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STARGAZER

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MARKETING & SALES POINTS

The lines between love, dependency, envy and obsession blur in Laurie Petrou's utterly enthralling, unceasingly tense new novel

Selected as one of *Cosmopolitan UK*'s Hottest New Beach Reads and featured as a summer reading recommendation by Taylor Jenkins Reid on Instagram, in a reel that gained over 93K views

A compelling, suspenseful campus novel with a dark twist, perfect for fans of Donna Tartt's *The Secret History* (447K sold) or Emma Cline's *The Girls* (121K sold)

Laurie Petrou's debut novel *Sister of Mine* won the International Half the World Global Literati Award and was published in 2019 by No Exit Press, receiving critical acclaim and national review coverage. It was recently reissued by VERVE with a new cover to match *Stargazer*

THE BOOK

It's a fine line between admiration and envy.

Diana Martin has lived her life in the shadow of her sadistic older brother. She quietly watches the family next door, enthralled by celebrity fashion designer Marianne Taylor and her feted daughter, Aurelle.

She wishes she were a 'Taylor girl'.

By the summer of 1995, the two girls are at university together, bonded by a mutual desire to escape their wealthy families and personal tragedies and forge new identities.

They are closer than lovers, intoxicated by their own bond, falling into the hedonistic seduction of the woods and the water at a remote university that is more summer camp than campus.

But when burgeoning artist Diana has a chance at fame, cracks start to appear in their friendship. To what lengths is Diana willing to go to secure her own stardom?

PRAISE FOR STARGAZER

'*Stargazer* is a dark and dreamlike journey into the obsession, envy and love between two young friends in the 90s.

The tension simmers in this atmospheric lake-side setting until the crushing end. Laurie Petrou's writing is melodic and immersive. A delicious read!' - **Ashley Audrain**, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Push*

'*Stargazer* is a sinuous, captivating exploration of the mysterious depths of female friendship that had me hooked from its first pages... Perfect for fans of Celeste Ng' - **Marissa Stapley**, bestselling author of *The Last Resort*

'A lyrical, nuanced deep dive into female friendship and all of its messy complexities. Laurie Petrou writes with a sharp observational eye and lush, gorgeous prose. *Stargazer* is an emotional masterpiece, both gritty and incandescent at once' - **Laurie Elizabeth Flynn**, bestselling author of *The Girls Are All So Nice Here*

'An outstanding book with some of the most beautiful lines I've ever read' - **Samantha M. Bailey**, bestselling author of *Woman on the Edge*

'Tense is an understatement when it comes to describing *Stargazer*. Dark, but written with elegance, *Stargazer* will have you hooked' - **Living North**

'Intense, evocative and electric. Un-put-downable for fans of female-focused literary thrillers with coming-of-age edge' -

LoveReading

'The tense thriller... touted as the book to be seen with this summer' - **The Gloss (5 Beach Books to Pack for Your Summer Holiday)**

'Laurie Petrou does something that feels as if it goes beyond writing in *Stargazer*... It's like a sculpture in word form.' - Angus Batey, **Quietus**

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