In Your Face (Lily Pascale Mysteries) by Scarlett Thomas

Clever And Hip!

Lily has received a phone call from Jess who has written a feature on three women who were victims of stalking—and on the day of publication, all three women were found dead. Lily arrives to find Jess missing and has left behind a mysterious trail of clues.

My Personal Review:
University lecturer, Lily Pascale, hasnt heard from her old university friend, Jess Mallone, in years, so shes rather surprised when she receives a frantic phone call from Jess begging for help. Jess is now a freelance journalist based in London. Her latest article, (which she sold to Smile magazine) was about stalking -- about three women who were all stalked, and how they suffered, coped and survived their experiences. But on the very day that the magazine hits the streets, all three women are found murdered. Now the police are looking to Jess for answers and Jess is feeling guilty and scared. Having read about Lilys successful exploits in solving a crime that the police were unable to (Dead Clever), Jess begs Lily to come down to London and to help her sort out this mess. With the summer term having just ended, and needing space and time in order to sort out her feeling for colleague, Fenn, whos getting married soon, Lily is nothing loath to leave Devon for London. But she arrives to find Jess missing and the polices number one suspect. Feeling that the girl she knew couldnt be capable of murder, Lily sets out to discover what the three victims had in common that would have made them some madmans target, and to discover what has become of Jess. But as she tries to sort her way through all the misleading clues, lies and incongruities, Lily begins to feel as if she is being stalked herself. Could the killer be on her trial?Scarlett Thomas has written an incredibly swiftly paced mystery novel, that also possess believable and credible characters and a supremely clever and intriguing plot. In fact mystery fans may be reminded of Sarah Lacey’s excellent Leah Hunter novels. Like the Leah Hunter mystery series, Thomass Lily Pascale books are fresh, vibrant, modern and loads of fun to read. In short, In Your Face is a treat not to be missed, and Im truly
indebted to the I Love a Mystery newsletter website for having turned me onto this incredibly riveting find.

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