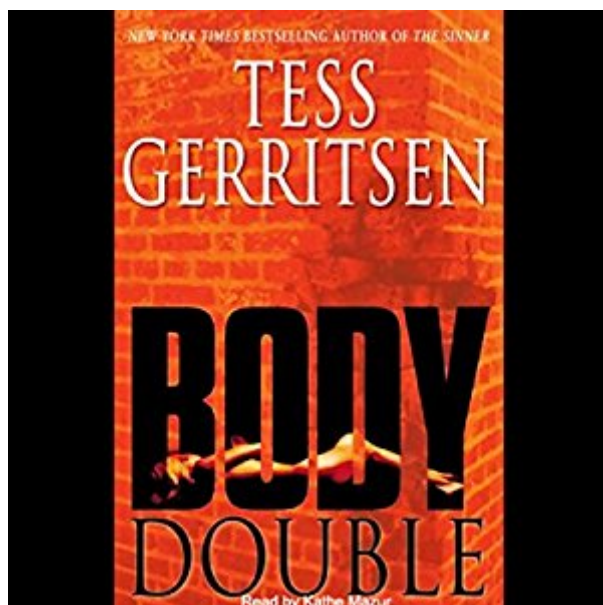


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# Body Double



## Synopsis

Boston medical examiner Dr. Maura Isles literally meets her match “and must face a savage serial killer and shattering personal revelations” in the brilliant new novel of suspense by the New York Times bestselling author of *The Surgeon* and *The Sinner*. Dr. Maura Isles makes her living dealing with death. As a pathologist in a major metropolitan city, she has seen more than her share of corpses every day “many of them victims of violent murder. But never before has her blood run cold, and never has the grim expression she wears so terrifyingly true. Because never before has the lifeless body on the medical examiner’s table been her own. Yet there can be no denying the mind-reeling evidence before her shocked eyes and those of her colleagues, including Detective Jane Rizzoli: the woman found shot to death outside Maura’s home is the mirror image of Maura, down to the most intimate physical nuances. Even more chilling is the discovery that they share the same birth date and blood type. For the stunned Maura, an only child, there can be just one explanation. And when a DNA test confirms that Maura’s mysterious doppelgänger is in fact her twin sister, an already bizarre murder investigation becomes a disturbing and dangerous excursion into a past full of dark secrets. Searching for answers, Maura is drawn to a seaside town in Maine where other horrifying surprises await. But perhaps more frightening, an unknown murderer is at large on a cross-country killing spree. To stop the massacre and uncover the twisted truth about her own roots, Maura must probe her first living subject: the mother that she never knew . . . an icy and cunning woman who could be responsible for giving Maura life “and who just may have a plan to take it away. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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## Customer Reviews

Dr. Maura Isles returns home from a conference in France to find the police at her house and a dead body in a car parked in front. Not only that, the dead person looks exactly like her! Thus begins not only a case to find the murderer, but also one where we find out more about Dr. Isles' past. In this book, we tend to learn more about Dr. Isles than Detective Rizolli--who is 8 months pregnant. Well-written and suspenseful with a great twist or two.

Trigger warning for pregnant women. Compelling. Stand-alone that is easy to follow but difficult to read due to emotional impacts. No drag-you-down drama. Some scenes are graphic. Storyline has several twists to keep the reader guessing. There are two separate scenes at the end of the story, one is sad and the other humorous. Believable characters with distinct personalities.

Thought-provoking dialogue. 'Hopeless causes might be seductive, but they seldom brought you happiness.' I may re-read this story and always look forward to works by this author.

I didn't guess exactly whodunit, but I was in the ballpark. The denouement/climax was done pretty well. No cliffhanger, no funny stuff, for which I am always very grateful. For some reason I couldn't really care much about the main characters. The plot is complicated enough and there are some red herrings that were well done, although parts seem contrived to me. But I'm not so sure I will continue reading the series. This was #4, I think.

This is a good, solid mystery with one surprising twist that raises the bar for mystery series books. Readers unfamiliar with the BOOKS as opposed to the TV show will be confused by the major differences between the TV incarnations and the Tess Gerritsen novels. This time Dr. Isles is in jeopardy as the secrets of her birth family come to light.

This was the first book I read by this author and it was interesting, but the TV portrayals of Rizzoli and Isles were far better. Who can imagine Jane Rizzoli married and 8 months pregnant and Maura Isles with dark hair from a heritage that doesn't even come close to her TV mom. Maybe if I never saw the TV Series (and I was a devoted fan) I would have a different opinion, but this is one book where the TV programs were much better.

Gerritsen can write, and can build suspense. But she is careless, too much that should have been part of police routine isn't done. And she reduces too much to cliché and pithy sounding but ridiculous soundbites. She's created some great characters but fails them.

So the fourth installment of the Rizzoli and Isles novel series (I enjoyed the first three books so much I have gotten the whole series!). *Body Double* is fairly mellow - not a heart-thumping-edge of-your-seat thriller but fairly paced one that kept me interested and turning the page. Maura Isles is mostly central for this story plot in which she discovers she has a twin sister (who unfortunately is found dead in the beginning of the story) which sets her off on a personal journey to discover her roots, her romantic storyline develops a bit more from the third book as well but it is Rizzoli who is the key bringing everything together for a thrilling conclusion. Maura's discovery of having a twin is the trigger for her to find out who her birth mother was and potentially if she has any biological family. Rizzoli is investigating the murder of Maura's twin and through some twists and turns, she realizes that there may be a link between Maura's personal investigation, her own and the fact that there is a moving line of disappearing pregnant women. Again another good read from Tess Gerritsen and totally recommended!

Nothing prepares the reader for the twisting, suspenseful and terrifying ride to the conclusion of this novel! Monsters are among us and we may never see them coming! We must remember to keep our guard up and our doors locked!

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