

## A STRANGER IS WATCHING

A Stranger is Watching is a terrific book. I enjoyed reading this book very much. The non-stop action kept me reading for hours.

One of the best features of the book is how it was written. The point of view changes every chapter. For example Chapter 1 is written in the point of view of the infamous Foxy character. Chapter 2 is written in the point of view of our protagonist, Steve; and so on. I also liked how the author built the relationship of the characters up, so you care about what happens to them and feel like you're going through what they are going through. For instance, the author tells us of Steve's wife's death. We find out that Steve's son, Neil was never the same after this tragedy. When a new woman, Sharon comes into Steve's life, Neil rejects her. Neil thinks that if Sharon and his father get married, his father will send him away. When Neil and Sharon are held hostage together, Neil's feelings for Sharon change; he begins to see her as a nice person and a motherlike figure. I felt the author built this relationship up well so that the story would have a happy ending.

I also like how the author made the character traits of the protagonist completely conflict with the antagonist. The protagonist, Steve is a successful man with a family and no problems; at least in the mind of the antagonist. The antagonist has problems with females, a career he feels is going nowhere, and a lack of good friends. Throughout the story we find out that the antagonist is very jealous of the protagonist's life and that's why he indirectly targets him. This contrast was an addition to the already exciting plot of the story..

In my opinion the best part of "A Stranger is Watching" is the end, chapter 52. This chapter contains one of the greatest climaxes I ever read. The chapter begins at a frantic moment. All of the characters' lives are at risk because Foxy's bomb is about to go off. After a fight with Foxy, Steve manages to release Sharon and Neil. At the same time Ronald Thompson (a juvenile convicted of murder) is about to be executed for the murder of Steve's wife, Nina. A few chapters earlier we find out that Nina is Foxy's victim but he got off clean with it. Steve races out of Grand Central Station (where the bomb is going to go off) with Sharon and Neil. At this point the author stops her narrative and begins with the time eleven forty-two, twelve minutes after the bomb goes off, at this point we don't know what happened to our characters. In this next paragraph we are informed that Steve, Neil, and Sharon get away while Foxy dies from his own bomb. We also find out that Ronald Thompson is saved from his execution and released from prison.

I enjoyed this part of the story so much because it was the point of the highest excitement. Every event that took place in the story built up to this major event. All excitement in the story was covered at this point. I feel the climax is the best part of every story, and should be. This was definitely one of the best books I have ever read.

