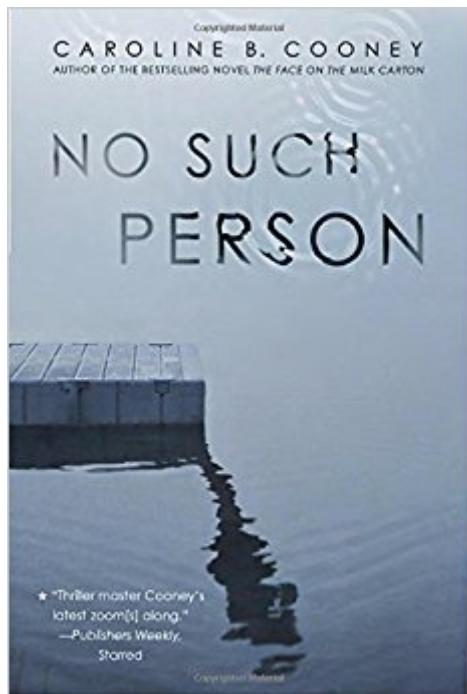


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# No Such Person



## Synopsis

From the author of the multimillion-copy bestseller *The Face on the Milk Carton* comes a riveting thriller about two sisters— one accused of murder, the other desperate to prove her sister's innocence . . . even as she begins to doubt it herself. Shortly after the Allerdons arrive at their cozy family cottage on the river, Lander meets and is smitten with a handsome young man, and they begin to date. But Miranda has a bad feeling about her perfect sister's new boyfriend. And when the cops come knocking on her family's front door, Miranda can't help feeling that Lander's boyfriend has something to do with it. The police tell Miranda and her family that Lander has been arrested. But Miranda doubts the supposedly solid evidence they say they have against her sister and decides to dig deeper. There's only one problem: the more she learns, the more she wonders why everything keeps pointing to Lander's guilt. *"No one writes suspense like Cooney. . . . Haunting, harrowing, and hard to put down."* —Kirkus Reviews *"Cooney has hit it out of the ballpark yet again. A must-read."* —VOYA *"Jangling suspense juxtaposed with cozy details. An enticing balance between intimacy and cool detachment."* —Publishers Weekly, Starred Review *"Full of twists and turns . . . has all the elements that keep young mystery lovers coming back for more."* —SLJ *"[A] cleverly plotted novel rooted in suspense. . . . Fully satisfying."* —Booklist

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Gr 7-10 •Miranda and Lander Allerton have a deeply rooted sibling rivalry. Miranda, the youngest, is a dreamer who sleeps in late and choose new hobbies on a whim. Lander, on the other hand, is overachieving, on her way to medical school and, as a result, has a slight superiority complex. They are spending the summer with their parents at their small, rustic cabin on the Connecticut River. When Lander is unexpectedly arrested on homicide and drug possession charges, Miranda instantly suspects Lander's new boyfriend, who has conveniently disappeared after the arrest. While Lander sits in jail and Miranda agonizes from the cabin, they not only obsess over who the real murderer might be, but also meditate on their relationship. The story is told from both sisters' perspectives, allowing readers to piece together the murder mystery from each viewpoint. Although this juxtaposition is engaging, the characters ultimately act predictably and parts of the story do not hold water. However, the plot is full of twists and turns, making it a fun and quick pick, especially for reluctant readers. **VERDICT** Although this title follows the predictable formula commonly found in Cooney's thrillers, it also has all of the elements that keep young mystery lovers coming back for more. •Jaclyn Anderson, Madison County Library System, MS --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

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This book is a wonderful book for young kids to read for fun, but the book has a lot of violence in it so I think only kids over 11 should read this book.

Received as described and in timely manner

This book review is for No Such Person by Caroline Cooney. The book is 245 pages long and was published by Delacorte Press on July 14, 2015. This story is about a well regarded family who lives on the Connecticut River. The two Allerdon girls, Lander and Miranda, are always competing. One summer day, Lander gets on a boat with Jason, the guy she is dating, but barely knows. She meets him when they witness a boating accident and he was involved. She thought he was cute and they went out on the boat for a date. On the date Jason asks Lander if she wants to do target practice. A couple days later a man, Jerry, was found dead in the woods near their house. The next thing Lander knows, she is being interrogated by the police and being accused of murder. The main characters in this story were Miranda and her older sister Lander. Lander and Miranda have never really been close, and they fight over everything. Lander likes to focus on her medical studies, while usually Miranda slumps in her feelings. I believe that both of these characters were credible because they seem to act like regular teenagers. Lander was always on her cell phone and both of the girls always got into arguments, which I believe is how most teenage girls are. In this story, Lander went on a date with a boy that she barely knew which ended up getting her in trouble. Miranda tries to help get Lander out of her situation. The main problem in this story was Lander being suspected of murder. My favorite character in this story was Lander because I thought she was exciting and very smart. I enjoyed this book very much. It kept me on my toes on all time and always had me thinking about what would happen next. The author did a very nice job writing this mystery. My favorite of the part of the book was the very end. It had a really good twist that I did not see coming. My least favorite part of the book is the middle. I thought the book could get very boring and repetitive. If I could change one thing it would be a little more action in the story. I thought the only part with action in it was the beginning and the end. This is what I would have changed with this book. I have not read any other books by this author, but if I had to compare this book to another I would say it reminded me of the Hardy Boys or a mystery story. I would recommend this book to someone who likes a pretty short book and a good read. The type of person that would like this book would be someone who really likes mystery stories and someone who likes to be kept on their toes. They would have to be fine with not a lot of action, however. I would give this book a 3 out of 5 stars because I thought it was good, but there just was not as much action as I like.

Caroline B. Cooney, the author of the bestseller THE FACE ON THE MILK CARTON, introduces NO SUCH PERSON, a new mystery thriller for young adults. Every summer, the Allerdon family heads to their rustic cottage on the river for a break from the hectic and busy city life they normally

lead. However, much to the dismay of 15-year-old Miranda and her parents, Lander --- Miranda's older sister who is about to start medical school --- finds herself locked in a jail cell, accused of murder. Even after Miranda swears to Lander that she saw the handsome boater Lander fancies, Jason Firenza, try to kill his water-skiing friend, Lander falls in love with him anyway. A week later, Jason's friend, Denny, is found dead in the woods from a gunshot wound, with Lander holding the gun. Jason is revealed to be part of a drug ring, and the police believe Lander was a part of Jason's plan to murder Denny in the first place. After years of peaceful summers on the river, Lander's ordeal changes the lives of the entire Allerdon family forever. Now they can never un-see the web of deceit that surrounds their once idyllic neighborhood. Once again, Caroline B. Cooney produces a fascinating and spine-chilling novel in *NO SUCH PERSON*. The readers who are anxiously following Miranda and Lander's race against the clock to discover the secrets surrounding Denny's murder are forced to question if they actually know who their harmless neighbors really are. The use of a dual perspective narrative that Cooney crafts from both the thoughts of Miranda and Lander allows the reader to consider multiple sides of the case, as Miranda desperately tries to prove her sister innocent while Lander struggles to comprehend the terms of her imprisonment. The way Cooney develops the psychological mindsets of the sisters is unique, and helps the make the characters seem more realistic. For fans of Cooney's work or those who enjoy a fast-paced and dangerous novel, *NO SUCH PERSON* is the perfect summer read. For many, Cooney's novels represent their childhood, and this novel will continue to introduce a new generation of young readers to the genre of mystery. Reviewed by Janine C., Teen Board Member

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