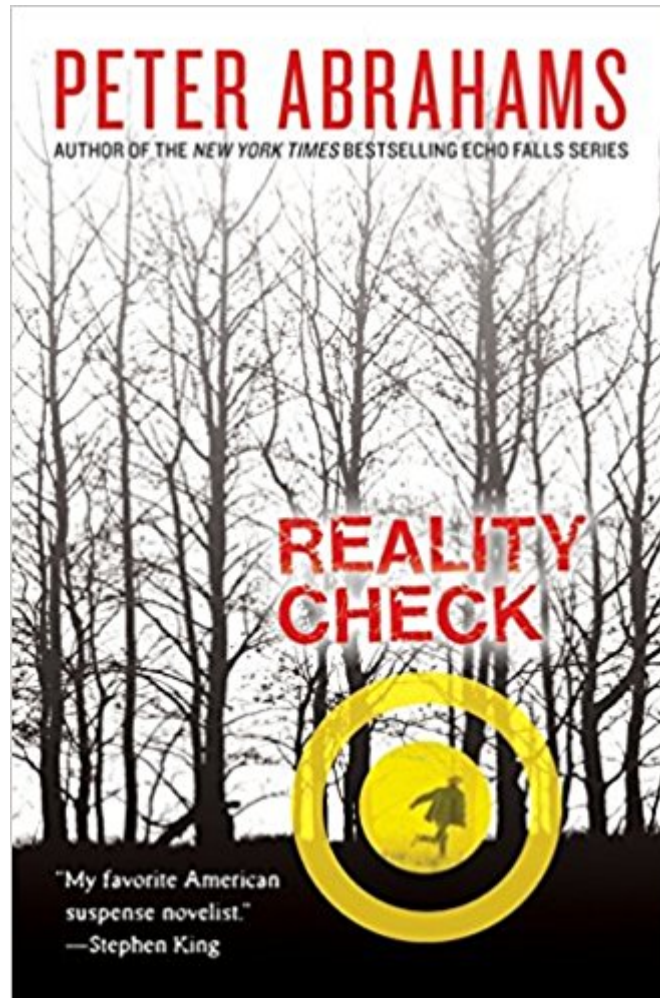




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Synopsis

QB of the varsity football team. Passing grades in all his classes. Dating the hottest and smartest girl at school. Summer job paying more than minimum wage. Things in Cody's world seem to be going pretty well. Until, that is, his girlfriend, Clea, is sent off to boarding school across the country, and a torn ACL ends his high school football career. But bad things come in threes or in Cody's case, sixes and twelves and the worst is yet to come. While limping through town one day, Cody sees a newspaper heading: "Local Girl Missing." Clea, now his ex, has disappeared from her boarding school in Vermont, and the only clue is a letter she sent to Cody the morning of her disappearance. With that as his guide, Cody sets out to find out what happened. Once in Vermont, he unearths the town's secrets and finds out that football isn't the only thing he's good at. *Reality Check* is another edge-of-your-seat suspense novel by the New York Times bestselling and Edgar Award-nominated author of *Down the Rabbit Hole*.

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Grade 9 Up Set in Little Bend, CO, and North Dover, VT, Abrahams's novel follows Cody, 16, who sustains a serious knee injury that leaves him on the bench during the most important recruiting year in his high school career. With no college scholarship in sight, he drops out of school. When his rich girlfriend, Clea, is reported missing from her Vermont boarding school, he drives East to find her and endangers himself in the process. Though not as complicated as Abrahams's adult novels, *Reality Check* is a solid mystery reminiscent of Carol Plum-Ucci's *The Body of Christopher Creed*

(Harcourt, 2000) or Nancy Werlin's *The Killer's Cousin* (Delacorte, 1998). That Cody is a country boy and a dropout both complicate and inform his detective persona; the realization that "with the exception of football" he was wasting his time in school sends him "some message about a whole different way for him to look at things, to live." It is this "whole different way" that allows Cody "a fish out of water among wealthy Dover Academy students" to solve the mystery, though not before a red herring is revealed and a surprise villain is unmasked. Amy S. Pattee, Simmons College, Boston Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

• (School Library Journal) • The latest engrossing crime novel from Abrahams...an exciting, fast-paced story. • (Publishers Weekly) • The climax is unexpected. Readers will be frantically turning pages. • (Kirkus Reviews) A fine thriller that is pitched to attract everyone from reluctant readers to sports fans to romantic idealists. (Voice of Youth Advocates (VOYA) (Starred Review))

Not up to his standards of some other works. Predictable, moved slowly until the last third of so. Then it was very good, and kept up the tension and interest.

Disillusioned teenager living with single Dad in turmoil when his wealthy girlfriend get sent to 'Uppity' school out of town. Then she goes missing, so he needs to go after his true love. Other wealthy classmates don't trust the Interloper. Intrigue ensues. Good read with a satisfying ending.

I love this book I got it from the library and read it but I loved it so much that I wanted to re-read it so I bought it on my kindle.

Loved the book. It was a fun book with twists, yet predictable.

I bought it for students to read in the classroom and they love it.

This book was very great for any teenagers going into high school and likes some mystery/romance books. I would recommend this for 9th-11th graders.

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