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# See How They Run: The Gripping Thriller That Everyone Is Talking About



## Synopsis

How far would you go to save your family? In the dead of night, new parents Alice and Harry French are plunged into their worst nightmare when they wake to find masked men in their bedroom. Men ruthless enough to threaten their baby daughter, Evie. This is no burglary gone wrong. The intruders know who they're looking for – a man called Edward Renshaw. And they are prepared to kill to get to him. When the men leave empty handed, little do Alice and Harry realise that their nightmare is just beginning. Is it a case of mistaken identity? Who is Renshaw? And what is he hiding? One thing is clear – they already know too much. As Alice and Harry are separated in the run for their lives, there is no time to breathe in their fight to be reunited. And with their attackers closing in, there is only one choice: STAY ALIVE. OR DON'T. Terrifying, unputdownable and full of twists and turns, this stunning thriller will have you on the edge of your seat right to the very last page. Read what everyone is saying about *See How They Run*:

“Tom Bale is one of the best British thriller writers around.” – Simon Kernick

“Fast paced, shocking turns and thrilling scenes which make the reader focus purely on the characters' plight within the pages. *See How They Run* is a fantastically thrilling whirlwind of a book. It is a tense, masterful lesson in putting ordinary characters into extraordinary circumstances and watching the story unfold. A highly entertaining 5 star read for me!” – Bibliophile Book Club

“Heart-poundingly brilliant, the tension was palpable. I could almost hear the adrenaline coursing through my veins. The action is non stop – I could hardly catch my breath.” – Sincerely Book Angels

“*See How They Run* is a perfect thriller with moments that make you hold your breath and hope that everything will be OK. A fantastic novel that will make you double check and then triple check you locked your back door.” – Blabbering About Books

“Totally intense read, which I couldn't put down. I actually thought I was going to have a heart attack it got my heart racing that much!” – Chelle's Book Reviews

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## Customer Reviews

In the middle of the night, Alice and Harry French and their newborn Evie are confronted with their worst nightmare when a couple of intruders show up in their bedroom. The men are wearing plastic covers over their shoes, they are clearly no amateurs and the threat is very real and quite horrific. All they want however is a package addressed to a guy named Renshaw that was delivered to their house. This must be one important package, only they have never heard of Renshaw or have any knowledge about this package. Their terror and innocence seem real enough for the trespassers and they leave empty handed, with the threat they will be watched and there will be repercussions sooner or later if they go to the police. Since nobody was hurt and they don't have any proof of any kind, they think it best to leave it be, but the next day Harry is contacted by a woman called Ruth and Alice takes a dangerous route herself when she's trying to find Renshaw, with little Evie in tow. What follows is a nerve-wracking race for Harry to find Alice and Evie, while Alice is on the run for whoever is after Renshaw and the package. They can't call the police because, as long as Alice can't be reached, they might think Harry harmed his wife and child. A captivating story that draws you right in and keeps up the suspense throughout the novel. Did you know that the author, Tom Bale, got the inspiration for the novel when he was putting the garbage outside one evening? He heard a sound and started thinking |would any of the neighbours take notice if there was a break-in? Well the situation in this novel is one of those moments we all have when we are laying in our bed and we think we might have heard something. The situation and what follows feels so life-like, you can almost imagine this being the real deal. It makes it all so relatable and I love it when stories start out with ordinary people in ordinary situations that spiral into outrageous ones.

This is exactly such a story. There is so much more to say about *See How They Run* that made me love this novel. I think it really is an added value that the author included a baby in the storyline. He didn't make it easy on himself because this tiny personality and Evie is a cool personality even if she's only 8 weeks old and needs feeding and changing in between and makes travelling, running and all that fairly difficult but he did a beautiful job doing just so without it being ever annoying. Tom Bale also seems to have mastered the knack of developing two separate suspenseful storylines (the one following Harry and the one following his wife Alice) and making them both seem plausible and gripping. It's not that I wanted to read one of these storylines more than the other, no they were equally engaging with the right amount of tension and cliffhanger each time. Ruth's character in the book is quite mysterious, making you question if she's trustworthy and what her deal is in the story for a long time. It takes a while until her story is finally revealed and what her connection to this Laird is. Another twist in the plotline I didn't imagine and which made me hate Laird even more, although two-faced Nerys and her son came to a close second. If you are talking about bad guys and personalities, he's done a hell of a job in putting them out there. On the opposite side, Harry and Alice make such a likable family that you would want to help them yourself if you could. This novel was a page-turner and I can highly recommend *See How They Run* to crime lovers who think they possess nerves of steel. This was an entirely new author to me but I know I definitely want to read more of his work! I received a free copy of this book from the publicist through Netgalley in exchange for my honest opinion\*[...]. Thank you.

It was hard to put the book down.. I just wanted to know what happened. I checked my doors and windows to make sure they were locked every night after reading this book. There were a few things that were implausible (which I won't say as it could be a spoiler) but they didn't take away the thrill of the book. I forgave them as they added to the storyline. It is hard to figure who was braver, the husband or the wife. But it is believable the extent they went to in order to save their child. What mother wouldn't do anything to save her baby? What father wouldn't want to protect his child and go to the extent he did. Could this all happen in real life? Probably not, but it is a damn good story. I enjoy reading that takes me away from the real world and this book did that.

This book involved me from the beginning to the end. Because I liked the couple Harry and Alice, who had one child - 6 to 8 weeks old. From almost the first chapter to the last, their lives were

threatened by "bad guys". Worse yet, husband and wife ended be being separated for much of the book, so that they worried about their spouses fate as well as their baby's. Even though I was very involved because of the main characters, I was disappointed with the writing. It was OK but not great. The story also seemed kind of far fetched as well as exhausting, so I gave it 4 stars instead of 5.

I really enjoyed this book! From the first word to the last I was hooked! The story just kept building. As a parent, my heart was with these parents. I kept picturing this mom on the run with a baby strapped to her chest. The only negative for me was the number of active characters. At times I was confused by the cast's connections to each other. Also the storyline sometimes got away from me. (Ie. The whole story behind the chase)..... This was a great read!

"See How They Run" got great reviews and I thought I would really enjoy it. It was just and OK read for me. I didn't think the two main characters were as well developed as I would have liked them to be. Even in the beginning, I was thinking what is wrong with this man? Why isn't he getting up to see if there are intruders in the house or not? It just didn't set me on fire. So So.

This books traps you, it sucks you in till ya can't wait to see what happens next. You say just one more page until you've read the whole thing. I love the way the author makes it flow and it's like living through the characters. He is very detailed and doesn't leave ya hanging. I've had books in the past that don't get good till the last few chapters this book will keep you on the edge of your chair from page one!!! I recommend to anyone looking for a good book and one you can instantly take a liking for.

I think this is a break-out novel by Tom Bale. I enjoyed "Little Lies" and thought it read well, but this, "See How They Run," was several notches above in my opinion. Great premise with tension brought in from the beginning. And, it never stops. We follow the characters through a daunting chase/run scenario that has plenty of murder and mayhem. Bale does a great job of getting inside the heads of his characters, who are all very human in their various actions. There are some very bad people, and there are some very good people. And, there are a few in which the jury is still out. Definitely a page turner!

This book is a good read by the fire or outside in the sun. It will keep your interest if you enjoy

thrillers. The author took the time to get into your head that this could happen to you. That, in and of itself, is why this book kept my attention. I will read more of his books, just because I am curious if he can keep my attention again. I have ADHD. Not a bad thing if it keeps you in your seat.

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