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Darkness has fallen on the city of Portland, Oregon. One by one, the wives of affluent and respected men are vanishing from their homes. The only clues to their disappearance are a single black rose and a note that reads, "Gone, But Not Forgotten." It is the rebirth of a horror that has already devastated a community at the opposite end of the country—and, as it did then, terror and death will follow.

Defense attorney Betsy Tannenbaum is trapped in a nightmare as the shadows of a killer darken her world. And she will soon be risking everything she has and everyone she loves to defend a cold, powerful, and manipulating client who may be a victim . . . or a monster.

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Susannah Carleton says

Great story of a serial kidnapper and torturer who kills three people and frames another man for the crimes. When caught red-handed trying to kill the female detective whom he knew would not let the case rest, he refuses to identify the location of the kidnapped women unless he is granted a full pardon, by the state (New York) and the federal government. A short time later, he disappears, having already cleaned out his bank accounts and sold much of his property. A few years later, he surfaces in Oregon, under another name and working in a different profession. When women there begin disappearing in the exact same way, a New York police detective who worked the original case, travels to Oregon to tell the D.A. what happened in New York.

Fingerprints conclusively determine that he is the man from New York, but did he commit the Oregon crimes? His lawyer, whom he retains a week or so before the bodies in the Oregon crimes are found, is not sure.

An excellent, difficult-to-put-down book!

Alshia Moyez says

I read this book like, maybe ...a decade ago. Somebody turned me onto it and I read it in a day, couldn't put it down. I just really, really enjoyed this, enjoyed the characters. I remember really, really liking the killer in this book, which is weird. He was the villain but for some reason was likeable in his own way. I think I want to sit down and read this book again to refresh myself with it. If you like suspense, fleshed-out characters, mystery, and a plot twists then you might like this one. Phillip Morgan has other books out so maybe check this one out from the library to see if you like his style?^.^

Freda Malone says

It has been a long time since I've read any of Phillip Margolin's novels. This brilliant mystery, legal thriller had me from the first chapter, turning page after page with intense anticipation. The suspense almost killed me. By page 160 I had my own theories, but the red herrings had me bouncing back and forth between guilty and not guilty. By page 360, I was almost solving the crime myself. WOW. Now I remember why I loved his books so much but can not remember why I stopped reading them. Well, this book gave me a nice reunion and I will be sure to pick up more of his clever stories.

Sarah says

Gone, But Not Forgotten is Phillip Margolin's third novel. The novel tells the story of a womanizer and serial killer who emerges after a decade of silence. Gone, But Not Forgotten is incredibly suspenseful and has even made into a 2005 movie featuring Lou Diamond Phillips and Brooke Shields!

A serial killer is on the loose in the Portland, Oregon area; his victims are upper-class women married to successful and wealthy businessmen. While their disappearances leave behind limited clues of a black rose and a cryptic note, only a few people are truly clued in to the identity of this horrible perpetrator.

Gone, But Not Forgotten provides an interesting spin on a novel of mystery and suspense because we actually know who the serial killer is all along! The real mystery lies in how and why the killer takes these women, and also how he gets away with not being in prison.

Our intriguing supporting characters include a criminal defense lawyer who also happens to be a woman (which you'll see is conflicting with the case at hand) and a vengeful rogue-like cop (also a woman). While the defense lawyer represents the killer in present-time, the cop is determined to catch the killer in action after a decade-long period has passed and the killer still roams free. The end conclusion of the novel will definitely leave you satisfied because Margolin is amazing at crafting an ultimately suspenseful experience.

I'm normally not drawn to the mass-market genre of suspense but I do make a few exceptions in the cases of Phillip Margolin and Jeffery Deaver. These author's novels are just not as easily predictable as those of their competitors. Gone, But Not Forgotten is a quick, engaging read and wonderfully passes the time within the course of a relaxing weekend.

My other favorite books by Phillip Margolin include The Associate (2001) and Sleeping Beauty (2004).

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GIZMO says

agree with an earlier reader...this is a creepy story for sure

anyone else wonder why it is that these twisted characters always choose to debase and dehumanize women? why not take power over men for a change? is it that these male authors (I'll add James Patterson here for his Kiss the Girls which seems to share the same villain) can't imagine a man being victimized? I have to wonder...

as for Becky our kind of hero just how dumb is she for a supposedly brilliant attorney? she lets this unknown reporter into her life without so much as reading a single paragraph she has written or even a phone call to an editor...talk about suspension of belief

have to admit that the writing is pretty good and the book zips along but overall I can't really recommend it

Angela says

Right up until page 200 or so, this book was headed for full-fledged 4-star glory. The plot is good, the writing is good (excellent, as far as writing in this genre is concerned) and I was genuinely puzzled, which is a good thing in a whodunnit.

But the end was kind of a let-down. I won't go into the details, so as not to spoil it. But I thought the end was a let down.
It's a good, enjoyable read, though.

Kimberly says

I really wanted to like the protagonist, Betsy Tannenbaum, but good grief - her actions and decisions were idiotic. At first, I thought I'd give her (and Mr. Margolin) another chance. Read a bit more, see if maybe she's one of those "interestingly flawed" characters that I truly love - you know, the ones that are more in keeping with real people.

But no. She was just stupid. Stupid about her estranged husband (wanting to reconnect with him after she found out he had been feeding her daughter lies; hooking up with a journalist without checking her credentials during a career-making trial, etc.) I was so fed up with her, that I left the last few pages unread. I mean really, even the killer was more interesting and believable.

Bill says

This one was so close to meriting a 5-star review.

But I found the character development to be just OK, and the story didn't quite sock me in the gut as I expected it would.

But this guy can tell a story like gangbusters. He really kept me turning the pages at a fast rate and at every free moment I had my nose in the book.

I recommend it, and most of you out there will really enjoy it.

LJ says

GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN (Suspense-New York, Oregon/Cont) – G+

Margolin, Phillip – 3rd book

Harper Torch, 1993- Paperback

Portland attorney, Betsy Tannenbaum, is given a large retainer against future work by wealthy businessman Martin Darius. When the bodies of women who've been tortured and murdered are found on his property, Darius is arrested and Betsy asked to defend him. The women had disappeared from their homes with a black rose and note saying "Gone, but not forgotten" left behind. But when the case is tied to disappearances, and Darius, 10 years previous in New York State, Betsy questions whether she can continue to represent her client.

*** This is what I consider to be a perfect weekend or airplane book. It draws you in quickly, keeps you reading non-stop, and has interesting characters and excellent suspense. But it also has some holes in the plot and a killer and motive I spotted fairly early on. That didn't make it any less enjoyable, but does take it out of the "excellent" category into "very good."

Don Thomson says

I met the author on an excursion in Mexico City and must say he is a wonderful person to get to know. I wish I could give this book a better rating but found it just an average read. I want to see the movie made from the book released years ago to see if the plot is a little more entertaining.

Debbie Oxier says

This was a well-crafted, well thought out thriller. It kept me turning pages long past my bedtime so I'd have the peace of mind knowing this creepy killer wasn't still at large.

Beautiful women, married to successful men, are disappearing without so much as a hint of where they've gone. The only thing the police have found at each scene is a black rose and a note reading, *Gone But Not Forgotten*. Nancy Gordon, a detective assigned to the case, is obsessed with finding the women or, most likely, their bodies. Her main suspect is Peter Lake. He had ties to all the missing women but unfortunately, there's no proof he's involved. He ends up being set free and soon after, disappears.

Six years later, different location, similar circumstances. This time the suspect is wealthy businessman, Darius Martin, who insists he's innocent. Martin's wife and daughter were victims of the original killer, their bodies discovered at home, by Martin, who claims he came home from work and found them. Martin hires Betsy Tannenbaum to represent him. She's one of the best criminal lawyers around, having made a name for herself after winning two very high profile cases. Betsy hires an investigator to look into the case. What he unearths makes Betsy realize Darius Martin isn't who he claims to be. He's much, much worse. And she and her daughter both are in terrible danger.

I couldn't put this one down. There are so many twists and turns and the ending took me completely by surprise. Even though it was written in 1993, it just had a different feel about it than the more recent thrillers I've read. There were a few times the hair stood up on the back of my neck and although I was tempted to put it down, I just couldn't. I had to know what was going to happen next. Excellent job by Mr. Margolin. Will definitely be reading more of his work.

Brian O'Leary says

Actually like the multiple points of view telling, but did not like the fact that at the beginning he tells you who did it, then it seems for the rest of the book they are trying to cast doubt on that, to the point that you are not sure if he lied to you at the beginning, then it turns out that person did do it, so it feels like a waste of your time.

Patrice Hoffman says

I enjoy everything I read by this author. Just had to get that out there once again. His books are page-turners and always good to the last page. There are no awkward boring moments. They aren't literary giants or

complex but they are good old fashioned fun.

Juanita says

Review: **Gone, But Not Forgotten** by Phillip Margolin.

This is an outstanding, well written, packed thriller. There are so many stunning surprises, mysterious crime scenes, and well developed characters that will hold you in your seat turning the pages to find out what happens next. It was an excellent book with plenty of crime mystery and horror. The author has written a few graphic scenes but that just led me to read on to find out who was doing the crimes and why. What I found totally clever is the author explains in details the thoughts, motive and how the killer felt when committing the crimes. Margolin captured and focused on his characters personalities as: their flaws, what drove them, and with one of the killer's actual demonic qualities of the mind of a true stricken serial killer.

The story begins in upper middle class neighborhood in Hunter's Point, NY where several women at different times disappeared from their homes. Back in their bedrooms of their homes no evidence could be found besides a single rose dyed black and a note left on their pillows saying, "Gone, But Not Forgotten". The Hunter's Point police department called the case "rose killer" but got nowhere in their investigation.

Then one day Peter Lake, a wealthy criminal defense attorney came home to find his wife, Sandra and his six year old daughter, Melody murdered with the a similar black rose and the note left on the floor next to his wife. Peter called the task force that was on the case and within moments they arrived. Later on the investigator received a tip leading them to a sex offender that they already had investigated. When they got to his home this time they found one of the missing women viscusly murdered in the basement of his home. The offender was scared and tried to run but was shot dead on the scene. They closed the case, never finding the other women but there was one person on the case of the task force, Nancy Gordon who was never satisfied that the "black rose" killer was dead.....

Some time passes, ten years or so before Nancy Gordon heard of a new series of women going missing in Portland, Oregon using the same MO of the black rose and note being left behind....She makes her way to Portland, Oregon and refreshes her investigation to Portland district attorney, Alan Page and then she goes missing but not before she tells him who she thinks is the "rose killer" and the reasons why.....So much more to the story that makes the book a fast read because you won't want to put it down...

Kathy says

Creepiest whodunit I've ever read. I couldn't sleep at all the night I finished it (literally, I was too afraid to close my eyes).
