The Killer Next Door
Everyone who lives at 23 Beulah Grove has a secret. If they didn’t, they wouldn’t be renting rooms in a dodgy old building for cash - no credit check, no lease. It’s the kind of place you end up when you you’ve run out of other options. The six residents mostly keep to themselves, but one unbearably hot summer night, a terrible accident pushes them into an uneasy alliance. What they don’t know is that one of them is a killer. He’s already chosen his next victim, and he’ll do anything to protect his secret.

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Customer Reviews
Thank you to the author and publisher for the much anticipated review copy. No. 23 has a secret. In this gloomy, bedsit-riddled South London wreck, lorded over by a lecherous landlord, a horrifying collection quietly waits to be discovered. Yet all six residents have something to hide. Impressive.
Yes ok, this is crime fiction. There is a mystery and things to discover here, but for me this was mostly a character driven novel â€” and a rather addictive one at that. Within the walls of number 23, an eclectic cast of characters hang their hats â€” all hiding out from the world for one reason or another and all incredibly well drawn, I was immediately fascinated by every one of them. From the very beginning Alex Marwood hooks you. Cher, teenage runaway, is interviewed at the police station, giving her statement about a recent gruesome discovery â€” then we are thrown back in time to start meeting the people involvedâ€”the residents of No 23. Knowing that doom is approaching for at least one, this is a book you may shout at. â€œNoâ€”â€œDonâ€™t do thatâ€”â€œRUN
RUN! â•^and yet you are never entirely sure whether you are directing your advice at the right people.. clever. Love it. Putting that side of it away for a moment â€“ the more frightening part if you like â€“ you can also look at this story as a soundbite from life. Cher, teenager, thief, but also someone you would want on your side. Collette, hiding from danger not realising that she faces far worse in her chosen sanctuary, Vesta, pensioner, is mother and confidante to all. Then you have a handsome asylum seeker Hossein, the lonely Thomas and the musically minded Gerard, all watched over by the repugnant landlord Preece.

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