

# THE GIRLS I'VE BEEN

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Rating (0 stars is the absolute worst, 10 stars is the BEST BOOK EVER)



Genre(s):



Contemporary/Realistic



Action/adventure



Science Fiction



Fantasy



Romance



Horror



Mystery



Nonfiction



Historical fiction



Other: Thriller

The Girls I've Been follows a girl named Nora who ends up trapped in a bank during a robbery with her ex-boyfriend and her current girlfriend. While they're stuck inside, Nora has to use the skills she learned growing up with her con-artist mother to keep everyone safe. As the situation gets more intense, pieces of Nora's past start connecting to what's happening now, and you slowly see how she became the person she is.

I thought this book was super interesting because it mixes suspense with a lot of emotional moments. Nora is a really complicated character, and the flashbacks to her past make you understand why she reacts the way she does. The pacing is fast, and the tension stays high pretty much the whole time, but there are also scenes that hit really hard. It's one of those books where you keep saying you'll stop after one more chapter, and then suddenly you've read like fifty pages. It was a book that you can't put down.

Whether someone should read this book depends on what topics they like. It deals with heavy topics like abuse, trauma, and manipulation, so if that kind of content is tough for you, this might not be the best choice. But if you like thrillers with strong characters, messy relationships, and a lot of intensity, this book is definitely worth picking up. It's great for readers who enjoy dark, emotional stories that still feel empowering and character-driven.