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# Unraveling Oliver: A Novel



## Synopsis

In this “compelling, clever, and dark” (Heat magazine) thriller, a man’s shocking act of savagery stuns a local community and the revelations that follow will keep you gripped until the very last page. This work of psychological suspense, a #1 bestseller in Ireland, is perfect for fans of Patricia Highsmith and Ruth Ware. “I expected more of a reaction the first time I hit her.” So begins Liz Nugent’s astonishing debut novel—a chilling, elegantly crafted, and psychologically astute exploration of the nature of evil. Oliver Ryan, handsome, charismatic, and successful, has long been married to his devoted wife, Alice. Together they write and illustrate award-winning children’s books; their life together one of enviable privilege and ease until, one evening after a delightful dinner, Oliver delivers a blow to Alice that renders her unconscious, and subsequently beats her into a coma. In the aftermath of such an unthinkable event, as Alice hovers between life and death, the couple’s friends, neighbors, and acquaintances try to understand what could have driven Oliver to commit such a horrific act. As his story unfolds, layers are peeled away to reveal a life of shame, envy, deception, and masterful manipulation. With its alternating points of view and deft prose, *Unraveling Oliver* is “a page-turning, one-sitting read from a brand new master of psychological suspense” (Sunday Independent) that details how an ordinary man can transform into a sociopath.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Ms. Nugent unravels her protagonist without wasting a sentence in this neatly woven story. Oliver is seen through the eyes of those he's been affected by, and had an effect upon - each with a unique perspective into his making. Characters are richly drawn, plot twists are unexpected yet real and Oliver, well things are a bit messy with Oliver in the most uneasy way.

Oliver Does something awful as the book begins. He is a fascinating man who we begin to understand through each of the characters in his life. I liked the design of the book that each chapter was either Oliver or a different person in Oliver's life telling the story.

Wow .....a very impressive start for a first time author. It is well written, suspenseful with a unique storytelling style. I vow to follow Ms Nugent in the hopes that she delivers another page turner in the near future.

A complex and riveting tale...each character comes alive through the author's deft hand as she develops their interwoven tale. Recommended reading for anyone.

Really good read. Wasn't expecting to enjoy it so much. Engaging and intriguing characters and plot. Just bought the follow-up novel! Great when you discover an author you just know you're going to return to again and again!

I really enjoyed this book wasn't what I was expecting , but better . Would I recommend it , YES

"I expected more of a reaction the first time I hit her" is the shocking opening line of Unravelling Oliver and the book grips you from there. The story then goes back through Oliver's life, told by himself and people that knew him, to demonstrate to the reader why he committed this horrendous act. The book by Liz Nugent is clever, well written and I can't wait for her next one.

Gripping, nicely written, well paced

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