SURVEILLANCE: A NOVEL

In the not-too-distant future, no one trusts anyone and everyone is watching everybody else. America is obsessed with information and under siege from an insidious enemy: paranoia. National identify cards are mandatory, terrorism alerts are a daily event, and privacy is laid bare on the Internet. For a freelance journalist, her daughter, a bestselling author, and a struggling actor, these tumultuous times provide the backdrop as their lives become inextricably...



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Jonathan Raban (Bad Land; Passage to Juneau; Waxwings, ***1/2 Nov/Dec 2003) uses a what-if scenario in his latest novel to examine our nation's most pressing concerns and vulnerabilities. While most critics enjoyed Surveillance, a few noted some problems: the characters that serve as mouthpieces for various political views; the preachy...

Meh. This book was very character driven and did not resolve itself. It initially appears to end abruptly. But if you look at it from the perspective of the "government" preparing for something out of the ordinary happening instead of for the expected, then it does not seem to be...