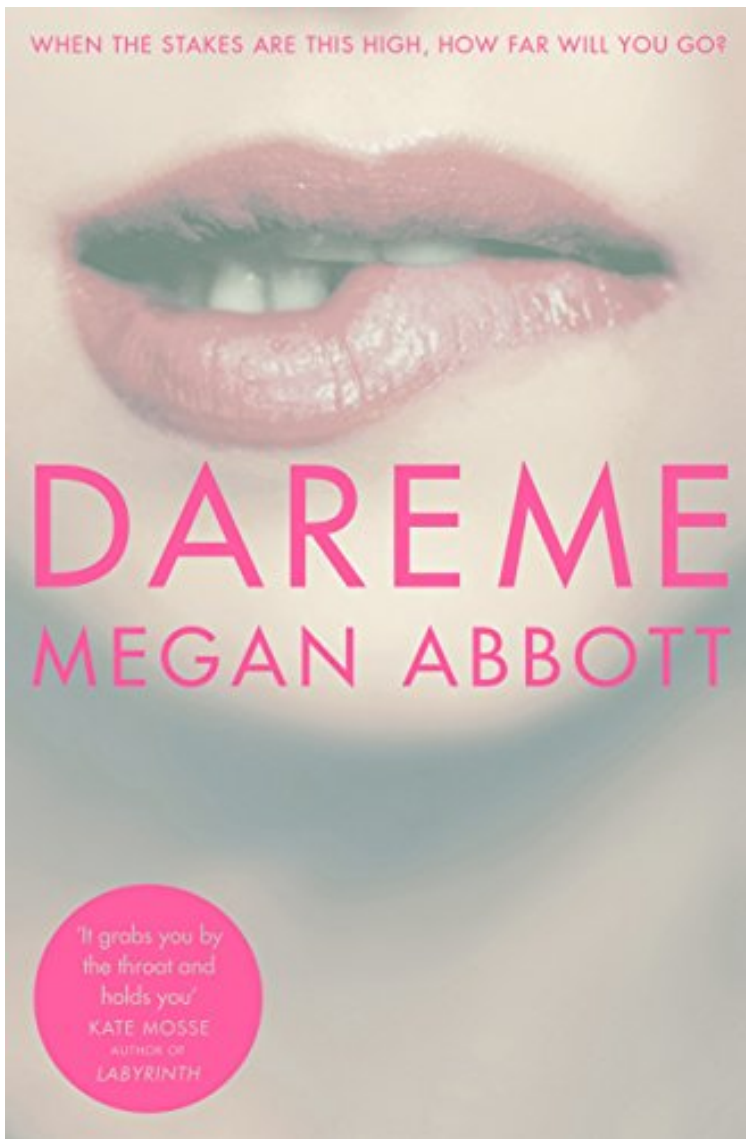


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girl. *Dare Me* is similar in style and themes, but it ups the stakes, to make for a mesmerising piece of prose combining deep characterisation and insight with a truly nerve-shredding crime plot . . . Throughout it all, there is something wonderfully tactile and visceral about Abbott's prose; her language sometimes poetic, sometimes brutal, always pitch-perfect. The development of relationships in the book is convincing, and Abbott's characters seem to jump from the page fully formed into the reader's mind. The combination of that use of language and some really expert plotting creates a dark, menacing air throughout the novel. Like *The End of Everything*, this is a deeply unsettling novel at times, and many of the scenes involving Beth at her worst are almost unbearable to read. . . As *Dare Me* progresses, it develops into one of the most deftly plotted noir crime novels I've read in a long time. The requisite twists and turns subtly embedded within her characters' motivations, rather than springing out of nowhere, are the sign of a truly accomplished plotter. All in all, this is exemplary writing.' --Independent on Sunday'By the end, the novel - already an intense combination of high-school story and hard-boiled thriller - has become almost alike a Jacobean tragedy. Even so, the scariest thing about it remains its unsparing portrait of how dangerous teenage girls can be.' --Daily Mail'Ms. Abbott turns the frothy world of high-school cheerleading into something truly menacing.' --Wall Street Journal'It s an enjoyable, surprisingly believable novel, well-written with lots of tension to keep the reader s interest. It s fair to describe it as a sort of sinister version of *Glee* (pared down to just the Cheerios); well worth a look if that appeals.' --Diva'Bitchy girls and high school drama- what more could you want from a book? . . . Whether you left school last year or last decade, there s something deliciously compelling about this dark tale of furious rivalries and grudges born and nurtured.' --Heat'Megan Abbott s *The End of Everything* was one of the finest crime novels published last year, and *Dare Me* confirms her ability to create compelling crime narratives in the unlikeliest of settings.In *Dare Me* Beth and Addy are high-school cheerleaders, and the latter narrates a powerful tale of sexual awakening, obsession, twisted loyalties and murder against a backdrop of post-traumatic stress disorder suffered by US troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. The style is a compelling blend of teenspeak and fever-dream intensity, as Addy describes how the arrival of a new cheerleading coach challenges the authority of the cheerleading queen, Beth, setting in train events that quickly accelerate towards tragedy.Abbott deftly plays with the conventional tropes of a hundred high-school movies, investing them with pitch-black humour' --Irish TimesPrsentation de l'diteurShortlisted for the CWA Steel Dagger Dark, dangerous and compulsively readable, *Dare Me* by Megan Abbott is a gripping exploration of the teenage psyche. There's something dangerous about the boredom of teenage girls. Coach said that once. She said it like she knew, and understood. When Colette French arrives at school one fall and takes charge of the cheer squad, she brings a hint of threat. Sleek, remote and careless, she transforms the girls into warriors - and rivals. Addy and Beth find that for the first time they have secrets from one another. But their mentor is playing her own deadly game, and there is everything to lose.'Tense, dark and beautifully written' Gillian Flynn