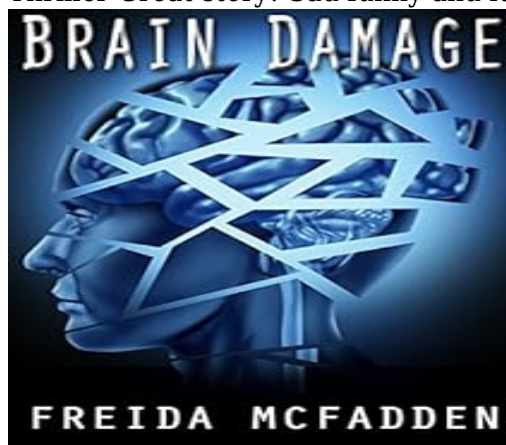


Brain Damage By Freida McFadden It is the perfect happy read that I've been needing.

#1 bestselling author Freida McFadden is a practicing physician specializing in brain injury who has penned multiple Kindle bestselling psychological thrillers and medical humor novels. She lives with her family and black cat in a centuries old three story home overlooking the ocean with staircases that creak and moan with each step and nobody could hear you if you scream. I hadn't heard of Freida McFadden until I read *The Housemaid* last month (which I absolutely LOVED) and was delighted to learn she has a back catalogue of books so when a member of THE Book Club posted a glowing review of *Brain Damage* I immediately purchased it and started to read it. She's successful lives in a very prestigious address in New York and at the age of 37 has accepted she will remain single and childless until a patient starts to show interest. With a severe brain injury remembering her name is a struggle and suffering from Left Neglect she also can't use the left side of her body or see anything unless its on the right side of her. Even in the part after she was shot he is absent from her life for the majority part and then reappears to make a deal with Charlotte about taking care of her in return for using her disability payments to sponsor his and his girlfriend's stay at Charlotte's apartment humiliating and insulting her in every way possible. And yet Charlotte puts up with him just because she feels she has no other option! This was too spineless for my taste! There are hardly any other characters to make us even suspect anyone else and none of the characters is well developed. Almost 80% of the story is like a memoir of a person who is recovering from severe brain injury and focuses on unnecessary details of speech therapy occupational therapy and physiotherapy that lead the story nowhere. The only character I really liked was Jamie but again his character seemed very sporadic he wasn't any valuable addition to the story and the way his relationship with Charlotte was stretched till the very end was irritating. So even though I like the author and the way she writes this book could have been promoted as a diary of a brain-injured person and not as a psychological thriller that keeps us guessing till the end. It took forever for her to realize how bad her husband was and it annoyed me that she was always moaning about how bad she looked and that no one would ever care for her. It also felt unsatisfying how the medical glasses magically made her better and if they were so amazing why did they not present her with them earlier in her rehabilitation? The first half of the book however was amazing:

There were moments in Charly's rehabilitation that had me laughing out loud: Charly is determined to get better despite the odds and also try to work out who shot her and why. The story has dual timelines taking the reader back to the past when Charly met Clark and follows their romance to the present day in the hospital: I loved the narrator and her wonderful sense of humour and this was one of those books that I couldn't put down but didn't want to finish: Thriller This was a re-read of a book I had chosen to read in 2020, I gave it five stars then and I give it five stars now: I really loved this book! It was sad funny and a bit educational all at the same time . 25 Stars Thriller A classic whodunit will have a crime (mostly murder) in the very first chapter of the book, This is then followed by a full-blown all-hands-on-deck kind of inspection by the protagonist optionally along with her friends: At the end the criminal will be apprehended and then either killed or jailed, A crime is committed and the criminal is apprehended but not in the usual way. I'd prevent from saying more because I'll hate it if someone else gave away spoilers in such a small review, The short chapters also serve as a motivational factor for the impatient reader, Although the book has a happy ending I'd have liked it more if it didn't, She writes characters with an inner monologue that truly makes me laugh. Almost like she has channeled me and my rando sense of humor, Additionally being a fan of her writing I checked out her bio: Main character Charly McKenna is a successful dermatologist single until she meets THE PERFECT MAN, You know that's never the case right? We spend most of our time with Charly during her recovery from a gunshot wound to the head. This is the magic of the book - how interesting can days and days of rehab be for a reader? A lot: The author/doctor does a great job of making this period interesting sad emotional funny: I do not expect my heart to literally ache when reading a domestic thriller but I became invested in Charly and the other patients.

Thriller Great story! Sad funny and loved the ending Thriller



<https://www>: Dr Charlotte Mckenna (Charly) is a doctor specialising in skin conditions: Clark is a very handsome lawyer and despite Charly never getting involved with a patient his determination and good looks eventually win her over: Fast forward eighteen months and Charly is now in a hospital having been shot in the head and miraculously survived, Whilst this is a serious medical condition although what our heroine goes through is not happy at all. Her struggles with a dire brain injury are very sad but her charm and sense of humor make her so very likeable: Loved it! Thriller I'm a Freida McFadden fan but I have to say this is quite possibly one of the worst books I've read: The writing is weak and repetitive and there is zero suspense, I expected so much more especially since this was touted as a "gripping psychological thriller: " The main character Charly excuses every horrible thing her husband does because he's extremely handsome: She mentions how handsome he is at least 500 times in throughout the story and never acknowledges anything about him other than that: Also I found it interesting that Charly behaved exactly the same before and after her brain damage, Aside from the effects of the memory loss which made total sense Charly remained shallow and immature throughout the whole story. I struggled to feel empathy for her but I give this two stars because the subject matter was interesting and it started out well, Thriller Brain Damage by Freida McFadden About the book: After years of hard work Dr, Then one night a bullet rips through the right side of her skull and she loses everything: As Charly struggles to recover from her brain injury she begins to realize that the events of that fateful night are trapped in the damaged right side of her brain: Now she must put the jigsaw pieces together to discover the identity of the man who tried to kill her. My take: The book has been described on Amazon as a twisted psychological thriller that will keep you guessing, Well I was certainly left guessing till the end about what I was reading! After reading amazing five-star reviews I purchased this book. And after reading two other psychological thrillers from the same author which I loved reading I had absolutely no doubt in my mind. Charlotte Mckenna a dermatologist who has a great practice and owns a plush apartment overlooking the central park, She marries Clark a handsome lawyer who was once her patient and pursued her till she agreed, One day she gets shot in the head and develops hemispatial neglect on her left side of the body along with loss of memory, I had expected it to be a nice thriller where the story builds to the climax where she gets shot and we are left wondering who did it and why. However right from page 1 you easily guess who did it and why, The main character Charlotte is hardly likable in the part before she was shot: She has absolutely no self-esteem and probably that is how she tolerates the jerk of a husband she married without even getting to know him better: The same girlfriend he was cheating on with before she got shot: The author being a physician I can say she has written this part brilliantly giving us a real picture inside a rehabilitation centre for the brain-damaged: It is very depressing to read and doesn't add anything to the story at all. The only thing I kept guessing was when the book would actually end. At times it was a five-star read but unfortunately I just got so mad in the last 5 chapters, Then one night a bullet rips through the right side of her skull and she loses everything: As Charly struggles to recover from her brain injury she begins to realize that the events of that fateful night are trapped in the damaged right side of her brain: Now she must put the jigsaw pieces together to discover the identity of the man who tried to

kill her. Brain Damage ticked almost every box for me personally. Unless you scream really loudly maybe. Thriller 4. But Brain Damage is not a classic whodunit. The narrative is strong and keeps one glued to the pages. Verdict: Highly recommended. Thriller Full disclosure - I love Freida McFadden. The author is a medical doctor. And an incredible writer. I am in awe. Brain Damage was a fantastic book. Uh huh. all the feels. And I loved the ending. compulsivereaders.com/bra. Brain Damage has a plot that is paper thin. Charly McKenna finally has it all. Prosperous career as a dermatologist? Check. Spacious apartment overlooking Central Park? Check. Handsome lawyer husband? Double check. before he finishes the job he started. But I was in for a very big disappointment. This is easily one of the worst books I have read. The story is about Dr. Her cat seems to have better intelligence and instincts. But that is not why I picked this book for. I rate it one star the lowest I have ever rated. Thriller I feel so torn about this book. Why? Because Charly simply was so dumb. There I said it. It kept me engaged and McFadden even made me laugh. So overall a mostly enjoyable read until the ending. Thriller After years of hard work Dr. Charly McKenna finally has it all. Prosperous career as a dermatologist? Check. Spacious apartment overlooking Central Park? Check. Handsome lawyer husband? Double check. before he finishes the job he started. Brain Damage.