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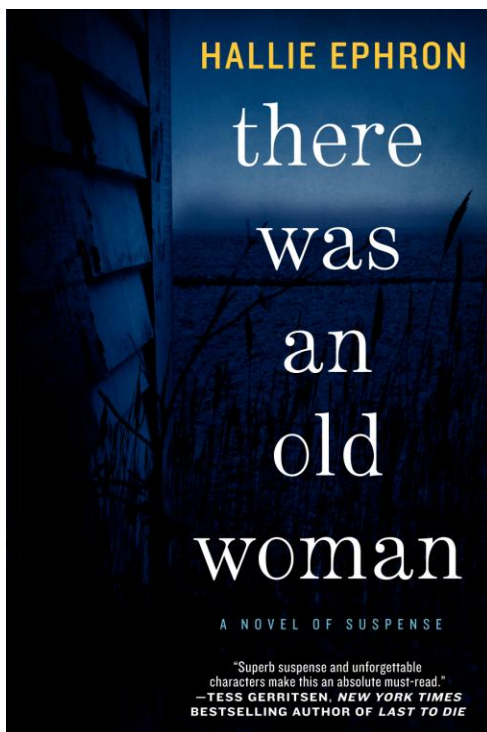
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Deception, Vulnerability and Doubt Intertwine in
Hallie Ephron's Engrossing Page Turner

THERE WAS AN OLD WOMAN

(William Morrow, on sale April 2, 2013, ISBN 13: 9780062117601, \$25.99)



Advanced Praise for THERE WAS AN OLD WOMAN:

“In portraying the inner life of an aged widow struggling heroically against her limitations, [THERE WAS AN OLD WOMAN] is very good...Ephron...continues to assert her own thoughtful style.”

—*Kirkus Reviews*

“[A] touching novel of suspense... as gripping as any traditional mystery.”

— *Publishers Weekly*

“Superb suspense and unforgettable characters make this an absolute must-read. THERE WAS AN OLD WOMAN is so good, I devoured this in one ravenous gulp!”

— Tess Gerritsen, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Last to Die*

Hallie Ephron's work has been called "unputdownable" (Laura Lippman), "unsettling" (Seattle Times), "ingenious" (Joseph Finder), "richly atmospheric" (USA Today), and "deliciously creepy," (Publishers Weekly). Now, with **THERE WAS AN OLD WOMAN** (William Morrow, on sale April 2, 2013, ISBN: 9780062117601, \$25.99), she delivers her most accomplished novel of psychological suspense yet.

"Don't let him in until I'm gone," Mina's neighbor says from the gurney as the EMTs load her into the ambulance. Though Mina doesn't know who he is, she dutifully calls Sandra's daughter to relay the message.

Evie Ferrante is dismayed when she gets the call: once again, her mother's drinking has landed her in the hospital. But when Evie arrives at her mother's home, she's shocked by the terrible state of the house. As Evie cleans and organizes, she finds things that don't make sense: expensive liquor in the garage, pricier than her mother's usual brand, and tins of cat food when her mother doesn't even like cats. Where is her mother getting all this money, and is she losing her mind?

Suspicious and concerned, Evie rekindles a relationship with her mother's elderly next door neighbor, Mina, who has herself been having episodes she can't explain lately. But the more the two women investigate, a more menacing scheme begins to unfold.

THERE WAS AN OLD WOMAN is Ephron's most gripping and evocative novel yet; a twisting, page-turning tale that shows how secrets from the past fester if they remain buried and how the seduction of greed can lead to desperate measures.

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About the Author:

Hallie Ephron is the award-winning author of *Never Tell a Lie* and *Come and Find Me* and the mystery reviewer for the *Boston Globe*. She lives near Boston, Massachusetts.

TOUR SCHEDULE AND APPEARANCES

April 1: SIGNING at BROOKLINE BOOKSMITH, 279 Harvard Street, Brookline, MA; 7pm.

April 2: SIGNING at BARNES & NOBLE, 1 Worcester Road, Framingham, MA; 7pm.

April 4: JOINT SIGNING with Jacqueline Winspear at TUFTS LIBRARY WEYMOUTH MAIN BRANCH, 46 Broad Street, Weymouth, MA; 7pm.

April 6: NEW HAMPSHIRE'S WRITERS PROJECT CONFERENCE, 2500 N River Road, Manchester, NH

April 8: TALK AND SIGNING at TEWKSBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 300 Chandler Street, Tewksbury, MA; 7pm.

April 9: LUNCHEON, SIGNING at BANK SQUARE BOOKS, 53 West Main Street, Mystic, CT, 12pm.

April 10: SIGNING at NEW ENGLAND MOBILE BOOK FAIR, 82-84 Needham Street, Newton Highlands, MA; 7pm.

April 12: ROANOKE BOOK & AUTHOR DINNER, 110 Shenandoah Avenue, Roanoke, VA, 5:45pm.

April 15: JOINT SIGNING with Linda Barnes at MANCHESTER BY THE SEA PUBLIC LIBRARY, 15 Union Street, Manchester, MA, 7pm.

April 16: SIGNING at TOADSTOOL BOOKSHOP, 1 London Plaza, Milford, NH, 7pm.

April 17: JOINT SIGNING with Linda Barnes at MILTON PUBLIC LIBRARY, 476 Canton Avenue, Milton, MA, 7 pm.

May 9: PANEL at LEOMINSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY, 30 West Street, Leominster, MA; 7pm.

May 11: KEYNOTE ADDRESS at CONNECTICUT AUTHORS & PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION 10TH ANNUAL WRITING CONFERENCE, Steam Boiler Convention Center, Hartford, CT.

May 14: JOINT SIGNING with Katherine Hall Page at HINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY, 747 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, Cohasset, MA, 7pm.

May 15-May 20: JOINT SIGNINGS in NORTH CAROLINA with Lucy Burdette and Jennifer McMahon:

May 15: EAST REGIONAL LIBRARY, Knightdale, NC; 2 pm

May 15: NORTH REGIONAL LIBRARY, Raleigh, NC; 7 pm

May 16: CAROLINA CLUB luncheon, UNC-Chapel Hill; 11:30 am

May 16: SOUTHEAST REGIONAL LIBRARY, Garner, NC; 7:30 pm

May 17: CAMERON VILLAGE LIBRARY, Raleigh, NC; 10:30 am

May 17: WEST REGIONAL LIBRARY, Cary, NC; 2 pm

MAY 18: MCINTYRE'S, Fearington Village, Pittsboro, NC; 2 pm

MAY 19: HALLE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER, APEX, NC; 2 pm

MAY 20: EVA PERRY LIBRARY, Apex, NC; 2 pm

MAY 20: PAGE-WALKER CULTURAL ARTS CENTER, Cary, NC; 7 pm

May 22: Talk and signing at THOMAS CRANE PUBLIC LIBRARY, 40 Washington Street, Quincy, MA; 7 pm.

May 23: PANEL at the Maynard Public Library, 77 Nason Street, Maynard, MA; 7 pm.

June 8: JOINT SIGNING with Lucy Burdette at BOOKS AND BOOS, 514 Westchester Road, Colchester, CT; 3pm.