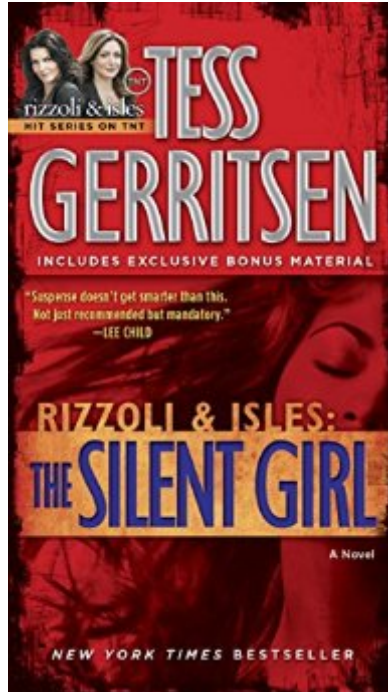


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Synopsis

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In "The Silent Girl", Tess Gerritsen delivers another tale of mystery, murder, and mayhem, starring

TV-famous Jane Rizzoli--detective with a heart--and Maura Isles, a medical examiner who searches only for truth (a contender for Patricia Cornwall's early caricature of Kay Scarpetta, now abandoned for a darker, more depressing person I barely recognize). The story is told through the eyes of both the people solving the crime and the person suspected of committing it. This book, though, comes with a twist. More on that later. Rizzoli and Isles are called to the scene of a heinous murder which Rizzoli quickly ties to one nineteen years ago. Rizzoli's the star of this story with only cameo help from Isles, delivered with none of the ME's usual magic uncovering clues from dead bodies no one else notices. Why? Isles is distracted by ending her relationship with a boyfriend and testifying in a trial against a policeman. The former breaks her heart, the latter breaks the Blue Code of Silence and alienates her from the men she must work with on a daily basis. But it's Isles core reasoning--that truth is justice--which sets up the story's theme: Is truth a barometer of right and wrong or a moving target? There are several appealing scenes between Isles and the boy who saved her life in an earlier book that contribute to Isles part in solving this puzzling mystery, but nothing like the usual partnership we have come to relish between Rizzoli and Isles, crime solvers extraordinaire. While Gerritsen does a good job sharing the juxtaposition of man's law vs. nature's, leaving it to the reader to decide if they side with Maura's black and white view or Rizzoli's more tempered 'Do we really know', it's not enough.

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