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## Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Barclay (*Bad Guys*) tugs hard on the heartstrings with the tragic tale of Cynthia Bigge, whose parents and brother vanished without a trace the day after she had a tempestuous teenage argument with her father. Twenty-five years later, raising a daughter with her husband, Terrence Archer, in Milford, Conn., but still haunted by her family's disappearance, Cynthia goes on TV to talk about what happened and plead for clues. A mysterious phone call leads her to believe her father, at least, may still be alive, but as her excitement grows, so do Terrence's worries. It soon appears that someone is playing a unexpectedly vicious game with Cynthia's emotions, and that her family held secrets she never suspected. Though some plot twists require significant suspension of disbelief, skilled characterization and convincing dialogue more than compensate. (Oct.)

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From [Booklist](#)

After turning out four mystery novels featuring science-fiction author Zack Walker (the most recent is *Stone Rain*, 2007), Toronto Star columnist Barclay pens a stand-alone thriller that carries his signature blend of humor and suspense. Fourteen-year-old Cynthia Bigge wakes up one morning to find her entire family gone. Twenty-five years later, their unexplained disappearance still haunts her. She agrees to appear on the reenactment show *Deadline*, hoping the TV exposure might provide her with some answers, although her husband, English teacher Terry Archer, is considerably more skeptical. Indeed, not long after the show airs, the two are shaken down by a psychic, receive a series of bizarre phone calls, and become the victims of a break-in, although nothing is taken; instead, something is left—a hat that Cynthia is convinced belonged to her father. As Cynthia's paranoia escalates, Terry's patience wears thin, and the two decide to hire a private detective. That's when the mayhem starts. Despite a few implausible plot turns, this fast-paced read is bound to please, offering an especially intriguing premise and plenty of irreverent humor. Wilkinson, Joanne

Review

"**No Time for Goodbye** just flies off the page. It's a one-sit thriller. You sit down with this book and you won't get up until you've turned the last page."—Michael Connelly

"**No Time for Goodbye** is a high-speed emotional roller-coaster. The surprises will leave you breathless."—Robert Crais

"A terrific page-turner that keeps you in suspense until the very end. If you like Harlan Coben, you'll love Linwood Barclay."—Peter Robinson, author of *Piece of My Heart*

"**No Time for Goodbye** begins as an intriguing mystery then shifts with a sinister grace into a race-against-time thriller that begs to be read in a single sitting. Barclay sets his dark tale in the most familiar of surroundings, a decent, loving family, on the verge of being torn apart by tragic events 25 years old. The author's unique voice finds terror in the most mundane of environments, an ordinary home, and thereby makes his shocking and original tale all the more compelling."—David Hewson, author of **The Lizard's Bite**

"**No Time for Goodbye** is a turbo-charged, nonstop thriller that got me with every twist and turn. Linwood Barclay has written a mesmerizing, addictive page-turner that I just couldn't put down. It's one of the best suspense novels I've read in years."—Joseph Finder

"**No Time for Goodbye** is a great suburban thriller---and that's not a contradiction in terms. Linwood Barclay doesn't make one false step, and the surprises just keep on coming. Don't start reading **No Time for Goodbye** late at night: you'll stay up to finish it." —Charlaine Harris

"**No Time for Goodbye** is a deliciously smart thriller, full of surprises and perfect pacing. I'm jealous I didn't write it."—Alafair Burke, author of *Dead Connection*

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