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[ARC Review] That Night

Gillian McAllister [CRIME ♦ THRILLER ♦ MYSTERY]

Thank you to NetGalley and William Morrow Paperbacks for the advance copy of this title.

I read a lot of mystery and thriller novels, each with its own brand of suspense, twists, and surprising endings. Unfortunately, this wasn't one of them.

Everything about the premise grabbed me, and the synopsis promised a story that ebbed and flowed with tension. Instead, I found myself bored for most of it.

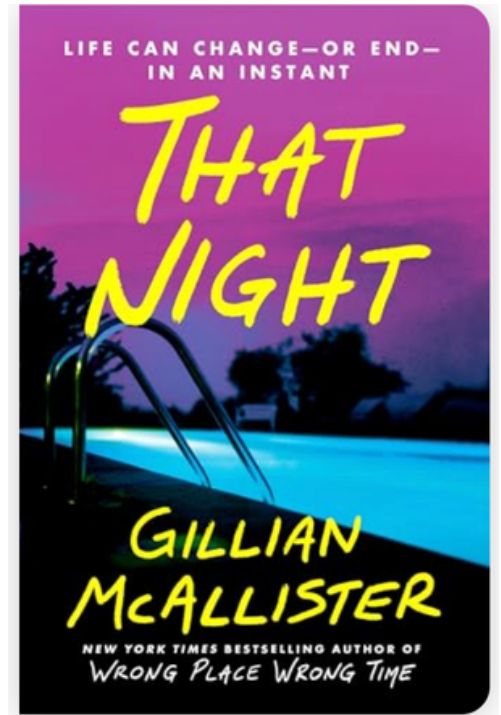
The setup is great: a close-knit family of veterinarians—siblings who run the family practice together—head out on one of their annual vacations. One night, one of the sisters finds herself in trouble, and her siblings come to her rescue, but at a cost. That's really the heart of the story.

I kept waiting for something more to happen beyond the budding romance involving one sister who's been withdrawn since a devastating loss, the ever-cheerful sister who's navigating life as a single parent, and the brother, newly married but still willing to do absolutely anything for his sisters.

The parents are present, but more as observers than active participants, despite being the foundation of this successful family. In the end, there just wasn't enough here to keep me invested.

The premise had all the ingredients for a compelling mystery, but for me, it simply missed the mark.

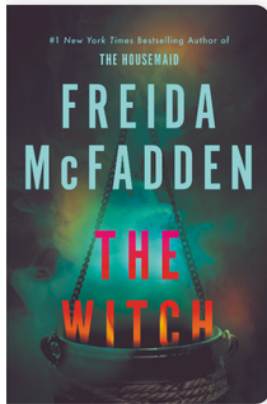
I gave this title 3.15 ✨.



More Updates & Reading Progress!

✨Upcoming Reads!✨

Some secrets don't die—they wait.



The Witch
Frieda McFadden
OCTOBER 6, 2026
THRILLER ☆ MYSTERY ☆ HALLOWEEN

When Julia Barlow loses her job and her apartment, she has nowhere left to go but Pemberton, her family's sprawling seventeenth-century estate in rural Massachusetts. Officially, she's there to check in on her aging grandmother. Unofficially, she's hoping the old house will give her a place to disappear.



Instead, Pemberton begins to unravel her.

Every night, the grandfather clock stops at exactly 3:41 a.m. The lights flicker without warning. And a disembodied voice cries for help outside Julia's bedroom door.

As Julia digs into the house's dark history, she uncovers the story of a woman executed for witchcraft in 1692—and realizes the past may not be finished with Pemberton yet. When decades of family lies begin to surface, Julia must confront a terrifying truth: Pemberton may be haunted by women whose voices refuse to stay silent.

✨Wish Listed Titles✨

- Killing the Boogeyman, Richard Chizmar
- The Unhaunting, Micaiah Johnson
- The Haunting of Lavender House, Natalie Kikic
- What the Forest Devours, Elaine Vilar Madruga
- Kiss, Slay, Replay, Rachel Harrison

August ARC's Downloads + Purchases

Hive Mind, Allison Gunn

Mercy House, Adam Cesare

Pinfeathers, Christina Henry

✨Currently Reading✨

- Observer: A Novel, Nicholas Russell
- A House With Good Bones, T. Kingfisher

COMPLETED TILES FOR AUGUST

That Night, Gillian McAllister

The House That Eats The Dead, Max Doty

A Box Full of Darkness, Simone St. James

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