

BOOK REVIEWS – MAY 2019.

The Evidence Against You by Gillian McAllister, (Published by Penguin Books, April 2019).

This is a book about a family torn apart due to sinister circumstances. Izzy is the main character with her young heart set on a ballet career. First, when she is only seventeen her mother is murdered. Secondly, two days later when her body is discovered, much to Izzy's horror, her father is accused and arrested for her murder. Izzy shuts herself down for eighteen years, believing with all the evidence gathered by the police and most importantly that even her Grandparents, who she goes to live with after the murder, are totally convinced that their son-in-law killed their daughter. She functions only to re-open her Mother's restaurant and later to marry. Her ballet career just didn't seem to be important anymore. When her father is released from prison eighteen years later, Izzy, starts to question things which she had previously closed off, but, too many things do point to her father, as much as he is adamant that he did not kill his wife. Interesting story, good writer. This is the author's fourth book, but, as they are all stand alone stories, they can be read in any order. Recommended.

I'm Fine and Neither Are You by Camille Pagan, (Published by Lake Union Publishing, April 2019).

I really liked this novel, although it is not my usual genre, but, I am trying to read up to date books and to keep them varied, in case you all think I read only psychological thrillers! The book is full of everyday, realistic ups and downs that mirror many working Mums as they try to juggle family life, work and friendships. Penelope has to face-up to everything when a needless tragedy occurs suddenly in her life. She realises that not everything is how it seems and knows it is time to take her head out of the sand and accept it is okay not to be okay. Not just for herself, but for her husband, Sanjay, as well and for the sake of her marriage and two children. Other interesting characters to look out for in this novel are, Russ (or Russell as he now likes to be called since his promotion) and her boss, Yolanda – are they friends? This is an extremely well written, fast paced, sad, funny and so true to life novel. I didn't want it to end. Brilliant Read.