

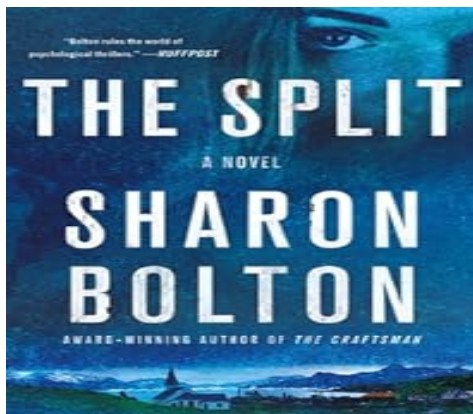
The Split By Sharon J. Bolton

Paperback here now Tense gripping and with a twist you won't see coming Sharon Bolton is back in an explosive new standalone thriller about a woman on the run in *The Split* No matter how far you run some secrets will always catch up with you The remote Antarctic island of South Georgia is about to send off its last boat of the summer - which signifies safety to resident glaciologist Felicity Lloyd Felicity lives in fear - fear that her ex husband Freddie will find her even out here She took a job on this isolated island to hide from him but now that he's out of prison having served a term for murder she knows he won't give up until he finds her But a doctor delving into the background of Felicity and Freddie's relationship back in Cambridge learns that Felicity has been on the edge for a long time Heading to South Georgia himself to try and get to her first is the only way he can think of to help her *The Split* NOW AVAILABLE GREAT PSYCHOLOGICAL THRILLER The setting for the first part of the novel the Antarctic specifically the island of South Georgia is a character onto itself Ms Bolton made me feel so in the moment while I was reading this It definitely feels as though it transported me into a different place Sounds corny I know but that's how it felt Here's an example of the incredible descriptions of a scene while they were on ice "The ice mountain leans towards them gravity winning the battle with momentum and the sea begins to churn The new iceberg topples finds its new horizontal gravity and a wall of turquoise water thirty metres high surges towards them" Yikes So many reviews have already been written about the main story so I'll keep it short and leave the rest to your imagination We first meet Felicity a well known glaciologist who is currently stationed in South Georgia The story is divided into parts South Georgia Present Day is Part One She is worried about the last tourist boat that is arriving There is someone in her life that she is very afraid of and she worries that he will find her here even so far from the mainland If her worst fears are confirmed she has a plan Cambridge 9 months earlier We will meet the other players in this thriller of a ride; Joe Grant Felicity's psychotherapist working hard to unravel Felicity's myriad of symptoms and fears She feels she is constantly being watched she thinks someone has been in her home and finds a diary that she doesn't remember writing Joe himself has just recovered from a knife wound sustained from an attack by one of the homeless people Ezzy Sheeran whom he works with pro bono Much occurs in Cambridge but I will leave that for you to discover Joe's mother Delilah is a police woman and has been following her son's cases closely Their relationship sometimes seems a little too close to be healthy but for the most part they seem to be able to run through ideas together helping Joe and the police In the last part of the novel we are whisked back to South Georgia where an incredibly feverish search is on to find Felicity She was last known to be headed to Bird Island a place even remote than South Georgia The weather turns extremely harsh and with multiple people searching by land and sea there is never a slow moment Even in the harbor master's office "Joe can see a waterfall like a silver ribbon slicing a snow tipped summit in half and the rusting carcass of a wrecked steam ship stranded in the bay On the northern horizon a berg lies like a fallen mountain and the air above it is alive with seabirds there is an eardrum splitting cacophony of noise the bird screams and the grunting of seals" This novel got it all right for me An intricately woven plot great characters that are believable tension and fear that never uits and an atmosphere that is transformative This book had me from the first few pages and just when I thought I had it all figured out nope wrong I would recommend this book to anyone who enjoys a fast paced twisty thriller well written and exciting I am still googling South Georgia and the photos that I find are incredible and fascinating I highly recommend taking a tour of where the story takes place I received an ARC of this novel from the publisher through NetGalley Hardcover Click Click Click This is the sound of my fingers downloading or ordering this fantastic author's previous books and this "BANG BANG BANG" sound is coming from my head's contact with the wall Yes I'm literally hitting my heavy head for waiting too long to devour those mind bending thrillers *Split* is my dreamy combination consists of an action packed dark Nordic thriller ish start psychological brain cell frying I plan to donate my brain after finishing this book because I decided it is useless I was fooled by author's compelling smart moves and cunning deceiving twists They made me numb and uestion of

my brain's functioning capacity a stunning serial killer story who is chasing the homeless people domestic abuse and heart throbbing twisty surprising WTF I just read final This book is breathtaking full of surprises twisty as hell captivating addictive exciting heart throbbing BIG OVATION coming for it I already created a special tribute and new admirers for the book read it aloud at the house in front of my besties husband mother in law who already drank my two bottles of Chablis and not so lovely neighbors Let's make a small talk about its plot Our story starts at Antarctic Island of South Georgina I already start to hear whooshing sound of the wind and turned myself into human burrito by wrapping up with blanket depictions at the book are so realistic Glaciologist Felicity Lloyd is shaking in terror planning to escape before the last boat of the summer arrives which carries her ex husband Freddie convicted felony follows her like a shadow But there is a crazy woman with a knife called herself Bamber also follows Felicity to protect her and as soon as Freddie finds Felicity's hiding place something happens Nope I'm not gonna tell it Read the book to find out Then we go back to Cambridge England nine months ago and meet with Joe who is treating Felicity for her short term amnesia and his unconventional vivid police officer mother Delilah who is investigating the murders of homeless people There is a person of interest out there named Shane watching sleeping people outside intruding Joe and Felicity's houses at night without being caught This guy is like a ghost but is he for real? Or who is? Why Felicity finds herself at different places and she never knows how she got there? What is she hiding? What happened to Felicity when she was young? Why does not she remember that she was married with Freddie who had abused her for years? I know your mind is about to blow with those heavy uestions But don't worry All of them will be answered But shocking revelations will make your mouth wide open in awe surprise I personally couldn't close mine and swallowed several mosuitos I thought reading this book when I was having picnic at the park might have been a good idea but as you may see it wasn't and my mother in law slapped me several times to bring me back I'm still uestioning her intentions because she also pulled my hair Overall This is one of the best smartest most mind spinning addictive dazzling unputdownable page turner I've read lately Giving my five gazillions stars and I'm telling you READ

THISBOOKASAP Special thanks to NetGalley and St Martin's Press for sharing this incredible book's ARC COPY with me in exchange my honest review I congratulate Sharon J Bolton for creating something so uniuie extraordinary and stunning blog instagram facebook twitter Hardcover 5 Clever and Brilliant Stars No matter how far you run some secrets will always catch up with you The remote Antarctic island of South Georgia is about to send off its last boat of the summer - which signifies safety to resident glaciologist Felicity Lloyd Felicity lives in fear - fear that her ex husband Freddie will find her even out here She took a job on this isolated island to hide from him but now that he's out of prison having served a term for murder she knows he won't give up until he finds her I always get so excited when I open up a Sharon Bolton book This book was so clever and brilliant This book gave me a book hangover I kept flipping the pages to find out what was going to happen next It kept me up all night long and gave me a five star high This is a complex crime thriller which is exceptionally plotted out and kept me on the edge of my seat I was holding my breath and at times a bit scared to read on It was fantastic The twists had my jaw drop to the floor It was so crazy and I mean CRAZY JUST MY KIND OF CRAZY I also loved the character development If you haven't read any books by this author WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN? You really don't know what you are missing She is my all time favorite author All of her books have been WINNERS for me This one is a memorable read I thought I had this book all figured out but I was so wrong It is an unpredictable read I want to thank Minotaur Books St Martin's Press Netgalley and the author for the copy of this book in exchange for an honest review Hardcover A mixed bag The first section was like trudging through mud carrying weights I almost abandoned but the reviews have been SO good In sections two and three it picks up a lot but it's also much too easy to figure out what is going on In my opinion the author shows her hand too early and too readily It was so obvious to me where this was headed that I thought after the raves that there must be coming but no A few fun little surprises but in the end I wasn't split on how to rate it Hardcover Sharon Bolton's latest psychological thriller drops the reader surprisingly in the magnificent Antarctic and the remote island of South Georgia It might be

an awe inspiring landscape but it is also deadly and forbidding with its glaciers ice turbulent and stormy sea waters and dangerous melt waters Resident glaciologist Dr Felicity Lloyd is part of a research team currently pursuing a theory on plug holes and the draining of lake water She is feeling the strain as she awaits the last cruise ship worried that she has not escaped far enough from her husband Freddy now released from Durham prison after completing a sentence for murder She has plans to escape from Grytviken should her abusive husband turn up on the ship She has informed her team that she will ostensibly be going to Bird Island but will instead make her way to Hurvik with its wreck The Petrel a beached whaling ship where a young woman Bamber roams with a gun in her possession It turns out Freddy is on the cruise ship and determined to find Felicity irrespective of the obstacles that materialise and he has one huge advantage he knows her and the way she thinks Just as you think you know the nature of what this story about Bolton sharply swerves from this path and takes us back in time nine months to Cambridge to a fragile and skittish Felicity having to confront large periods of time where she has absolutely no idea what happened and what she did She is worried someone is entering her home there are strange journal entries and she is feeling stalked She has an academic post at the University and is hoping to secure a job that will take her half way round the world to the Antarctic unfazed by working with a tiny team and isolated from the rest of the world in fact it is what she feels she needs She is seeing Dr Joe Grant a therapist recovering from being stabbed by a young homeless woman Ezzy Sheeran skateboarding around the city where one rough sleeper Bella has been murdered and another Dora is missing Once again just when you think you know where Bolton is now taking her story she returns us back to South Georgia with many searching for Felicity where she delivers another almighty twist in a chillingly thrilling climactic ending where numerous lives hang in the balance as nature demonstrates her terrifying powers for creating chaos and devastating destruction This read was a four stars for me until I got to the final part at which it became a wonderful five stars This is a intense dark and disturbing psychological thriller tense full of suspense and with all the trademark writing plotting and twists for which Bolton is famed A great read that I recommend highly to fans of Bolton and other crime fiction readers Many thanks to Orion for an ARC Hardcover



If you're looking for a book to take you far away from the norm this is it Starting on South Georgia Island in the Antarctic this book totally gets the atmosphere right Founded as a whaling colony abandoned in mid last century it now exists as a science station and a tourist stop for the intrepid Felicity is there as a glaciologist but also to escape her ex husband recently released from a prison term for murder Now he's come looking for her The book then flips back 9 months to Cambridge England and we hear from an assortment of characters including Felicity and Joe her therapist Bolton leaves us guessing how this will all come together Felicity has fugue states and can't even remember being married In fact the book really kept me off balance I only sussed out to what the first big reveal was a few chapters before it happened And then the hits just kept on coming as there are several big twists in this book Bolton does horror really well I felt both Joe and Felicity's confusion and pain The characters felt real and fully formed This kept me engrossed It moves at a swift pace and never slows down My thanks to netgalley and St Martin's Press for an advance copy of this book Hardcover Breach The Split is an outstanding psychological thriller that is throbbing

with suspense and suspicion A past that is slowly uncloaked revealing dark and horrific crimes that are haunting and driving alarming consequences in the present "Felicity crawls into the cupboard and wraps the duvet around her as she settles herself into the corner She balances the pillow against the wall and goes to sleep And finally like the last trace of a dream she remembers what the voice in her ear said to her He's coming" The story starts on the island of South Georgia close to Antarctica and home to the British Antarctic Survey BAS in the region Felicity Lloyd is a world expert glaciologist on a two year project on South Georgia to study the formation and movement of glaciers Towards the end of her first summer she gets and agitated as she anticipates the last tourist ship to dock before the Island goes into winter shut down Felicity's unrest is almost palpable as she waits to see the passenger manifest and if Freddie has finally tracked her down to this remote part of the world She has an escape plan prepared and when she finally sees Freddie she flees on a Rigid Inflatable Boat RIB to another small island Only Freddie saw her too and he is in pursuit I loved the location choices which worked so well in the story and the landscape of such a desolate island adds to the foreboding and chilling atmosphere of the story The ghosts of thousands of workers from a time when South Georgia hosted a massive whaling operation now echo in deserted settlements and half sunken ships The wind whistles through the rusted frames of buildings long past their usefulness Remaining for when the whales would return but they never did An eerie place that threatens unsafe dangers and now the added menace of a man that has tracked Felicity to the far ends of the Earth The next part of the story reverts back to Cambridge England nine months before Felicity takes up the position in South Georgia and she needs a clean bill of health and mental assessment from her doctor and her psychiatrist Dr Joe Grant is Felicity's psychiatrist but has just returned to work following the death of a patient who was obsessed with him Joe genuinely wants to help Felicity as he can see personality disorders but she just wants to get clearance as easy as possible so she can getaway Does she have a personality disorder is she being drugged or is someone playing games with her mind Meanwhile disappearances occur and strange alarming situations develop all handled brilliantly by Sharon Bolton The plotting is superb as the layers of complexity and supposition mount to provide an enthralling and captivating story The momentum of the novel is perfectly pitched and builds to a climactic conclusion It is also worth recognising the wonderful writing from Sharon Bolton as she crafts such vivid images and psychological turmoil I would highly recommend this book and I would like to thank Orion Publishing Minotaur Books and NetGalley for providing me with an ARC copy in return for an honest review Of interest Grytviken on South Georgia is where you find the grave of Sir Ernest Shackleton Hardcover 5 stars Lordy what a great read this is I am a mega Bolton fan and Ms Bolton has hit yet another one out of the ballpark The Split is a twisty eerie psychological thriller—vintage Bolton I burned out on typical psychological thrillers years ago You know the ones that feature amnesia missing children abusive husbands and traitorous friends and relatives But Sharon Bolton never fails to weave an intricate different sort of tale in which she beautifully transports the reader to an unusual setting and creates an atmosphere that is literally dripping in tension This one is based in Cambridge England and the remote Antarctic island of South Georgia Our protagonist Felicity is an expert in glaciers Not interested in glaciers? No problem Neither was I when I started See my star rating Amongst other interesting characters we have Freddie Freddie is after Felicity for uncertain reasons; Felicity lives in dire fear of Freddie Then there is Joe Joe is a psychiatrist who is trying to understand Felicity But Felicity has secrets that even she herself doesn't realize The story ultimately becomes a thrilling chase for survival in a terrifying milieu of ice water and misunderstandings Enough said If you have not read Sharon Bolton you haven't lived in the sense of reading quality thrillers She is one of my very top go to authors and I give my highest recommendation for her novels to all fans of thrillers and suspense Thank you Net Galley Minotaur Books and Ms Sharon Bolton for granting me an ARC of this novel Opinions are mine alone and are not biased in any way Hardcover I have a long list of books to read carefully stacked in proper order Then I get a book by Sharon Bolton And all my plans go out the window along with the list Every single time But here comes the hard part writing a review If you've read her stuff before you know you rarely end up where you thought you would I've learned to go in with a

healthy dose of paranoia Her plots are like those puzzles with 1000 tiles you never know which piece might change the whole picture In fact my tip for all her books is to go in knowing as little as possible just enjoy the ride So what do I share here without giving the game away? If I follow my own advice it would go something like this

Part 1 we meet the MC in a unique setting by 10% in I'm on high alert

Part 2 Change of place as we go back 9 months to get some history meet characters Stuff is happening and wait What?

Part 3 Ah some pieces are starting to click into place I got this It's the guy with the thing I knew it Oh no No no no

Part 4 Holeecrap Sorry what I meant to say was stuff happens my teeth are chattering and seriously? Followed by big finale Too much detail? Ok maybe I can expand a bit without spoiling any potential WTF moments

The story begins in South Georgia a small island between the Falklands Antarctica Felicity Lloyd is a glaciologist part of a small research team working for the British Antarctic Survey Their isolation is broken periodically by the arrival of cruise ships during the short tourist season And Felicity can't wait for it to be over Just one ship she'll be safe for another year We quickly realize two things about her This is a woman who's literally gone to the end of the earth to disappear And she's absolutely terrified of who may step off that ship That would be Freddie Lloyd her husband Unfortunately we already know where he's been where he is now When Felicity sees his name on the ship manifest her worst fear is realized But she prepared for this day long ago it's time to put her plan into action

The story is divided into 4 sections this first one is relatively short But boy does it set the tone The remote setting frigid weather Felicity's fear all of these are so well described you can feel them in your bones The tension is palpable the author has served notice you're in for an unsettling ride

Parts 2 3 are set in Cambridge beginning 9 months prior to present day Here we get some background on Felicity's life the people who crossed her path before she fled As part of the medical requirements for the position in South Georgia she has to get signed off by a therapist as fit for the job And so she meets Dr Joe Grant Joe is a mild mannered likeable guy with some interesting history of his own More characters plot lines are added in these sections A mysterious roller girl a troubled homeless man Joe's mother Delilah several others weave their stories into the mix Connections between them are slowly doled out as we continue to learn about Felicity's past That's it folks I'm determined to keep this spoiler free The stage is set for our return to South Georgia in part 4 by the time we get there I guarantee you'll have questions than answers There are tantalizing glimpses of where the story is going But contradictory unreliable versions of events make you feel like you're standing in quicksand Nothing is predictable you're never sure who you can trust or believe It's a psychological mind bender of a read that saves some of the best twists for last Sure you could argue a few moments stretch credibility conveniently propel the plot but its strength lies in the author's ability to create scenes so atmospheric that you feel you're walking in a character's shoes

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You can't hide from your secrets

Felicity Lloyd is about breath a big sigh of relief when the remote Island of South Georgia is about to have its last boat of the summer She has been anxiously searching the guest lists to make sure a certain name is not upon it She lives in fear that her ex husband Freddie will find her She is working on the remote island for two reasons 1 She loves what she does she's a glaciologist and 2 Freddie was just released from prison and she doesn't want him to find her But a therapist from Cambridge has been worried about Felicity He is on his way to the remote island to try and get to her before Freddie

This is a psychological thriller that begins on the remote island of South Georgia and then goes back nine months in time to Cambridge where Felicity is no longer the confident woman she is on the island of South Georgia She has been attacked and has no memory of who hurt her or why Referred to therapy she divulges that there are periods of time she cannot account for things have been moved in her home there are journal entries she doesn't recall making but really wants her therapist to sign off on her upcoming job in the Antarctic

I figured out a large portion of this book right away Not all of it but a significant portion Not even the tall glaciers in the Antarctic could get in my way of figuring out most of this book Sadly having figured some things out right away took away some of

my enjoyment and wanting to throttle her therapist at times didn't help Sure he's a likable enough guy but he can benefit from a class on ethics But Bolton did a great job of creating interesting characters especially Delilah the police investigator with pink hair I loved the harsh environment in South Georgia My favorite scenes were in the Antarctic I thought Bolton really nailed it I love it when the environment feels like a character in the book as well She really ended the book well in the frozen environment She obviously did her homework when preparing to write this book especially concerning Felicity's job and about glaciers and the landscape in South Georgia Although I did figure out a HUGE chunk of this book I did enjoy the pacing and how the plot unfolded She kept the book moving at a steady pace This was a hard book for me to rate I enjoyed it but was also feeling a little let down as well I had high hopes for this and when I finished felt conflicted I read this one fast as it was captivating and thought provoking Although I figured out a lot of the book there were still there were two reveals that I didn't see coming so I appreciated that and found it to be very clever In the end she did wow me with her descriptions vivid landscapes and interesting characters Thank you to St Martin's Press and NetGalley who provided me with a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review All the thoughts and opinions are my own Hardcover.

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