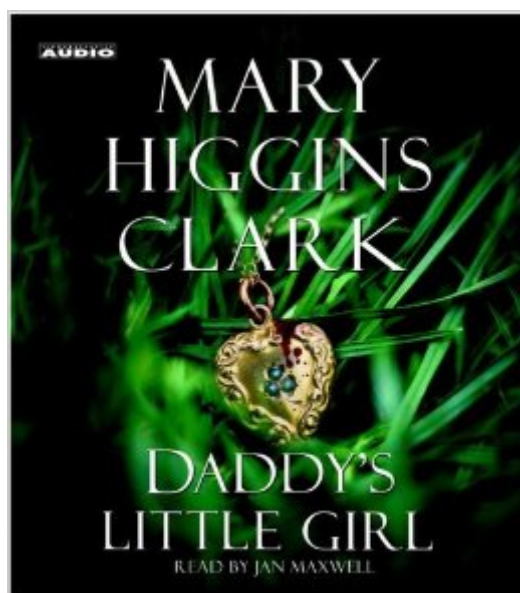


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# Daddy's Little Girl



## Synopsis

Ellie Cavanaugh was only seven years old when her fifteen-year-old sister, Andrea, was murdered near their home in a rural village in New York's Westchester County. There were three suspects: Rob Westerfield, nineteen-year-old scion of a wealthy, prominent family whom Andrea has been secretly dating; Paul Stroebel, a sixteen-year-old schoolmate, who had a crush on Andrea, and Will Nebels, a local handyman in his 40s. It was Ellie who had led her parents to a hideout in which Andrea's body was found -- a secret hideaway where she met her friends. And it was Ellie who was blamed by her parents for her sister's death for not telling them about this place the night Andrea was missing. Ellie's testimony eventually led to the conviction of the man she was convinced was the killer. Steadfastly denying his guilt, he spent the next twenty-two years in prison. When he comes up for parole, Ellie, now an investigative reporter for an Atlanta newspaper, protests his release. Nonetheless, the convicted killer is set free and returns to Oldham. Determined to thwart his attempts to whitewash his reputation, Ellie also returns to Oldham, intent on creating a Website and writing a book that will conclusively prove his guilt. As she delves deeper into her research, she uncovers horrifying and unknown facts that shed new light on her sister's murder. With each discovery, she comes closer to a confrontation with a desperate killer.

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"My sister, Andrea, was murdered nearly twenty-three years ago, yet it always seems as though it was just yesterday." Thus Ellie Cavanaugh begins her tale and the reader is drawn into the life of this Atlanta investigative journalist who has never come to terms with the murder of her sister, a

murder she assumes partial blame for because she covered for her fifteen-year-old sister by not telling their parents that Andrea was secretly meeting handsome rich kid Rob Westerfield. When Rob Westerfield, the convicted killer, comes up for parole twenty-three years later, Ellie returns to Westchester, New York, the scene of the crime, hoping to prevent his parole. She is, however, up against a rich and powerful family that is able to now produce an eye-witness that will clear the family's name. Ellie fights back with a website outlining all the reasons Westerfield should remain in prison. Many people want Ellie and her website stopped and one person is willing to kill again to accomplish this. Ellie is one of Mary Higgins Clark's more sympathetic heroines. Like most MHC creations, she is a dedicated career woman. But unlike the others, Ellie is isolated. She has lost her sister and her mother because of the tragedy and is estranged from her father. Her only confidante is her boss in Atlanta. Even her childhood acquaintances still in New York think it is time to quit carrying a grudge---Westerfield has served his time, let him be. When evidence starts to mount that Rob Westerfield is really innocent and the crime was committed by another, Ellie swings into high gear to find the answers once and for all so that she can truly put the past to rest. Can Ellie uncover the truth? Will the need for vengeance blind her? Will others deceive her?

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