

The Perfect Couple

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Amelia Sacks never expects her carefully planned Nantucket wedding weekend to turn into something ripped straight out of a mystery thriller. Especially not when she and her fiancé, Benji, are surrounded by ocean views, lavish parties, and the picture-perfect elegance of his powerful family's estate. But everything changes the morning of the big day when the dead body of her best friend, Merritt, is discovered, instantly transforming what should've been a celebration into a tense investigation that no one can escape. As questions deepen and loyalties crack, guests realize that the glamorous facade they've built their lives around may be hiding more than they ever imagined, and that every person on the island has something they'd rather keep buried.

I really enjoyed this book! I've read other novels by Hilderbrand, and she usually centers her stories around beaches, wealth, small towns, romance, and mystery, all of which came to a perfect blend as always in this book as well! I particularly loved and enjoyed how each of the characters played a significant role in building the plot, especially as each of them were very nuanced with their traits. I honestly don't have any negative points, this is a great read for anyone, whether you enjoy romance, suspense, drama, or a small town vibe!

I would recommend this book to teens (13+). There are some sexual references including mild descriptions of explicit scenes as well as moderate discussion of cheating/affairs in relationships. Death and murder is a prevalent topic, as it is the focal point for the suspense aspect of the story, and this includes mild (not graphic) descriptions of dead bodies, blood, violence, and murder weapons/actions. There is also frequent mention of drug and alcohol usage (ex. 'party culture,' various characters being drunk).

Recommended Titles:

The Five Star Weekend by Elin Hilderbrand

We Were Liars by E. Lockhart

The Guest List by Lucy Foley

The Wedding People by Alison Espach