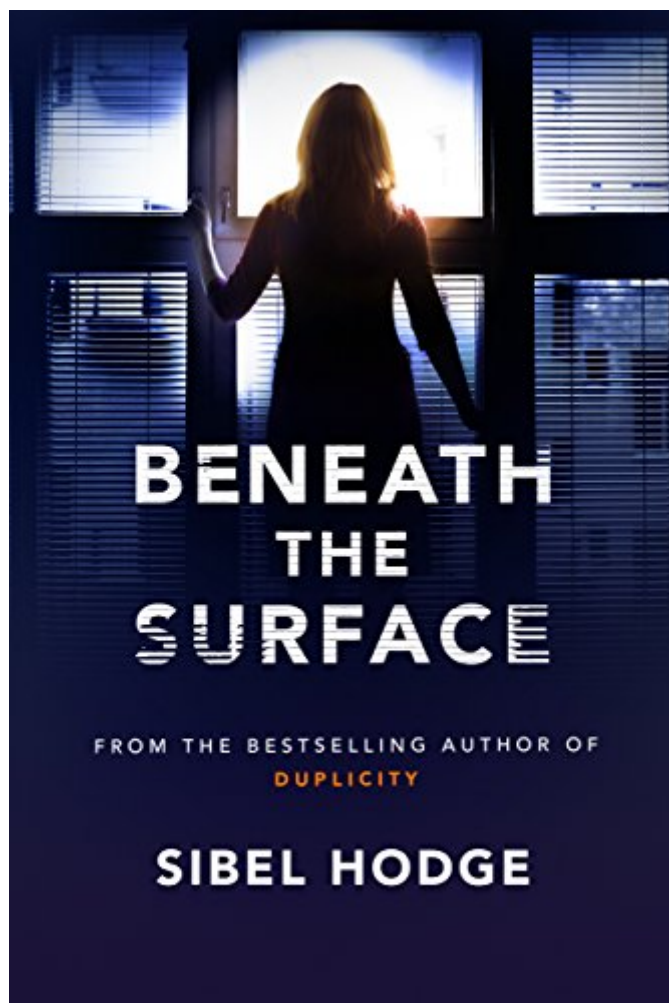


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# Beneath The Surface



## Synopsis

Dean Hudson didn't look evil, so what could drive an ordinary boy to kill? When the teenage son of Holly Gold's school friend brutally murders his parents before killing himself, her sleepy hometown is rocked by the sudden tragedy. Appalled, Holly investigates. What could have caused the happy-go-lucky boy she remembers to commit such a heinous crime? When another teen commits suicide, she uncovers a horrifying link between the recent deaths and a dark conspiracy to hide the truth. But someone doesn't want Holly asking questions and, as she hunts for evidence to prove her theory, she's dragged into a nightmare that threatens her life and her sanity. Then tragedy strikes again—and this time it's closer to home. Beneath the Surface is a gripping psychological suspense-thriller from the bestselling author of Duplicity, Look Behind You and Where the Memories Lie.

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## Customer Reviews

This is a good book. The story had twists and turn with strong character. I always love a strong

female character.

EXCELLENT! I urged all my co-workers to read this book.

Sibel Hodge is an author that I can't but eagerly await her "latest book" I just know I'm in for a fabulous read, I can always be assured of this. She's one of my top psychological thriller writers. From the very first book I read written by this author I was hooked. I find her books well worth waiting for. I'm surprised at each different plot, different theme, realistic characters in her book, how she feeds life, breath and emotion into each. When I started this book I knew I wouldn't be able to do much else. I'd want to sit and read it all. The female lead is a strong woman, the author also lets her readers in to her vulnerability too to make her more human. Emotional. So we can find sympathy. The way the story starts grabs you in its net and that's where you wriggle around in your seat reading this. Enjoying the plot. There are deaths, unexplained suicides. She has a lead, like a hunter, she goes after her prey. I loved the topical theme within this plot. It gave me something to think about in reality too. This is newsworthy stuff! Secrets Money Lies Who is to be trusted. The families who suffered in this domino effect I really felt for. My review will become clearer once you've read the book. I thank the author. I thank Thomas & Mercer via Net Galley for my copy.

In my head, I AM Sibel Hodge! No, really, because time and time again she writes books that keep you on the edge of your seat, bum cheeks clenched, heart pounding in your chest and the voice inside your head, (well, I have voices in my head, but that's not relevant for now), screaming "HE'S BEHIND YOU" or "RUN! RUN LIKE THE WIND"! Is it boring that I keep writing that she's a brilliant writer, with exquisite characterisation and fantastic ideas, which she brings to life superbly? I make no apologies if it is, this is another genius book that everyone simply must read, then throw out your corn plasters and never buy them again. 5 - I'm in awe of this author - glowing, fat, shiny, gold stars from me! Thank you for the words Ms Hodge!

What would cause Dean, a perfectly normal young man with a wonderful home life to suddenly turn on his parents, stabbing them to death before then hanging himself? This is the question Holly Gold needs an answer to in order to solve her best friend's murder. Dean's mom was once Holly's best friend, and even though they'd grown apart over the last few years, it doesn't mean Jess's death has affected Holly any less. Determined to find out what happened, she starts her own investigation apart from the police. As a reporter whose job is mainly writing fluff pieces rather than the human

interest stories she longs to see published, she knows how to dig for facts and search for clues. When another teen suicide happens immediately after Dean's, Holly discovers Dean wasn't the first to go off the rails. And all of the deaths seem to have a common link that someone will go to great lengths to keep the police and the public from finding out. Holly's life is in danger and unfortunately, her family is a target as well. However, she can't get anyone to believe her. In fact, they think she's having some sort of breakdown and has started drinking again. Holly had previously been in a relationship with a man when she got pregnant. Her boyfriend didn't want anything to do with a child and broke things off, leaving Holly devastated. When she then miscarried, it was more than she could bear, she hit the bottle. She seemed to be doing better until now. So yes, she'd been drinking a bit to help cope with her current stress. That didn't mean she was crazy. She hadn't imagined the phone call warning her to stop her investigation, even though she can find no trace of it on her phone. Now was she imagining the big black car she'd caught following her now and then. And she certainly hadn't imagined the attempt on her life! This one kept me reading, wanting to know what happened. Holly had issues, that was apparent from the start, but she'd been through a lot so I had no problem cutting her some slack. The police and her brother, Miles, I wanted to slap at times. I can't say too much without giving some key plot points away but suffice it to say Miles has a pretty good reason for wanting Holly to fail. Holly's mother is no help either. She's never really been there for Holly and is critical of pretty much everything Holly does. I liked the way she kept forging ahead, determined to find the truth no matter what. Little by little she gathers clues and begins to piece everything together and where it leads was a big surprise for me. You can tell the author really did her research for this story and I actually learned a lot in reading it. Good plot, plenty of suspense, and an ending that left me satisfied on one hand while angry on the other. And that's all I'll say about that. I do recommend this one. Thriller fans will not be disappointed.

This is the 3rd book I've read from Sibel Hodge, and once again, she doesn't disappoint, she is so multi talented, as, which ever genre she delves into, involves such detail and research, and each time she delivers a hard hitting storyline. This one takes us into the dark, murky world of pharmaceutical companies, the depth they will go to, to get a medicine accepted, with total disregard for the innocent patient being prescribed it. What drives a young teen from a loving family, to brutally kill his parents?, this is what Holly, a journalist, recently returned to her home town, is asked to investigate. The victims are known to Holly, and she has no idea where her research will take her, or that she is putting her own life in danger, the corporate world, so ruthless, where money talks and profit is the goal, get in the way and you are collateral damage, This is such a heart

pounding read, but then again, this is why I love Sibel Hodge, she writes about real life, issue's affecting the world, and though the storyline is fiction, one wonders just how much 'fact' comes into play.

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