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THE NEWEST THRILLING STANDALONE NOVEL FROM  
USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR HANK PHILLIPPI RYAN

# HER PERFECT LIFE

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“Shocking, suspenseful, with clever twists and an abundance of secrets. *HER PERFECT LIFE* kept me guessing until the end. I loved it!”

—B. A. Paris Internationally best-selling author of *The Therapist* and *Behind Closed Doors*

“Tense and twisty...You will read this in one sitting!”

—Julie Clark, *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author of *The Last Flight*

“There’s a reason Hank Phillippi Ryan keeps winning so many awards--she is a master at crafting suspense around fully formed characters with real emotion and depth. A mesmerizing thrill ride!”

—Kimberly Belle, internationally bestselling author of *Dear Wife* and *Stranger in the Lake*

“I loved this book! My nerves were shredded by the time I read the last chapter of this big-hearted page-turner.”

—Rachel Howzell Hall, author of *And Now She’s Gone*

“I raced through Hank Phillippi Ryan’s taut, breathless thriller, *Her Perfect Life*, desperate to know how the

dangerous secrets of three complex, compelling women would finally collide, never prepared for the perfectly stunning, explosive ending. Bravo Hank!”

—Kate White, *New York Times* Bestselling Author of *The Fiancée*

“*Superlative. A fast-paced surprise-packed treat.*”

\**PUBLISHERS WEEKLY* Starred review

And now \**KIRKUS* Starred review!

What secrets can anyone really keep buried? And how far will others go to discover them...? Bestselling and award-winning author and investigative reporter **Hank Phillippi Ryan** returns with a lightning-paced novel of suspense that will keep readers guessing until the last page: **HER PERFECT LIFE** (A Forge Hardcover, eBook, and Macmillan Audio; On-sale: September 14, 2021). Touching on issues of privacy, family secrets, social media, and living life in the public eye— that’s something Ryan, the longtime on-camera investigative reporter for Boston’s WHDH-TV, understands more than anyone. And that makes **HER PERFECT LIFE** Ryan’s most riveting—and personal—book yet.

Hank Phillippi Ryan has won 37 Emmys for her work on television, but beyond her recognition for her reporting, Ryan has countless fans across the country for her award-winning and critically-acclaimed bestselling suspense and thriller novels, including 2019’s *The Murder List* (which won the Anthony Award for Best Novel of the Year and was nominated for both the Agatha and the Mary Higgins Clark Award), and 2020’s *The First to Lie* (nominated for the Mary Higgins Clark Award and the Anthony Award for Best Novel.) Now, Ryan expertly combines her experience as an award-winning reporter—and her life living in the public eye—with her story-telling talent and her prowess in creating compelling and relatable characters, to create this utterly unputdownable page-turner.

***Everyone knows Lily Atwood—and that may be her biggest problem....***

The beloved television reporter has it all—fame, fortune, Emmys, an adorable seven-year-old daughter, and the hashtag her loving fans created: #PerfectLily. To keep it, all she has to do is protect one life-changing secret.

Her own.

Lily has an anonymous source who feeds her story tips—but suddenly, the source begins telling Lily inside information about her *own* life. How does he—or she—know the truth?

Lily understands that no one reveals a secret unless they have a reason. Now she’s terrified someone is determined to destroy her world—and with it, everyone and everything she holds dear.

***How much will she be forced to risk to keep her perfect life?***

With **HER PERFECT LIFE**, Hank Phillippi Ryan has once again spun a stunning new psychological standalone that will be devoured by fans who’ll rip through the pages—and be left to be gasping at the final twists.

**HER PERFECT LIFE**  
**Hank Phillippi Ryan**  
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HANK PHILLIPPI RYAN is the on-air investigative reporter for Boston's WHDH-TV. She's won 37 EMMYs and dozens more journalism honors. The nationally bestselling author of 13 thrillers, Ryan's also an award-winner in her second profession—with five Agathas, three Anthonys, two Macavitys, the Daphne, and for *THE OTHER WOMAN*, the coveted Mary Higgins Clark Award.

Critics call her "a master of suspense" and "a superb and gifted storyteller" and she is the only author to have won the Agatha in four different categories: Best First, Best Novel, Best Short Story and Best Non-Fiction. Ryan's 2019 release, *THE MURDER LIST* is a *USA Today* Bestseller, won the Anthony Award for Best Novel of the Year, and was an Agatha and Mary Higgins Clark Award nominee. Her 2020 release, *THE FIRST TO LIE*, also a *USA Today* Bestseller, is nominated for the Mary Higgins Clark Award and the Anthony Award, and *Publishers Weekly* called it "Stellar" in a starred review.

Ryan is a founder of MWA University and past president of National Sisters in Crime.

Visit Hank online at [HankPhillippiRyan.com](http://HankPhillippiRyan.com), on Twitter [@HankPRyan](https://twitter.com/HankPRyan), on Instagram [@hankpryan](https://www.instagram.com/hankpryan) and on Facebook at [HankPhillippiRyanAuthor](https://www.facebook.com/HankPhillippiRyanAuthor).

## More Praise for HER PERFECT LIFE

**“When people say a book is a page-turner, they must be talking about Hank Phillippi Ryan. HER PERFECT LIFE has everything: Compelling characters, a captivating story, and a pace that’ll have you turning the pages deep into the night. You can’t go wrong with a Ryan book, and this one is no exception.”**

**—Samantha Downing, bestselling author of *My Lovely Wife***

**“When you read a Hank Phillippi Ryan thriller you are in the hands of a master! HER PERFECT LIFE offers shocking twists, whip-smart turns, and a deep-dive into the dark side of celebrity. I devoured it.”**

**—Robyn Harding, bestselling author of *The Swap***

**“HER PERFECT LIFE is a stunning, wonderfully tense thriller about deceit, grief, fame and perfection, and the secrets we carry beneath our skin. A magnificent, knockout thriller.”**

**—Christina McDonald, *USA Today* bestselling author of *Do No Harm***

**“Hank Philippi Ryan is a true master of twisty turns and deep deception—nobody keeps us guessing like Hank does. With sleek prose and characters more layered than an onion, HER PERFECT LIFE is as suspenseful as it is fast-paced and exquisitely thrilling. HER PERFECT LIFE needs to be on your to be read list immediately. It’s genius!”**

**—Hannah Mary McKinnon, bestselling author of *Sister Dear* and *You Will Remember Me***

**“Yet another knockout novel by Ryan...A spectacular read!”**

**—Samantha M. Bailey, *USA Today* bestselling author of *Woman on the Edge***

**“The fingerprints of Ryan's illustrious news career are all over this endlessly entertaining page-turner. A twisty delight, HER PERFECT LIFE is steeped in secrets you'll long to decipher and complex characters whose motives you'll question at every turn. An unputdownable thriller, HER PERFECT LIFE is the PERFECT read!”**

**—Caitlin Wahrer, author of *The Damage***

**“Strong women, creative twists, and tight pacing combine to make a suspense novel that will have readers turning pages at breakneck speed. Cancel your schedule, hold your calls, and lock the door so you can fully immerse yourself in this tension building tale of intrigue.”**

**—Pamela Klinger-Horn, Valley Bookseller**

**“HER PERFECT LIFE Hank Phillippi Ryan is a masterful story of the past and the present coming together, and the challenges of living in the spotlight. Just like an Agatha Christie novel, Ryan takes you on a twisty path to a major crescendo.**

**Brava to Ryan on her best book yet!”**

**—Andrea Peskind Katz, Great Thoughts Great Readers**