



## Summary

It is June 21st, the longest day of the year, and new mother Camilla's life is about to change forever. After months of maternity leave, she will drop her infant daughter off at daycare for the first time and return to her job as a literary agent. Finally. But after she arrives at the office, police officers storm the foyer: in the city, just near her work, a man has taken three hostages and is now in a tense standoff with law enforcement. And Luke, the person she's loved for more than a decade, the father of her child, is involved. But he is not a hostage. He is the kidnapper. All she has is a half-written cryptic note that Luke left for her. Seven years after the crime that shocked the nation, and her husband's subsequent disappearance, Camilla has slowly accepted that she will never have answers about what really happened that day. But just as she prepares to let Luke go for good, an anonymous location, sent to her by text message, reignites her suspicions about the kidnapping and sends her on a dangerous search for the truth. What follows is a propulsive, twisty story of motherhood, marriage, and the secrets at the heart of our closest relationships.



## About the Author

Gillian McAllister has been writing for as long as she can remember. She graduated with an English degree before working as a lawyer. She lives in Birmingham, England, where she now writes full-time. She is the author of the New York Times bestseller *Wrong Place Wrong Time* and the Sunday Times bestsellers *Everything But the Truth*, *Anything You Do Say* (titled *The Choice* in the US), *No Further Questions* (titled *The Good Sister* in the US), *The Evidence Against You*, *How to Disappear*, and *That Night*. She is also the creator and co-host of the popular [Honest Authors](https://www.gillianmcallister.com/about/) podcast.

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## Discussion Questions

- What were your initial thoughts after finishing "Famous Last Words"? Did the ending surprise you?
- How did you find the pacing of the novel? Did it keep you engaged throughout?
- What genre would you classify this book as? Does it fit neatly into one category, or does it blend elements?
- Did you find the characters believable and relatable? Why or why not?
- The book explores the complexities of relationships – marriage, friendship, and family. What insights did the novel offer about these connections?
- To what extent does the novel explore the theme of trust and betrayal? Who do you think ultimately betrayed whom?
- McAllister often delves into moral ambiguity. Where did you find yourself questioning the characters' actions and justifications?
- Did you find the resolution of the mystery satisfying? Why or why not?
- Were there any plot twists that you didn't see coming? Which ones had the biggest impact?
- The novel raises questions about justice and accountability. What are your thoughts on how these themes are explored?
- What do you think the author is trying to say about the nature of truth and perception?
- Did this book make you think about any real-life situations or issues?

## Discussion Questions

- If you could ask Gillian McAllister one question about "Famous Last Words," what would it be?
- Did any particular scene or moment in the book stay with you after you finished reading? Why?
- Would you recommend this book to others? Why or why not?
- How does "Famous Last Words" compare to other books you've read by Gillian McAllister or in the suspense/thriller genre?