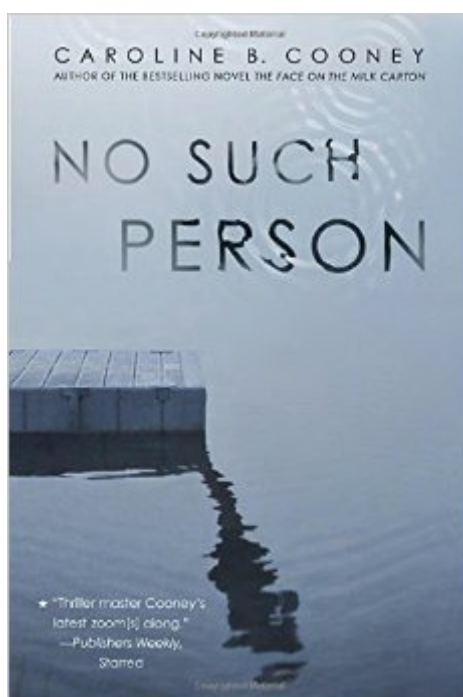


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No Such Person



Synopsis

From the author of the multimillion-copy bestseller *The Face on the Milk Carton* comes a riveting thriller about two sisters—one accused of murder, the other desperate to prove her sister's innocence . . . even as she begins to doubt it herself. Shortly after the Allerdons arrive at their cozy family cottage on the river, Lander meets and is smitten with a handsome young man, and they begin to date. But Miranda has a bad feeling about her perfect sister's new boyfriend. And when the cops come knocking on her family's front door, Miranda can't help feeling that Lander's boyfriend has something to do with it. The police tell Miranda and her family that Lander has been arrested. But Miranda doubts the supposedly solid evidence they say they have against her sister and decides to dig deeper. There's only one problem: the more she learns, the more she wonders why everything keeps pointing to Lander's guilt. "No one writes suspense like Cooney. . . . Haunting, harrowing, and hard to put down." *Kirkus Reviews* "Cooney has hit it out of the ballpark yet again. A must-read." *VOYA* "Jangling suspense juxtaposed with cozy details. An enticing balance between intimacy and cool detachment." *Publishers Weekly, Starred Review* "Full of twists and turns . . . has all the elements that keep young mystery lovers coming back for more." *SLJ* "[A] cleverly plotted novel rooted in suspense. . . . Fully satisfying." *Booklist*

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Customer Reviews

Caroline B. Cooney, the author of the bestseller *THE FACE ON THE MILK CARTON*, introduces *NO SUCH PERSON*, a new mystery thriller for young adults. Every summer, the Allerdon family heads to their rustic cottage on the river for a break from the hectic and busy city life they normally lead. However, much to the dismay of 15-year-old Miranda and her parents, Lander --- Miranda's older sister who is about to start medical school --- finds herself locked in a jail cell, accused of murder. Even after Miranda swears to Lander that she saw the handsome boater Lander fancies, Jason Firenza, try to kill his water-skiing friend, Lander falls in love with him anyway. A week later, Jason's friend, Denny, is found dead in the woods from a gunshot wound, with Lander holding the gun. Jason is revealed to be part of a drug ring, and the police believe Lander was a part of Jason's plan to murder Denny in the first place. After years of peaceful summers on the river, Lander's ordeal changes the lives of the entire Allerdon family forever. Now they can never un-see the web of deceit that surrounds their once idyllic neighborhood. Once again, Caroline B. Cooney produces a fascinating and spine-chilling novel in *NO SUCH PERSON*. The readers who are anxiously following Miranda and Lander's race against the clock to discover the secrets surrounding Denny's murder are forced to question if they actually know who their harmless neighbors really are. The use of a dual perspective narrative that Cooney crafts from both the thoughts of Miranda and Lander allows the reader to consider multiple sides of the case, as Miranda desperately tries to prove her sister innocent while Lander struggles to comprehend the terms of her imprisonment.

Set against the backdrop of a Connecticut River summer town, Caroline B. Cooney's latest novel, *No Such Person*, makes for an intensely captivating, thoroughly unsettling and absolutely unputdownable murder mystery with elements of psychological thriller. Cooney is a veteran. Her critically acclaimed *The Face on The Milk Carton* series has been a big HUGE hit. I myself haven't read it yet, but it is definitely one of the series I know I want to get to very soon. I have heard enough about it, though, to know that this author is incredibly talented and skilled at what she does. See, Cooney writes insanely good thrillers. And if you happen to like those, then *No Such Person* is absolutely not to be missed. It all starts with a water-skiing accident in which one boy (Derry) almost loses his life. He survives, narrowly escaping death by drowning, but ends up hospitalized. The accident is witnessed by 22 year old Lander, her 15 year old sister, Miranda, their parents, and many other vacationers and locals living on the riverfront. Miranda thinks she saw something odd and very disturbing just before the boy got pulled under a huge river barge. She thinks she saw his

friend purposefully slow down the motorboat, causing the skier to lose his balance and topple over. She shares her observation with her older sister, but Lander is - as always - dismissive and annoyed. She does not believe Miranda's claims for a second. 7 days later, Lander is found on a boat loaded with drugs, with a gun in her hand and a dead body close-by."There isn't money for Miranda to go to college. There never was, even without attorney's bills. Either her parents tell themselves that somehow they'll make it work for daughter number two, or they shrug about daughter number two.

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