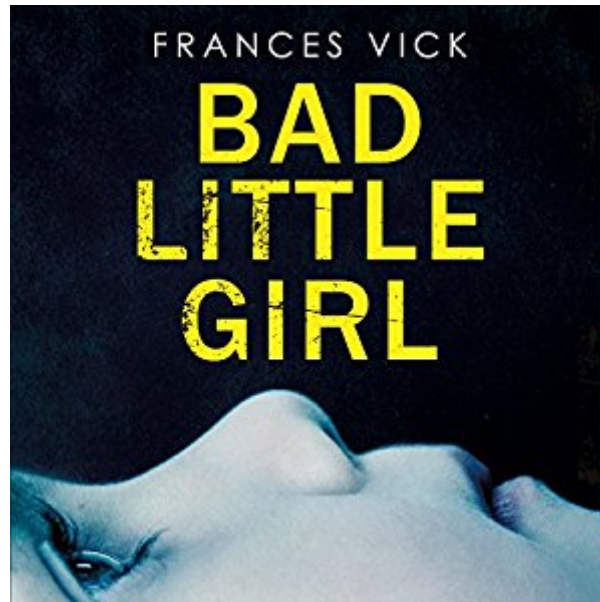




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# Bad Little Girl



## Synopsis

"I'm not safe - you have to help me..." Little Lorna Bell is from a notorious family on a rundown estate. Everyone thinks she's a nasty piece of work. The schoolchildren call her a thief. But Lorna's hair is matted, her shoes pinch her feet, and school teacher Claire Penny can't help herself; some kids just need a bit more support, a bit more love, than the rest. As the bond between teacher and pupil grows stronger, Claire sees Lorna's bruises, and digs to uncover the disturbing tale behind them. Heartbroken, Claire knows she has to act. She must make Lorna safe. Just when Claire thinks she has protected Lorna, a chance encounter brings enigmatic stranger Marianne Cairns into their lives. Marianne seems generous and kind but there is something about her story that doesn't quite add up. Why does she feel so at home, and why is Lorna suddenly so unsettled? Claire has risked everything to save Lorna. But what can save Claire from the shocking truth? An utterly unputdownable and darkly compelling listen that will have fans of *The Girl on the Train*, *The Sister*, and *Gone Girl* absolutely hooked.

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## Customer Reviews

This is a well-written story, but as a thriller/mystery reader I somehow expected more from it. Although the characters were believable, the story moved rather slowly and I didn't find as many twists and turns as I had anticipated. Once the character of Marianne was introduced, I felt like I knew immediately where the story was going to go. I wanted to identify more with the character of Claire, but found myself unable to be attached to such an insecure woman. The book is definitely worth a try, but some hard-core fans of thriller or suspense novels will not be satisfied.

My thoughts on Lorna being born bad or was her life at home the reason for her behavior, it may be a combination of both. I have worked in Special Education all my life and I have experienced several violent behaviors over the years. Some were self inflicted while others were aimed toward others. A few had loving support of family and others lived in group homes. Lorna's ability to convince others of how she was always the one being abused and she had the ability to control these situations is sad. I feel empathy for Claire as she cared so deeply for this child that it took her down the wrong road and nearly cost her her life. Even in the end, Lorna still realizes how much Claire loved her and writes her a note wanting to be back in her life. And I am sure Claire will answer that note.

Make no mistake; this was never going to be a "Who Done It" novel. I mean, if you're going to write a story in which you conclude that "the Butler did it", you don't title the book "The Butler is a Very Bad Man". So this is a "Why Done IT" or "How Done It" novel. Nevertheless, knowing the "Who" doesn't detract from the masterful way in which the reader is led from the introduction of the two main characters, through the intricate path to the final outcome. Claire, the narrator of this story, is a grade school teacher who is extremely sympathetic, empathetic, and invested in her students, to the point of exposing herself to easy manipulation. I suspect that we've all had teachers like Claire. Mine was a high school Latin teacher (coincidentally also named Claire), who could be influenced by "accidentally" calling her Mom (or Mum in this case, since the novel takes place in the UK). When Claire spots Lorna on the school grounds, an obviously abused and neglected little girl, all of her instincts to protect this child kick in, and the journey begins. What follows is an intricately conceived and crafted tale of the evolution of their relationship. It's a fascinating development of the continuous rationalizations between a co-dependent and sociopath. In this story, knowing the "who" doesn't make the "why" and the "how" from being any less interesting. Recommended reading.

I honestly expected more. I found it too drawn out and too long. Not really believable that someone can be so utterly gullible

Very interesting concept. The book was very well written and the editing was great. The question is, can a child be born just evil. Are they able to manipulate people to do what they want and if they don't do what they want are they able to commit acts of great harm. This book delves into the mind of just such a child. It was intense how she was able to manipulate two woman into doing her bidding. She meets someone just as flawed as herself and the journey into he'll has a very

interesting ending. I would certainly recommend this book to any reader who enjoys a look into the psyche of a psychopath.

This is an awesome and terrifying book. I have no sympathy for Loren, or whomever she really is. Did she lie about her life? Who really knows. I could write so much more however I must not reveal too much. I have known someone like Marianne. Move into your life to "help" you in your time of need and then not want to leave when you're no longer in need. Actually that is the person in need. You must read this and I am anxiously awaiting for another move by Frances Vick.

good story.....but I found it hard to believe that such a smart women could fall for this little girl's manipulation.....it's too hard to conceive that a child that young could manipulate a person like that....esp. with the whole drug thing and not be a little wiser for it.....and she also manipulated another women...and ran away with her and then ended up killing her.....but it was entertaining reading and kept you guessing what would happen next

Pros:Received the book in great conditionReceived rather quicklyCons:The story was drawn out too long.Didn't have many twists and turns, which made rather boringFinal Thoughts:I fell asleep 3 times while reading this book. I just decided not to finish the book. I did give some great effort. I would however purchase a book from this person because the book came in, in such great condition.

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