wife. So he never gives up searching for her. A fortnight later on a stormy winter's night he finds her. She's naked in a place called Flinder's Field, wandering aimlessly, badly bruised and in total shock. But what she says to him will astound everyone.

She says she's been abducted by aliens, and she was never to be the same again, with tragic consequences...

Forty years later and George Lee is coming back to Petheram, the village of his birth. His estranged father has died and there are things his mother would like him to sort out. George hates the village, couldn't wait to get out and make a life for himself as a writer of cheap and gory thrillers. He notices that Adam Tredwin, Sylvia Tredwin's son, has also returned to Petheram. As children, the two used to be friends, briefly, before Adam's father was killed in the 1980s by a hit-and-run driver and Sylvia took him away from the village.

But it's when George begins to tidy out his father's loft and slowly begins to learn more details about Sylvia Tredwin's disappearance that he starts to uncover dark secrets and hidden truths – discoveries that will peel back the decades to reveal a labyrinthine world of madness, jealousies, deceit, lies and murder. He little knows his idle quest to find out the truth behind Sylvia Tredwin's abduction will have profound and dangerous consequences for all concerned.

## **Flinder's Field Details**

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# **From Reader Review Flinder's Field for online ebook**

## **Janet says**

very good

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## **Pat Gerber-Relf says**

Thanks to a recommendation on Facebook from an online colleague I have discovered the writer D.M.Mitchell. OK, many may know him but I did not. I downloaded a free book and am very satisfied with the choice. He is compared to Steven King, Dean Koontz and a few others in that direction and that is my direction. Mystery, suspense and a wonky look on psychology, the characters mostly being a bit on the strange and criminal side. My first D.M.Mitchell book but not my last.

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## **Patricia Ibarra says**

One day Sylvia Tredwin went missing. Her husband never loses hope and looks incessantly for her until one day she finds her naked and shocked. She claims that she was abducted by aliens. There is a lot of talk in the small village. Some say she fled with another man, others that she has gone crazy, and some even consider that she may have been abducted. George Lee returns to the village forty years later for his father's funeral. He hates it there and he is estranged from his family. He remembers Sylvia and his interest is aroused because nobody speaks about her and he really wants to find out what happened to her. A story full of twists and turns.

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## **Sally says**

Really good. Psych thriller with twists.kept me enthralled

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## **Jodi says**

**Thought provoking and well written.**

This is my second D. M. Mitchell book and I loved them both. In fact, I just downloaded two more to enjoy at the beach. He has an intelligent writing style that is much appreciated. This book kept me intrigued enough to finish in one day when I really should have been working. It's amazing how he delves into family secrets and reminds us that we all have them. Of course these are a bit extreme, but the dysfunctional family is quite normal.

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## **Cindy says**

I read this book on my Kindle because I love psychological thrillers, and this had gotten a lot of five-star reviews.

While not badly written, I had two glaring problems with this book:

1) It took SO long to get going. It was well into the book before anything really started happening.

2) And this one is a biggie: I COULDN'T STAND THE CHARACTERS, especially the main character, George Lee!

George was quite frankly a jerk, with no endearing qualities or anything that drew me to him. Quite honestly, I didn't care if he lived or died.

None of the other characters were much better.

I stuck it out only because other readers had raved about the huge twist at the end, but even the twist failed to wow me.

The author has been touted as England's answer to Dean Koonce and Stephen King, but judging by this book, I'm not seeing it.

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## **Cheryl says**

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I saw alien abduction I thought well something to occupy my night. Finder's Field is so much more. This

story has a huge psychological slant to it. It's mysterious, dark and thrilling. While you keep wondering what exactly has been going on as the story evolves the cast of characters keeps getting larger. The ending surely can't be missed!! I am going to look up every one of D. M. Mitchell's books and find more of his creativity. Don't miss this.

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### **Beth says**

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### **Lynda Kelly says**

This is my first story by this author though I have others downloaded. This one appealed to me the most of them all. It was a fascinating and interesting tale and I really enjoyed it. I've only penalised it a star because there were a few too many mistakes I'd not expect to see.....a real shame.

The story tells the story of Sylvia who believed she was abducted by aliens in the 1970s. She was certainly never the same afterwards. Her son Adam had a pal called George (an odd choice of name for our generation, I thought-I struggled with that all the way through)and he's returning to their Somerset village for the funeral of his father.....

It was very good how the whole story was put together and interesting learning all about small village life and how they treat strangers, sometimes. They can certainly be very insular. I recently relocated to such a village and it's quite staggering how many like some in this story have never left the village and how they're all related to each other. You daren't speak about anyone !!

As I say, it WAS marred by mistakes....three times born was used instead of borne, the obligatory e-book apostrophe mistakes along with dropped speechmarks here, there and everywhere. Then a "right-off" was mentioned twice then annoyingly spelt properly further in. Through was spelt as trough, them was replaced by the, doughnuts over here aren't spelt donuts and then cheer was replaced by cheep (ouch)!! Also,at one point an interviewee was speaking to Mr Slade but then changed his address to the writer to Mr Lee for no reason.

They're all slapdash little mistakes that should have been spotted and if the author polished these up it would definitely merit 5 stars !!

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### **Carol Bosselman says**

Wonderful psych thriller that constantly keeps you guessing. Love the small village English feel of it, the twists and turns. Only complaint is that early on, George is not particularly likeable. There is no understanding of what drives him to investigate, I would like a little more in the way of motive, but as we move along that is easily forgotten; it becomes so gripping you cease to care.

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### **Mary says**

This e-book got my curiosity when I read the description that a woman Sylvia claims to have been abducted by aliens in the 1970's. After missing for a week she shows up naked in a field bruised and in shock. Forty

years go by when George Lee comes back to the village for the funeral of his estranged father. The story takes a turn at this point and George starts to investigate what is the true story. I like George. I also feel sorry for how his father treated him when he was a child. D.M. Mitchell has some other interesting characters like his estranged sister and even as an adult just wanted to argue with George and not listen to his theory of what happened. His friend Adam was someone I tried to figure out but then through the author's story I find out he is creepy. I thought the author explained the characters in great detail it made me feel like I knew them and helped with the story line.

There are twists and turns in this book. Just when I thought I knew where the story was headed boy was I wrong. I recommend this book.

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### **Eileen Patterson says**

So this book kind of grabbed me by the throat and wouldn't let me go until I had finished. I've always been interested in stories of alien abduction, so when I saw from the description that this story concerned a woman who disappeared in the 1970s for a week, only to turn up alive but bloody and naked in a field, claiming to have been abducted by aliens, I wanted to read it right away. Then the story seemed to take a sharp right turn into unknown territory as it became the story of a man named George, returning to his hometown after his father's death, only to stumble into a mystery that changes everything he thought he knew about his family. And I LIKED George, that's the annoying part, so seeing him struggle while everyone in his family condescended to him or directly attacked and insulted him frustrated me. I wanted George to solve the mystery and maybe even find some peace with himself and with the past. It's rare that I connect so deeply with a character like this, and it made the book more intriguing by far. I couldn't put it down, and the twist at the end left me totally flabbergasted. It's set up so perfectly that I wanted to scream and pull my hair out and throw my Kindle across the room, even as I wanted to buy and read every other book this author wrote. I definitely think this book is worth your time. It's a bit graphic, and you can probably guess some of the twists, but if you're like me, others will still surprise you and keep you reading until you're finished.

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### **Melinda says**

#### **Riveting and Intricately Detailed**

D. M. Mitchell why haven't I read your incredible novels before? It is always wonderful to find a new author, but I feel like you should be on the tip of every critic's tongue with high praise for your characterization, your plotting, your pacing, the perfect dialogue.

This story not only showed the dysfunctional part of families, but the dysfunctional parts of small towns and did it in such a creepy, chilling, almost resolute way, that there was no stopping the wrongdoing.

The characters are classic. The family dynamics were more true to life than most of the fluffy tripe peddled today. Parents treating grown children as youngsters. Siblings battling over parental attention. Relatives nosing in and screwing things up. Just like real life. Secrets buried for decades and blamed on the blameless. And in small towns, everyone has an opinion, some may have more than one.

I had a lot of sympathy for our hero. He has no clue that he is far different from the family that he was born into. Going back home for his father's funeral, he will find out all kinds of things, not only about Sylvia Tredwyn, but about his family as well. It just keeps piling higher and deeper around him. The way Mitchell layers each plot twist is so intricately detailed that there is no wiggle room for our hero. Every layer of new information that the reader receives turns the situation on its head.

Aliens, Men in Black, Murder, Arson, Mugging, Kidnapping, Drowning, Burning, LSD, Hit and Run, and so much more...

I cannot recommend this book highly enough! Thank you for writing such an excellent novel. I am thrilled you have so many more I can read.

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### **Dana Jones says**

#### **Good read**

while the start of this book takes a while to pull you in, persistence will be rewarded. the characters became more defined in emotional impact than physical. twists and turns leave you guessing even as some characters mental illnesses are exposed others are waiting to be revealed. the climax overtakes you, and sudden turn on the main character shocks you. I would have preferred a more complete end. with so many turns throughout the story you are left to wonder if anyone will do the right thing thing.

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### **Mark Lacy says**

#### **British Thriller of madness and murder**

This thrilling British mystery examines madness within individuals and groups. Set in a dark and forgotten English Village the main character of the story has few redeeming qualities and the supporting characters appear to have even fewer. Yet following the obsession of the central character to discover what really happened in Flinder's Field will take you through a maze of madness and keep you guessing until the very end. I highly recommend this book to anyone who wants to read a story that mixes the genres of psychological thriller and noir mystery into a new and even more exciting kind of novel.

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