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The Candidate's Husband

Wendy Sacks Jones

Gripping and insightful. The moving personal side of political life by a writer who knows her craft. – **Charles Harris**

The writing is confident and sweeps the reader along. An entertaining, often unnerving story that keeps you reading right through to the unexpected and satisfying conclusion – **Ian Nettleton, winner of the Bath Novel Award 2023**

This dark story of vicarious marital ambition that unfolds in the murky world of politics and journalism will keep you guessing until the end - I couldn't put it down". **Sonia Sodha, columnist and broadcaster.**

Synopsis

Behind every successful woman stands a resentful man...

Politics is a ruthless business, even more so for a woman. When headteacher Kirsty's local MP resigns after a sex scandal, she's set on running in the by-election. She seems the ideal Labour candidate—hard working, ambitious, and with excellent working-class credentials. Only her husband Rick is unconvinced.

When he fails to dissuade her from standing, Rick sets out to influence Kirsty's campaign to his own advantage. Kirsty battles on in the spotlight as the domestic and the political start to collide—until a revelation from the past threatens to derail the whole operation.

The Candidate's Husband is a story about how we deceive those closest to us—and how sometimes we deceive ourselves too.

About the author

Wendy Sacks Jones is a former BBC journalist who now enjoys the freedom of not having to stick to the facts. She worked in a range of roles at the BBC, from education correspondent and Today programme reporter to deputy company secretary.

Wendy helped found the education charity, National Numeracy, has written for the Guardian and Huffington Post, with her debut, The Candidate's Husband, shortlisted in the Mslexia Novel Prize and the Virginia Prize for fiction.