

## BOOK REVIEWS – October 2019.

**THE PERFECT ROOMMATE** by Minka Kent (*Published by CreateSpace Independent, January 2018*).

It didn't cross college senior Meadow's mind to query why her new landlady/roommate didn't require any credit checks, deposit or a long lease! Meadow desperately needed a roof over her head and Lauren seemed friendly enough. The house was lovely and as long as Meadow was left to her 'quietude', with silence being her official language, then both seniors, studying English Lit, should fit in well together. Lauren is the rich kid whilst Meadow works for a cleaning company in between her classes and studies.

From the first day Meadow finds herself changing from being anti-social to getting caught up with lunches, drinks with Lauren and her best friend, Tessa, and the mixed group she hangs out with. So why then does she start snooping? What isn't quite right about this set up? An easy read. I didn't actually see the twist at the end coming. Meadow is a likeable character, if not a little flawed. I enjoyed this novel as a good summer read. **A good read, recommended.**

**RUN AWAY** by Harlan Coben (*Published by Hachette Book Group, March 2019*).

I have been a fan of this author throughout his writing career, with his books published in forty three languages around the world and many literature awards to his name he is one of the best at suspense novels. His latest, this year, did not disappoint, I thoroughly enjoyed it.

Simon is looking for his oldest daughter, Paige, who is a drug addict. Along with his wife, Ingrid, and their other two children they are just your normal, everyday American family. Sadly, their life is thrown into turmoil over Paige. Throughout the search and finding and searching again there is murder, beatings, gang involvement, drugs and even a sinister cult movement. Lots of plots, twists and intrigue as Simon discovers family secrets, new friends and the involvement at Paige's University. How does he bring them all together to make a must-read book with its many emotions and aspects of family life? Very cleverly, I would say. A page turner and a very well written book, as always. Mr. Coben never disappoints. **Excellent, well recommended.**