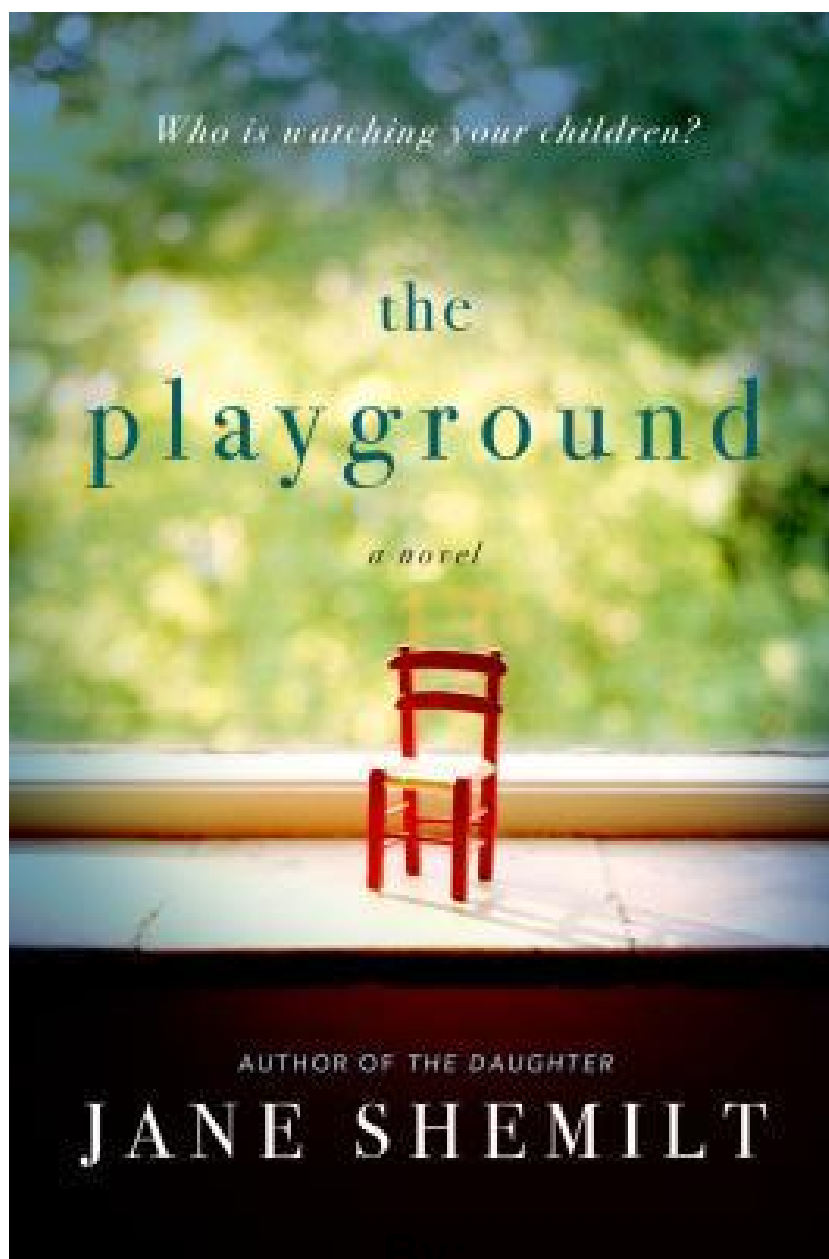


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The story jumps between multiple perspectives and I have to admit I found this a little confusing in the beginning. There are a lot of characters and I couldnâ€™t exactly figure out whose kid belonged to who for the first little bit, but once I did it became a little more clear. This book really kind of made me think about peopleâ€™s priorities and made me put myself in these characterâ€™s shoes. Some actions are a little more forgivable than others, Iâ€™m still a little angry with some of these characters. A twisty story with a disturbing ending that still has me reeling.

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Faith

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Eve is a wealthy stay at home mom to three children (though I wouldn't say she is very attentive to her kids). They are left to roam the outdoors while she begins tutoring children with dyslexia at her sprawling estate. Grace sends her eleven year-old son for tutoring, and her daughter comes along as well. Of course, as Grace is the employed parent, her husband takes care of the drop-offs at Eve's home, leaving plenty of space for her husband and Eve to get to know one another! Melissa is an interior designer who also brings her daughter for tutoring at Eve's and is thrilled to learn her daughter is becoming friends with the other girls. After all, her daughter has always been a bit shy.

As the summer progresses, the couples become friends. And that is truly when things begin to unravel. These were not the most attentive parents! They are wrapped up in their friendships and secrets, and the kids are left to their own devices. (Latchkey kids, they used to call them) The alcohol flows, vacations are taken, dinners are had, and eventually an illicit relationship forms. Meanwhile, the kids have their own secrets!

This is one of those grab-your-popcorn novels, because it is a look into the salacious secrets that hide behind closed doors. The characters were complex and the events of the novel were shocking and engaging. I wanted to know where it was headed, and I could see an inevitable crash of some kind on the horizon. This is tautly wound novel filled with tension that had me on the edge of my seat!

A twisted domestic suspense novel that you won't want to miss! Thank you to TLC Book Tours for my spot on the tour. Opinions are my own.

Chandra Claypool (wherethereadergrows)

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Listen, this is a fun read. We get various POVs with occasional breaks between fuller chapters of the kids thoughts. I'm not *quite* sure if I liked those - I think they either should've been elaborated on a little bit or just left out altogether. They didn't really lend a whole lot to my personal reading experience. There are also a few things that didn't seem to make sense... like that random raisin you find in a chocolate chip cookie.

Here's the thing. I figured this one out very early on. But that's ok. I don't mind figuring things out as long as the rest of the ride is still a fun one to be on. This one is a bit bumpy at times but phew. I think I had love/hate relationships with almost all the characters and just needed a bit more. With everything going on, some things didn't get fully fleshed out. I may have almost liked it more if it had been written more from the kids' perspectives. And while I have a lot of why why why going on in my head by certain things, sometimes it's better to just enjoy the journey.

A good read for those who like those domestic dramas with a touch of evilness. Avid thriller readers may find this easily predictable and not as *full* as they would otherwise prefer.

Melissa Borse

A well written disturbing story about horrible people making horrible decisions and the life altering consequences that occur. I thank Librarything and Jane Shemilt for the opportunity to read and review this book.