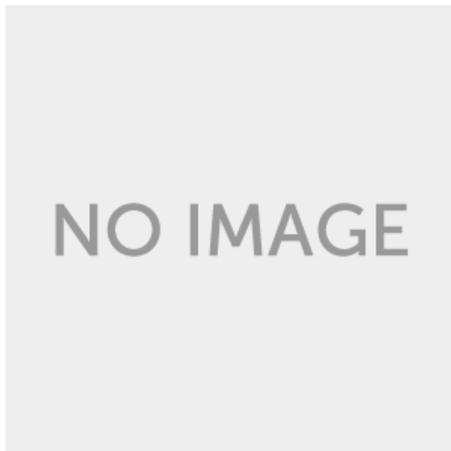


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The newspaper reported the case with relish. Jane (Jinx) Kingsley, fashion photographer and heiress, tried to kill herself after being unceremoniously jilted by her fiance, Leo Wallader. Leo has disappeared - together with Jinx's best friend Meg Harris. But when she wakes from her coma, Jinx can remember nothing about her alleged suicide attempt. Nevertheless, Jinx is convinced that she would never try to kill herself over Leo . . . Surely it was she who wanted to break the engagement. When the help of Dr. Alan Protheroe of the Nightingale Clinic, Jinx slowly begins to unlock her nightmares and piece together the fragments of the last few weeks. The truth about what happened to her lies deep within her mind. But what other terrifying memories is she about to disturb?



Reviews of the *The Dark Room* *by* Laural Merlington, Minette Walters

Uthergo

I love a good mystery, but unfortunately, the only thing that was mystifying about this novel was why I kept reading it? This was the most long, drawn out story I've ever read.

For starters, this book had entirely too many things going on and it was really hard to get into the flow to keep up with everything. I found it difficult to get into any of the characters and the chapters were long and drawn out and didn't flow into the next chapter. This book was just not for me. I was highly disappointed.

One thing that truly got on my nerve was the constant description of characters who smoked. It seems if there wasn't some type of thought the character had, they were lighting up. I get Jane Kingsley, the main character was a chain smoker, but was it necessary to take the reader through every puff?

And what bothered me the most was that this mystery never stopped. It continually rehashed the same stuff over, and over, and over again, and it got on my nerve. I understand the police had to figure out what was going on, but again, why must the reader be subjected to all of that. Some things should be left for the reader to figure out, and I didn't get a chance to do that much, although I was right as to who the killer was. This was not my type of book, just didn't do it for me, but perhaps others may find it captivating. Unfortunately, the book left me in The Dark Room!

Wishamac

I am a major fan of Minette Walters. I didn't like this story as much as some of her work, but it intrigued me and held my interest. Set in England a investigative reporter tries to solve an old news story. A homeless man sneaks into a woman's garage and dies of starvation and the mystery begins. The main character is somewhat abrasive and, I believe, a little inconsistent, but hey aren't we all. If you like classic British mysteries, you enjoy this book.

Uanabimo

I am a fan of Minette Walters works. Her mysteries are gripping, the storyline in this novel is as intriguing as her other novels, and she always gives us characters who are painfully real. Another well-done novel by Ms. Walters.

mIni-Like

Good read. I'm about halfway through the book and haven't figured out Who Dunnit. Lots of possibilities, interesting scenarios and the people are believable. Set near Salisbury so I get to make English accents in my head and transport myself across the pond. I LOVE the Walters books and this is my 11th.

Wnex

Hints and clues abound, but the ending still carries some surprises. Characterization is uneven and it's hard to come away saying "I cared about x or y" -- but it's a complex psychological thriller and worth reading. One more-serious cavil: Walters plays fast and loose with her (mis)use of the term "existentialist." I leave it to more erudite readers to critique this if they will. I just stuck it in the "jargon" box and went on to enjoy the story.

Thorgahuginn

I am still reading this fascinating story. Minette Walters is a true original. If you want to be captivated by a book, isolate yourself for a couple of hours with this intriguing story.

Mr_Jeñson

Many, many annoying spelling mistakes! It concludes with an unethical relationship between doctor and patient-confirming the protagonist's stated inability to make sound relationship choices. Loved this book. A little dark (see title) but another very well written book by English author Minnette Walters. She is a star in Europe and very popular here in USA as well.

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