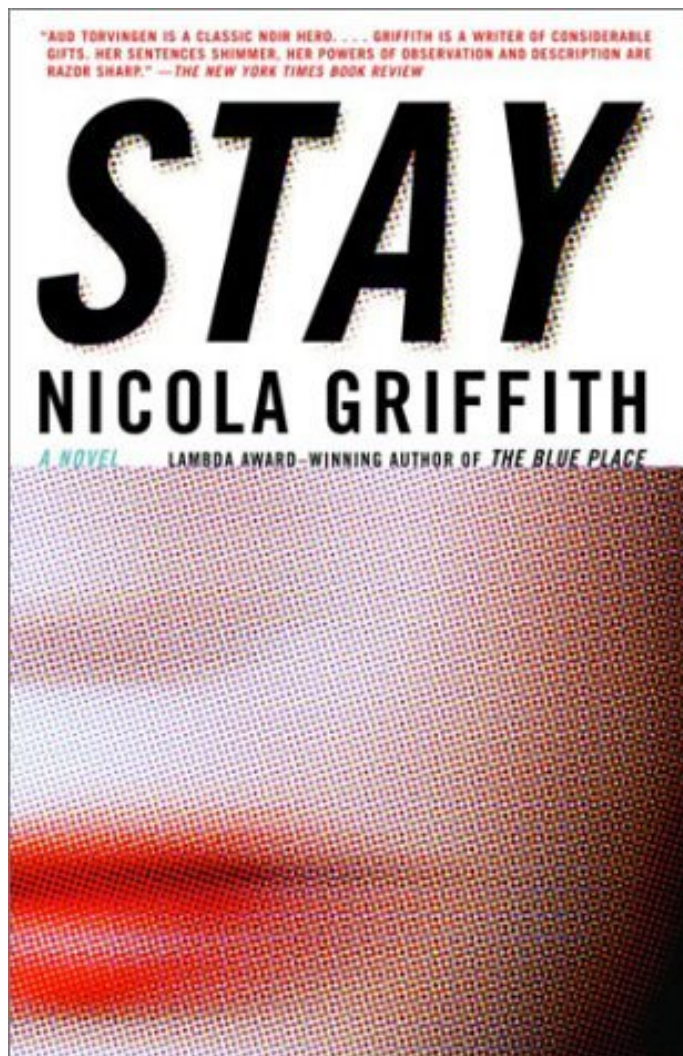

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Description

Aud (it rhymes with "shroud") Torvingen is six feet tall with blond hair and blue eyes. She can restore a log cabin with antique tools or put a man in a coma with her bare hands. As imagined by Nicola Griffith in this ferocious masterpiece of literary noir, Aud is a hero who combines the tortured complexity with moral authority.

In the aftermath of her lover's murder, the last thing a grieving Aud wants is another case. Against her better judgment she agrees to track down an old friend's runaway fiancée--and finds herself up against both a sociopath so artful that the law can't touch him, and the terrible specters of loss and guilt. As stylish as this year's Prada and as arresting as a razor at the throat, **Stay** places Nicola Griffith in the first rank of new-wave crime writers.

Insightful reviews

Jenny Nelson-brantley: A little slow to start. Character and storyline develop well. I liked the book. Good read for sure.

Amanda (awesome): A thriller that managed to be more about processing grief than fighting bad guys. The protagonist is definitely one of be interested in spending more time with.

Jae: First, the good stuff: the characters, as in the first book of this trilogy, are well conceived as people (even if Aud is sometimes too good to be true, there's nothing about her that *couldn't* exist, so there's no actual suspension of disbelief required). The writing is just pretty enough to be delightful and not so self-consciously pretty that it's distracting. Griffith manages to write an introverted, mad-with-grief protagonist who has spent most of the last several months completely alone, and there are long, long scenes with absolutely no interaction with anyone at all, but it never feels superfluous.

It's not all good, though: Griffith's research is impeccable in some areas (either she's actually visited all the places where the action takes place, or she's done some wicked Google research), and unexplainably sloppy in others (she's got borderline personality disorder confused with psychopathy, and she never bothered unconfusing them before submitting the book for publication). The mystery aspect of the plot is just as thin in this book as in the previous one, but this one doesn't have a smart romance to give the story a backbone. The pacing is a bit off; it starts slow and doesn't pick up steam until the middle. On balance, I'd have to say this one is ever so slightly weaker than the first one in the series, but not by much. A very good read, in any case.

Mfred: i actually enjoyed the 1st Aud Torvingen book. And used to be lovely dissatisfied during this one. i assumed it started out strong, and used to be as misplaced in Aud's grief as she herself was. yet then Tammy indicates up and that i locate myself worrying concerning the publication much less and less. i do not particularly like Tammy, i don't believe the reader is meant to -- yet I faithfully whereas Aud rescues her and am even overjoyed through the explosive motion scenes. whilst she results in the cabin and begins a direction of redemption is

while i eventually placed the e-book down. i attempted settling on it up back and attempted being drawn to the Luz sub-plot, however it all turns out so far-fetched-- and that it rather announcing anything for a noir crime mystery starring a semi-psychopathic/superhero Norwegian ex-cop.

Erin: Aud Torvingen is essentially lesbian Batman with out the gimp suit.

Sharonm: i actually enjoyed this moment within the Aud (rhymes with crowd) Torvingen series. i would already learn the 1st and third, by some means lacking this one. Griffith does an grand task of creating her characters, and particularly Aud, genuine people. a lot so, in fact, that any description of them (her) right here sounds cliché. Aud is a martial arts expert, tuned into either nature and spirituality, lesbian, basically fearless ... the mix of which makes her sound like a comic strip character. However, during this series, she is decidedly now not cartoonish. This publication has her recovering/recuperating from the final booklet (The Blue Place) on the cabin she is development within the Smoky Mountains, and touring to either NYC and Arkansas to rescue a friend's spouse and an immigrant child. This feels like a formulation thriller, yet again, it's so even more in Griffith's hand. the sorrowful information is this series' final publication is the 2007 "Always," which i have already read. Griffith must write one other publication during this series!!!

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