



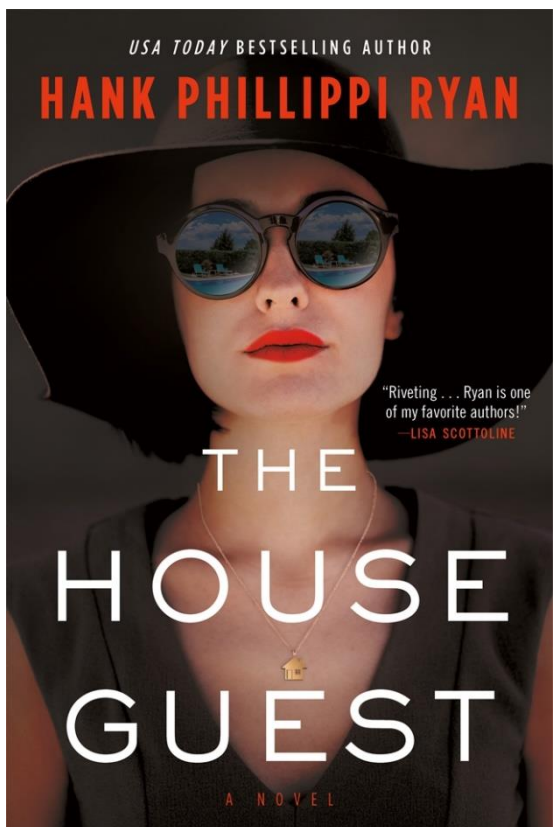
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THE HOUSE GUEST ARRIVES IN FEBRUARY...
THERE MAY NOT BE ROOM FOR BOTH OF YOU.

THE HOUSE GUEST

HANK PHILLIPPI RYAN



“THE HOUSE GUEST is great! Ryan creates memorable characters—then pulls off the nearly-impossible: she orchestrates half a dozen twists, turns, and backflips—and then sticks the landing.

What a pleasure to read this!”

—James Patterson, Bestselling Author

“Ryan is a master of suspense.”

—Publishers Weekly

“★ Ryan’s binge-worthy novel takes readers on a ride with a satisfying end.”

—Library Journal, Starred Review

“Hank Phillippi Ryan is one of my favorite authors, and THE HOUSE GUEST proves why. This riveting novel twists and turns through the page-turning story...events turn shocking, with revelation after revelation in a thriller that never forgets to touch the heart.”

—Lisa Scottoline, Bestselling Author

“An edge-of-your seat thriller! Ryan breathes new life into the classic Hitchcock tale with this dramatic cat-and-mouse set up, where you must race breathlessly to the end to discover who is the cat and who is the mouse. Will you see the end coming? I didn't.”

—Lisa Gardner, Bestselling Author

“Ryan is at the top of her game in this fiendishly clever, rocket-paced thrill ride. But as in all great thrillers, the propulsive story and hairpin turns are just the beginning. THE HOUSE GUEST is also a deep dive into friendship, loyalty, and wresting back your power from a dangerous man — even when he’s your husband. Another stellar outing for powerhouse Ryan.”

—Lisa Unger, Bestselling Author

“Hank Phillippi Ryan weaves a twisted tale of love, revenge and betrayal. THE HOUSE GUEST kept me on the edge of my seat from start to finish.”

—Tamron Hall, author of *As the Wicked Watch* and Emmy Award-winning host of *The Tamron Hall Show*

“Another stellar read from the brilliant Hank Phillippi Ryan. Suspense, intrigue and glamour galore - plus a twist you won’t see coming! What more could you want?”

—B.A .Paris internationally Bestselling author of *Behind Closed Doors*

How well do you know the person sleeping next to you? Bestselling and award-winning author and reporter **Hank Phillippi Ryan** returns with her latest page-turning standalone thriller: **THE HOUSE GUEST** (A Forge Hardcover, eBook, and Macmillan Audio; On-sale: February 7, 2023). *Gaslight-meets-Thelma and Louise* in **THE HOUSE GUEST**, as Ryan explores the dark heart of marriage and a woman’s struggle to reclaim her power, while questioning who we trust with our deepest secrets—and who might be lying in wait to exploit them.

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 2021’s *Her Perfect Life*, 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 investigative reporter—who has exposed some big lies—with her story-telling talent and her prowess in creating compelling and relatable characters, to create this utterly unputdownable cat-and-mouse thriller.

After every divorce, one spouse gets all the friends. What does the other one get? If they’re smart, they get the benefits.

Alyssa Macallan has been dumped by her wealthy and manipulative husband, and now she’s terrified that her toxic soon-to-be-ex is scheming to ruin her, leaving her penniless and alone.

Just when Alyssa could really use an ally, she makes one—a seductive new friend who’s running from a dangerous relationship of her own. Alyssa offers Bree Lorraine the safety of her guest house, and the two become confidantes. Then, Bree makes a tempting offer. Maybe they can solve each others’ problems.

But no one is who they seem. And the fates and fortunes of these two determined women twist and turn until the shocking truth emerges: You can’t always get what you want. But sometimes you get what you deserve.

With **THE HOUSE GUEST**, Hank Phillippi Ryan has once again spun a stunning new suspenseful standalone that will be devoured by fans who’ll rip through the pages—and be left gasping at the final twists. Only Ryan could combine her award-winning reporting skills and talented fiction writing to blend the right notes of suspense, a shifting version of the truth, and a dark story of psychological manipulation.

THE HOUSE GUEST

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 honors for her ground-breaking journalism. The nationally bestselling author of 14 thrillers, Ryan's also an award-winner in her second profession—with five Agathas, five 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, was nominated for the Mary Higgins Clark Award and the Anthony Award, and *Publishers Weekly* called it "Stellar" in a starred review. And HER PERFECT LIFE, published in 2021, received starred reviews from *Publishers Weekly* "(A superlative thriller)" and *Kirkus*, is an Agatha Award nominee for Best Novel.

Ryan is past president of National Sisters in Crime, and a sought-after teacher and speaker. She now hosts Crime Time on A Mighty Blaze, is a founder and co-host of The Back Room, and is co-host of First Chapter Fun. She lives in Boston.

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MORE PRAISE FOR THE HOUSE GUEST

“★Ryan’s latest is full of beautiful scenery, privileged characters, and twists and turns....This cat-and-mouse story will have readers wondering who is the cat and who is the mouse.

VERDICT The second half of Ryan’s binge-worthy novel takes readers on a ride with a satisfying end.”

—*Library Journal*, Starred Review

“This engrossing psychological thriller from Mary Higgins Clark Award winner Ryan thrusts Alyssa Macallen into a world where nothing is as it seems... Surprise after surprise follows, each of which sends the plot skittering off in a new direction.

Ryan is a master of suspense.”

—*Publishers Weekly*

“[A] top-shelf cocktail of a book”

—*CrimeReads*

“Ryan cultivates suspicion about everyone, including Alyssa, in a slow-burning start, and readers who enjoy twists will celebrate the switchback deceptions.”

—*Booklist*

“THE HOUSE GUEST is a thriller-lover’s treat! Propulsive, smart, twisty and impossible to predict. Ryan brilliantly ramps up the tension, and skillfully draws the reader deep into the lives of the wealthy, the vulnerable and the betrayed, keeping you guessing right up to the end.”

—Gilly Macmillan, Internationally bestselling author of *The Long Weekend*

“In THE HOUSE GUEST, Hank Phillippi Ryan expertly leads you down one path only to spin you on your head and send you down ten others. With red-herrings and twists and turns galore, you’ll be switching allegiances from one moment to the next, and you still won’t guess the ending. Compulsive and absorbing, this is a fast-paced, highly intriguing and binge-worthy read.”

—Hannah Mary McKinnon, internationally bestselling author of *Never Coming Home*

“Ryan does it again with this clever cat-and-mouse chase of a mystery that will keep you flipping the pages until the deliciously twisty end.

THE HOUSE GUEST is a riveting read-straight-through novel of suspense!”

—Wanda M. Morris, award-winning author of *All Her Little Secrets*

“Be careful when you open your heart—and your home. Hank Phillippi Ryan is a master storyteller, and THE HOUSE GUEST is an unputdownable spellbinder: with love lost, deceit, and revenge. THE HOUSE GUEST will have you looking over your shoulder and locking your doors. Absolutely first rate.”

—Heather Gudenkauf, NYT bestselling author of *The Weight of Silence* and *The Overnight Guest*

“An expert in twists and a master of tantalizing suspense, Hank Phillippi Ryan kept me guessing from beginning to end in THE HOUSE GUEST. Gorgeous descriptions, sparkling with Ryan's hallmarks of glamour, wealth, and power, and characters you aren't sure you can trust, this stellar cat-and-mouse read takes you on a thrill ride.

An incredibly clever, captivating story that enthralls and surprises on every page.”

—Samantha M. Bailey, *USA Today* and #1 national bestselling author of *Watch Out For Her*