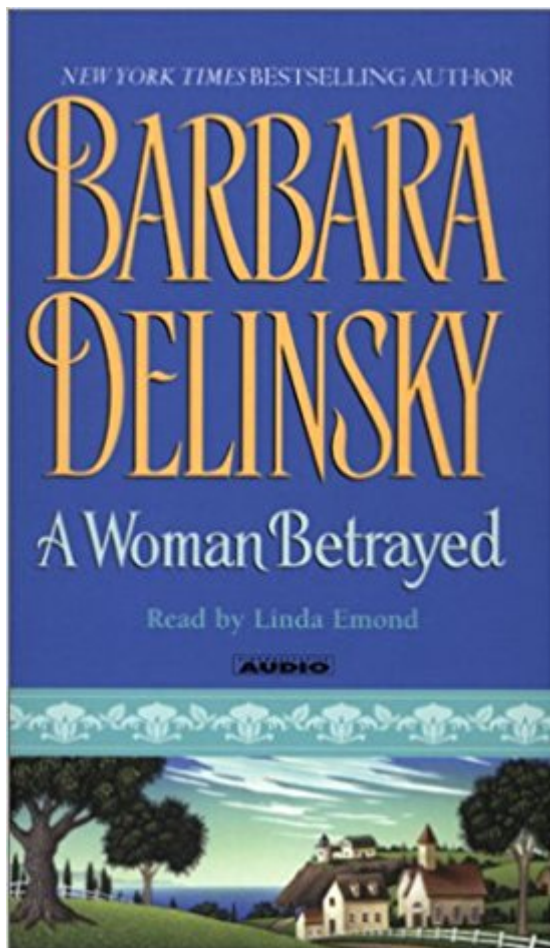




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A Woman Betrayed



Synopsis

THEY WERE THE PICTURE PERFECT FAMILY With a twenty-year marriage, two terrific kids, and a successful career, Laura Frye has everything she could ask for...until her husband Jeff mysteriously disappears. Beside herself with worry, Laura maintains that the Jeff she knew would never leave voluntarily. But what about the Jeff she didn't know? As her husband's many secrets come to light, Laura is left with a shocking picture of a man she married...and a world that is falling apart. Shaken to the very core, Laura looks for ways to hold her family together and rebuild her life. What she finds is a strength she never knew she had, and a love she thought she had lost forever.

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Customer Reviews

Delinsky's (Facets) diverting page-turner focuses on the disintegration of a woman's picture-perfect, well-managed existence. Thirty-eight-year-old Laura Frye seems to have it all: a hardworking CPA husband, two teenagers of only average rebelliousness, a successful restaurant and catering business and a beautiful home in western Massachusetts. When her husband Jeff vanishes without a trace, she's convinced there's been foul play. But six nightmarish days after her husband disappears, an IRS agent appears at their door: Jeff is being investigated for tax fraud. Daphne Phillips, Laura's friend and lawyer, offers support, but can't stop the IRS from freezing Jeff and Laura's assets--including the funds she needs to keep her restaurant afloat--nor can she protect Laura from the local newspaper that seems viciously bent on exploiting her problems. When Laura's just about ready to crack, who should breeze in but the very man she's least prepared to cope with: Christian, Jeff's charismatic brother, the family's black sheep and, long ago, Laura's first

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For the Romance crowd, here are two hardcover reprints by Delinsky. First appearing in 1991, *A Woman Betrayed* follows the tribulations of Laura Frye after the disappearance of her husband, whom she later learns had numerous awful secrets. Flip Side finds geological consultant Chloe MacDaniel determined to quash a development project until she meets her former flame who, of course, is heading that project. Delinsky is always a crowd pleaser. Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an alternate Audio Cassette edition.

This was a book filled with a bunch of not nice, and unbelievable people. Spoiler alert -if you don't want to know what happens, read no further!
Maddie (mother) - totally inhuman the way she criticized her daughter when she was down and out
Lydia (beloved mother-in-law) who allowed her husband to mentally abuse her first son and crippled the second to the point that he became a deserter and a criminal
Debra - hateful teenage daughter who needed someone to straighten her out - fast!
Scott - did no one care that he was so promiscuous?
Daphne - not even a bit realistic. What successful lawyer tries to work on a case while naked in bed with a guy who can't get enough of her.
Jeff - a cypher to all, including this reader. Doesn't even have the nerve to tell his wife what he needs but then does have the nerve to commit fraud, adultery and desertion.
Christian - bad boy suddenly becomes a saint AND a hero!
Laura - clueless perfectionist - not a sympathetic character. Leaves her daughter with her nasty and preoccupied mother to go off with her brother-in-law. While she is gone, her 16 year old daughter is raped.
Not recommended.

After reading "Lake News," I scanned the reviews of other books by Barbara Delinsky and picked this book from the list. This is a well developed plot with some interesting twists and turns. It is easy to run away from problems, but what of the people left behind who have to contend with them and clean up the mess. When Laura's husband disappears without a trace (even the IRS and FBI can't find him), her life starts to unravel as she adds up the bills, encounters tax problems and frozen assets, and discovers that she has no personal credit rating. After 20 years of marriage, she finds she never really knew her husband, and was unaware of the real source of some of his income. Various things are dredged up from the past including the emotional abuse that some people endured as children. As Laura struggles to maintain her own career and business while dealing with her family, an old friendship is lost but an old love is rekindled. It is a difficult book to put down when

you get involved in the plot.

A very interesting story that captured me on the first page. Several storylines within the story kept the intrigue. It ended very well. A satisfying reading experience.

GOOD BOOK

Ms. Delinsky is a proven writer of fiction with topics appealing to some women. Sometimes referred to as a "chick book". I enjoyed this story, as I have some of her other books. Although it took you through the book alternating between the wife and missing husband, there were minimal surprises, especially the ending. Way too predictable.

I like it all nothing to dislike. Very enjoyable reading. This is really unnecessary to do and to demand a number of words is so bad

Another great read by Barbara Delinsky! She creates characters you love, you hate, & some you can relate to. She keeps you guessing.

Great book, I had read this book several years ago and it was a great again. another book you don't want to put down.

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