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Reading Group Guide

My Sister, the Serial Killer by Oyinkan Braithwaite

Atlantic Books

About the book

When Korede's dinner is interrupted one night by a distress call from her sister, Ayoola, she knows what's expected of her: bleach, rubber gloves, nerves of steel and a strong stomach. This'll be the third boyfriend Ayoola's dispatched in, quote, self-defence and the third mess that her lethal little sibling has left Korede to clear away. She should probably go to the police for the good of the menfolk of Nigeria, but she loves her sister and, as they say, family always comes first. Until, that is, Ayoola starts dating the doctor where Korede works as a nurse. Korede's long been in love with him, and isn't prepared to see him wind up with a knife in his back: but to save one would mean sacrificing the other...

About the author

Oyinkan Braithwaite is a graduate of Creative Writing and Law from Kingston University. Following her degree, she worked as an assistant editor at Kachifo and has been freelancing as a writer and editor since. She has had short stories published in anthologies and has also self-published work. In 2014, she was shortlisted as a top ten spoken word artist in the Eko Poetry Slam.



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Questions and discussion points

1. How did you react to the beginning of the book, when the reader is thrown in the middle of a murder scene?
2. What relevance does Korede's job as a nurse have in the way she looks after Ayoola?
3. The book is fast-paced with some very short chapters. Do you think this structure is important?
4. The writing is witty and comic, whilst dealing with serious topics. What effect does humour have?
5. How does the author create a such a rich picture of daily life in Nigeria?

Suggested reading

My Year of Rest and Relaxation by Ottessa Moshfegh

House of Stone by Novuyo Rosa Tshuma

Speak No Evil by Uzodinma Iweala

Welcome to Lagos by Chibundu Onuzo

An Elderly Lady Is Up to No Good by Helene Tursten

Useful links

[*My Sister, the Serial Killer* by Oyinkan Braithwaite – a morbidly funny slashfest](#)

[In This Novel, One Sister Is a Nurse. The Other Is a Murderer.](#)

[Sister Act: On *My Sister, the Serial Killer* by Oyinkan Braithwaite](#)

[*My Sister, the Serial Killer* review: darkly comic debut novel](#)

[Oyinkan Braithwaite's serial-killer thriller: would you help your murderer sister?](#)

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