I See You by Clare Mackintosh

Zoe Walker sees her picture in a personal ad for a dating website. At first she thinks there must be a mistake. She soon learns that other women whose pictures have appeared in these ads have been subjected to violent crimes. Zoe calls Kelly Smith, a disgraced former detective, who works to find the mastermind behind the website and redeem herself.


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Questions for Discussion

1. Talk about Zoe Walker, her personality, as well as her life above ground: job and family life. Does she make a credible and/or sympathetic character?

2. What about Kelly Swift. She's on a lousy assignment, what is considered a probationary period for having attacked a rapist. How would you describe Kelly? Author Clare Mackintosh was a policewoman in a former life; how much do you think her previous job influenced her portrayal of Kelly?

3. How does Mackintosh ratchet up the suspense in her novel, the element in any good thriller that keeps you turning the page?

4. Did you guess the villain's identity before the end? If so, how?

5. The novel's ending has everyone talking. Did you see the twist coming? Do you think it's well done, or does it feel forced?

6. What about the epilogue. How does it affect your reading of the book? What feeling does it leave you with? Why might the author have chosen to include it?

7. Do you think the world is filled with the kind of evil that this and the many other recent thrillers would have us believe? Think of recent books, their victims, and sociopath villains. Is the world this dangerous?

8. Will I See You change your own routines? What advice would you give to someone who has a daily commute?

9. Discuss the relationship Zoe Walker has with her family: her ex husband, her partner, and her two children. Does Zoe give her children the right amount of independence? What parenting advice would you give her?

10. How do you think advances in technology change the way crimes are committed? How do they impact on the way crimes are investigated? Does technology make the police's job easier or harder?
11. CCTV is part of life in most busy areas. How do you feel about surveillance cameras? Do you feel safer knowing there are cameras there, or do you object to being watched?

(Questions provided by the author and Litlovers)