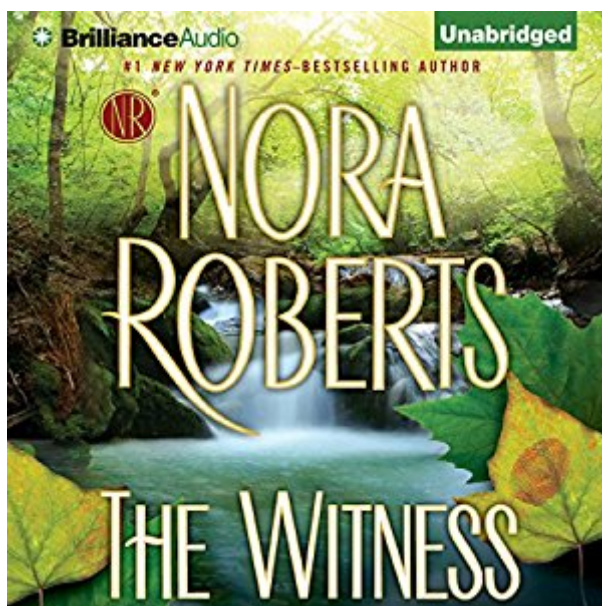


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The Witness [Brilliance Audio Edition]



Synopsis

Audie Award Nominee, Romance, 2013 Daughter of a cold, controlling mother and an anonymous donor, studious, obedient Elizabeth finally let loose one night, drinking too much at a nightclub and allowing a strange man's seductive Russian accent to lure her to a house on Lake Shore Drive. The events that followed changed her life forever. Twelve years later, the woman now known as Abigail Lowery lives alone on the outskirts of a small town in the Ozarks. A freelance programmer, she works at home designing sophisticated security systems. Her own security is supplemented by a fierce dog and an assortment of firearms. She keeps to herself, saying little, revealing nothing. Unfortunately, that seems to be the quickest way to get attention in a tiny southern town. The mystery of Abigail Lowery intrigues local police chief Brooks Gleason, on both a personal and a professional level. Her sharp, logical mind, her secretive nature, her unromantic viewpoints leave him fascinated but frustrated. He suspects that Abigail needs protection from something, even if he doesn't know what - and that her elaborate defenses hide a story that must be revealed. Accustomed to two-bit troublemakers, Gleason is about to walk into the sights of very powerful and dangerous men. And Abigail Lowery, who has built a life based on security and self-control, is at risk of losing both.

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Customer Reviews

Only Nora Roberts can make me sit down and devour a 500 page book in less than 24 hours. I enjoy her writing style, I love her characters, and I thought this was the best stand-alone novel that

she has written in some time. Well worth the honor of her 200th publication! Elizabeth Fitch leads a very sterile and pre-planned life: conceived from carefully planned artificial insemination to a woman lacking in emotion, a prodigy with an eidetic memory who is pre-med at Harvard at the age of 16, and still a teenage girl who feels the need to rebel as she struggles to become her own person. Her single act of rebellion results in death, being targeted by the Russian Mafia, and her entering into witness protection. Now, 12 years later, she is still hiding but as Abigail Lowry in a small Arkansas town. The Chief of Police, Brooks Gleason, has taken a professional - and personal - interest in her and Abigail has to decide if being alive is enough, or if she wants to actually live a life she never thought she could have.

Nora Roberts, in my mind, always spins a good tale. I will never claim her books are full of unexpected twists and turns or worthy of a National Book Award, but they have solid, well-developed plots, that are enjoyable to read. I thought this book was a cut above her normal. Not because of the plot, which was good, but because of the lead female character. I really liked her! She was incredibly smart, unbelievably courageous, and just a little socially awkward as truly brilliant people can be. My heart broke for the 16 year old girl and cheered for the 29 year old woman - both of whom made difficult decisions. And now, I am left with the same feeling I always have after finishing one of Nora's books: why did I read that so fast?! However, I am physically incapable of drawing out the experience and savoring it. I have to consume it in one fabulous gulp. Luckily, her next new book comes out in just two weeks, which I fully intend to blissfully devour as well :)

I absolutely loved this novel, thus the 5 star rating. I have read several novels by Ms. Roberts and enjoyed most of them, but this novel knocked the others out of the park! It is a fast paced and the narrative flows beautifully. The main reason I enjoyed this novel so much is the main characters, they are SO well developed. I just loved the heroine and the hero is appears to be a beautifully rugged male, who will stop at nothing to protect the woman he adores. The first part of the novel, the heroine is a child prodigy, Elizabeth Fitch, who has an eidetic memory and is brought up in a strict, almost sterile, manner by her mother who is a highly intelligent and successful neurosurgeon. She has pushed her daughter all of her life and after one adolescent moment of rebellion, all her plans for her daughter, go to hell in a hand basket! Elizabeth witnesses two brutal murders and is taken into witness protection for her own safety. Twelve years later Elizabeth (now known as Abigail Lowry) is living in a small town, self-sufficient and keeping herself to herself. She catches the attention of the local Police Chief, Brooks Gleason, both professionally and personally. He is determined to get to know her and basically rides roughshod over the rather innocent Abigail and

worms his way into her life. Secondary characters are great, particularly Gleason's mother - loved her! This is a novel which catches you from the first few pages and takes you on a carnival ride to the very end. Would recommend this to everyone who enjoys a little mystery and action with their romance. Well played Ms. Roberts, well played!

Kept my attention and interest as it allowed a realistic up close and personal look at navigating the witness protection plan gone horribly wrong. Was immediately cheering for main player and the help that seemed so elusive. Gotta read it, no more spoiler info!

What more could you ask for than the female version of Sheldon from Big Bang? Oh wait! You get a heroine who is smart, loves dogs and knows her firearms! NR has a formula and we wouldn't have it any other way. This was a good mix of great story telling, cyber geekdom, and romance. NR genius doesn't lie in the formula but in her ability to do thoroughly and vividly bring to life characters that could be our neighbors, coworkers and family. She reaches out and pulls us in with subtle things that add up to the overall immersed experience. Good, fun read.

This describes the main character. I like Nora Roberts books in general, but not all the stand alone. This story has a modern twist with computers and such...but, the main character had to be hard to write. Nora carries the characterization of whatever her name is at my given time throughout the whole book. The personality comes through right away and although the sequence of time and her name and circumstance change, the personality, word usage, and character remains the same. That must have taken a lot of work, but the story was very good. I read it the first time right after it came out, but rereading it several times over the years, just confirms this one is a keeper.

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