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Here To Stay Lyrics

A beautiful home. A loving wife. And in-laws to die for.

Here To Stay Book

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The Robinsons arrive with Gemma's sister, Chloe, a mysterious young woman who refuses to speak or leave her room. Elliot starts to suspect that the Robinsons are hiding a dark secret. And then there are the scars on his wife's body that she won't talk about . . .

Here To Stay Korn

As Elliot's in-laws become more comfortable in his home, encroaching on all aspects of his life, it becomes clear that they have no intention of moving out. To protect Gemma, and their marriage, Elliot delves into the Robinsons' past. But is he prepared for the truth?

The In-Laws From Hell!

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This is a fun and fast-paced thriller that takes the idea of crazy in-laws to another level! As always, Mark Edwards throws in some unexpected twists and turns. Elliot's transformation was intriguing and the final sentence left me reeling!

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A old Victorian house lovingly restored by Elliott is now home to him and his new bride, Gemma. Life is beautiful. Ah, time for Elliott to meet the in-laws. They had been living in France and are currently without a place to call home. Mom, Pop, and Sis are invited to stay for the nonce while they find a place of their own. This segues all too quickly into a nightmare. The family visitors turn into something more akin to squatters, rude, nasty, and possibly dangerous. Did I mention the ho A old Victorian house lovingly restored by Elliott is now home to him and his new bride, Gemma. Life is beautiful. Ah, time for Elliott to meet the in-laws. They had been living in France and are currently without a place to call home. Mom, Pop, and Sis are invited to stay for the nonce while they find a place of their own. This segues all too quickly into a nightmare. The family visitors turn into something more akin to squatters, rude, nasty, and possibly dangerous. Did I mention the home is located on Cuckoo Lane? Have a care as to whom you invite into your home. Better yet, cut your losses and don't extend the invitation at all. ...more

We're the Robinsons--we're survivors.

Holy shitgies, fellow readers! WHAT A ROLLER COASTER RIDE!

I'm a long-time fan of Mark Edwards, but he truly outdid himself with this gem of a story. I started reading it about 6 hours ago, and I'm already finished. I couldn't put my Kindle down!

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This isn't really a twisty novel...the whodunit is pretty obvious from the get-go, despite a few strategically placed red herrings. Right up to it's final moment, however, it's deliciously satisfying. I highly recommend this to virtually everyone...especially if you're looking for a high-octane, quick, and rewarding summer read.

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4.5 explosive stars, rounded down! ...more

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Elliott is a 38 year old scientist that lives a regimented life with Charlie his cat. One day, during a public viewing of his garden, he meets the lovely Gemma and they seem to hit off. Within two months they are married and she is living in his very well-to-do home. Not long after it seems her parents and younger sister are relocating from France and are coming to stay for just a few days until they can find a place of their own.

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If I could describe this book in one word it would be: Preposterous.

If Elliott is a scientist then he may have been blessed with brains but he was clearly not blessed with any common sense or a backbone for that matter. How he let this situation escalate to the level he did is beyond ridiculous. And the in-laws, they are a nasty bunch, but they were almost comical in their depiction. My reading experience is best described as roll my eyes, skim, roll my eyes, skim which isn't a very satisfying experience. In my opinion it took far too long to tell this story and I had already figured out the twist so getting to the end was a chore at best. This is my 2nd book by this author and I think it is safe to say he isn't for me. I am happy to see that so many do love his work and I do wish him continued success in the future.

Thank you to NetGalley and Amazon Publishing UK for providing me with a digital ARC in exchange for my honest review. ...more

Audio â€” 5 Stars!

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The ending was messed up.

Dear Author, please tell me there is a book 2 in the works, and I promise to round up my rating.
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Here To Stay Mosaic

Elliot has a comfortable life with a rewarding career and a beautiful home he remodeled. The only thing missing is a family. When he meets Gemma, she seems perfect for him, and they have a brief courtship before marrying. Soon after getting married, Gemma's family (mother, father, and sister) need somewhere to stay. Elliot is happy to welcome them into his home for a couple of weeks, but the time keeps passing and his in-laws aren't leaving. In fact, they're taking over his home and starting to destroy other areas of his life too.

Elliot is a decent man who works hard and enjoys his quiet life. He wants love though, and is happy when he meets Gemma. Then his in-laws move in. When his in-laws refuse to leave, Elliot is pushed beyond the breaking point. It's a difficult time for him and Gemma. In some ways it brings them closer and in other ways pushes them apart.

While I enjoyed the story, I did feel it was a little too slowly drawn out. The in-laws are smart though, and stay within the law as they disrupt Elliot's life. Elliot tries to remain calm, but there is only so much that a man can handle.

An intriguing story involving the in-laws from Hell. Good for readers who enjoy family drama in domestic thrillers. Crazy, suspenseful, and entertaining.

This was my Amazon First Reads pick for August 2019. ...more

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But he is lonely

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I read a lot, (understatement) and I can honestly say I have never detested 2 characters as much as I did Lizzie and Jeff (the in laws), really they are vile, obnoxious and uncouth, and thats on a good day The portrayal of this couple is just so good I literally wanted to go round to Elliot's house and help him get them out

It was powerfully emotive reading and I loved it

The only thing I found annoying was me sometimes hurtling forward in a paragraph such was my keenness to see what was happening

The story progresses and more and more comes to light regarding this evil couple and the family that they really are.....I will say no more on plot as to not spoil it!, but the things they did and put Elliot through were devastatingly cunningly wonderfully terrible!!!

The writing was spot on and the tense atmosphere the book gave off was real, well it was to me Great ending that finished a (imo) book that will deffo go in my top reads this year

10/10

5 Stars ...more

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Another blinder of a book by one of my favourite psychological thriller authors, Mark Edwards. What Mark does so brilliantly in all of his books is make you think, 'what would I do in this situation?' and in Here to Stay I was as flummoxed and frustrated as his main character, Elliot. What would you do if in-laws from hell turned up, moved in and refused to move out? There were surprises galore in this book and I said, 'Oh no!' aloud, several times (you are a cruel man, Mark Edwards). Here to Stay is quite possibly Mark's best book to date. You can't help but root for Elliot whose perfectly ordered life is so cruelly disturbed and I frantically turned the pages, desperate to find out how he was going to get rid of his hellish mother and father in law. No spoilers but the ending had me holding my breath. Brilliantly entertaining, deviously plotted and utterly compelling. I loved it. ...more

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Pretty soon they are invading every aspect of Elliot's life.

He asks them to leave, but they refuse.

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And then the situation gets a whole lot worse.

Claustrophobic, voyeuristic, unsettling, and chilling – the notion of houseguests from Hell who at first are a nuisance but quickly morph into unstable and dangerous sent my stress levels through the roof. Elliot is gullible and should have known better, and the phrase, ‘marry in haste, repent at leisure’ has never been more applicable here, but he’s kind-hearted, loyal, and generous, and you can’t help but feel sympathetic towards his plight. I found it ironic that some of the tactics Elliot employed in an attempt to get rid of his in-laws would have worked twenty years ago but backfired spectacularly in this digital age.

There are twists and turns aplenty, jump scares, and chapter cliffhangers culminating in a stunning, jaw-dropping conclusion, that I did predict, but made it no less impacting. The main narrator is Elliot in the present with occasional flashbacks to ‘France’ in Jeff’s POV.

This one wasn’t as memorable for me as *The Retreat* and *Follow You Home*, as I prefer Mark Edwards’ gothic-style mysteries with supernatural undertones, but *Here to Stay* was still enormously entertaining, and Edwards remains an auto-buy author for me. ...more

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