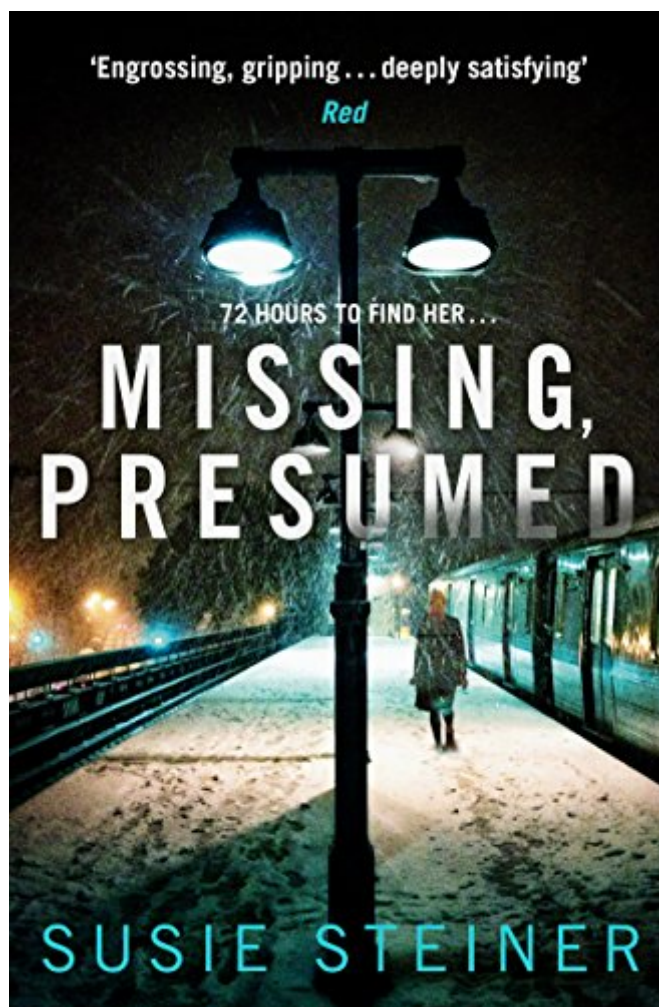


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Customer Reviews

Missing, Presumed by Susan Steiner is a 2016 Random House publication. I was provided a copy of this book by the publisher and Netgalley in exchange for an honest review. With a title like this one and the synopsis shoring up the notion this book is a missing persons case, and a police procedural, I was ready to dive into what promised to be a good novel of suspense. However, this story does not read like the typical British style mystery. In fact, the missing persons case seems to

take a back seat to the personal lives of those working the case. When Edith, a young Cambridge student and daughter of a prominent surgeon, disappears with definite signs of a struggle, Manon Bradshaw is on the case, along with her young partner, Davy. Manon is the main protagonist, a woman whose professional life thrives, while her personal life is bleak, leaving Manon with a bone deep loneliness, prompting her to try online dating services, with disastrous results. Davy is in a relationship with the petulant, immature, and self-absorbed, Chloe, but is one of the most upbeat and optimistic people in the world, but does his personality affect the way he does his job? The personal foibles of the police team investigating the missing person's case is examined closely, while suspects are investigated and interviewed, which, as it usually does, nudges out personal secrets, which only cause cruel distractions, instead of leading to the truth. Honestly, I am not sure what to make of this book. I found it rather depressing, especially Manon and her inability to keep a lover, her harsh judgment of others on the team, and with her insecurity and neediness, making it hard for me to hold her in high esteem professionally.

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