Run for your life

Stephen Waller

Summary

Run for your life is contemporary fiction about a teenage couple's encounter on their holiday in Spain.

Pages 1–4: Kim and Dave were on holiday in Barcelona in Spain. One day Dave didn’t want to go sightseeing by bus, and they went for a walk in the old town. They sat down in a quiet place.

Pages 5–13: Kim and Dave witnessed a man putting something in a bin. Then everything started. They found a bag of drugs in the bin, and the man with a knife started chasing Kim as she held this bag in her hand. After a nerve-wracking run for her life, somehow she managed to find a big busy street.

Pages 14–18: The police were looking for Kim as Dave had gone to them. They found her safe and sound, but now they were asking her to help them catch the man. Kim reluctantly agreed to do so.

Pages 19–26: Kim went back to the same place, putting her life in danger, to give an opportunity for the police to catch the man. A nail-biting finish ends with the scene of Kim and Dave discussing what to do the next day.

Background and themes

Drug-related crime: Drugs are related to crime in many ways. It is a crime to use, possess, manufacture, or distribute drugs, such as cocaine, heroin and marijuana. Drug-related crimes include violent behaviour resulting from drug effects, stealing to get money to buy drugs, and violence against rival drug dealers.

Sightseeing in Barcelona: Barcelona is the capital of Catalonia, and the Olympics were held here in 1992. There are a number of sightseeing attractions, such as the Church of the Sacred Family and the Gothic Quarter.