



The Perfect Mother

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What really goes on behind closed doors?

“I’ve striven to be the perfect mother, wanting to create a perfect childhood for my child...”.

With a loving husband, Richard; Sinead, her delightful step-daughter and Daisy, the precious little girl of her own, Catriona is the perfect mother, stepmother and wife – she is living her dream life.

Catriona’s ideal world starts to fall apart when Daisy begins to feel ill – repeatedly, inexplicably and increasingly worse. Visiting all varieties of doctor to find the source of the problem, Catriona finds that no-one can diagnose Daisy’s ailments. When she finally does find a doctor that will dedicate the time to finding the cause, Catriona realises that she is in fact the one under suspicion – that the doctor believes she is harming her own child.

Forced to confront her past and faced with the threat of her idyllic life unravelling, Catriona must decide what she is willing to risk revealing to make her daughter well again – and what she must lose in the process.

Written with a wonderfully convincing authority... I was eager to find out what happened next. I dreaded the worst and hoped for the best – and I won't tell you which happens. – **New York Times**

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