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Silent Scream

The first three books in the multi-million copy number one bestselling series will have you absolutely hooked. A Detective hiding dark secrets, Detective Kim Stone will stop at nothing to protect the innocent. Silent Scream: Even the darkest secrets can't stay buried forever... Five figures gather round a shallow grave. They had all taken turns to dig. An adult sized hole would have taken longer. An innocent life had been taken but the pact had been made. Their secrets would be buried, bound in blood ... Years later, a headmistress is found brutally strangled, the first in a spate of gruesome murders which shock the Black Country. But when human remains are discovered at a former children's home, disturbing secrets are also unearthed. Detective Kim Stone fast realises she's on the hunt for a twisted individual whose killing spree spans decades. As the body count rises, Kim needs to stop the murderer before they strike again. But to catch the killer, can Kim confront the demons of her own past before it's too late? Evil Games: The greater the evil, the more deadly the game... When a rapist is found mutilated in a brutal attack, Detective Kim Stone and her team are called in to bring a swift resolution. But, as more vengeful killings come to light, it soon becomes clear that there is someone far more sinister at work. Up against a sociopath who seems to know her every weakness, for Detective Stone, each move she makes could be deadly. Kim will have to dig deeper than ever before to stop the killing. And this time - it's personal. Lost Girls: Two girls go missing. Only one will return. The couple that offers the highest amount will see their daughter again. The losing couple will not. Make no mistake. One child will die. When nine-year-old best friends Charlie and Amy disappear, two families are plunged into a living nightmare. A text message confirms the unthinkable; that the girls are the victims of a terrifying kidnapping. And when a second text message pits the two families against each other for the life of their children, the clock starts ticking for Detective Kim Stone and the squad. Untangling a dark web of secrets from the families' past might hold the key to solving this case. But can Kim stay alive long enough to do so? Or will someone's child pay the ultimate price? Read what everyone is saying about the Detective Kim Stone series: 'I absolutely loved it!...This one is one of the best crime thrillers I've read in a long time, and that includes mainstream authors such as James Patterson! I would seriously put this book in the same league.' Fiona's Book Reviews 'Silent Scream gets 5 stars from me - if you finish a crime thriller feeling like you just need to have a lie-down and a cup of tea to get your breath

back, then the writer has done their job. Angela Marsons, I still don't have my breath back.' Reading Room with a View 'Evil Games is a clever, action-packed journey into some of society's darkest places, crackling with tension and wit. And DI Kim Stone is the most fascinating character to arrive on the scene since Val McDermid gave us Tony Hill. This is a no-brainer. Read Evil Games. You won't regret it." Mark Edwards 'Lost Girls was yet another brilliant read ... Angela Marsons' books get better and better ... This is gripping and addictive reading, hard to put down ... a roller coaster ride with plenty of twists and turns.' Off the Shelf Book Reviews 'Marsons for me is the QUEEN of this genre. She knows how to add the human touch to each story and I just adore her. Bloody FABULOUS.' Postcard Reviews

The Detective Kim Stone Series

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Evil Games

She ruined their lives. Now they're going to destroy hers. 'Someone is recreating every traumatic point in your life. They are doing this to make you suffer, to make you hurt and the only possible end game can be death. Your death.' On the fourth floor of Chaucer House, two teenagers are found chained to a radiator. The boy is dead but the girl is alive. For Detective Kim Stone every detail of the scene mirrors her own terrifying experience with her brother Mikey, when they lived in the same tower block thirty years ago. When the bodies of a middle-aged couple are discovered in a burnt-out car, Kim can't ignore the chilling similarity to the death of Erica and Keith – the only loving parents Kim had ever known. Faced with a killer who is recreating traumatic events from her past, Kim must face the brutal truth that someone wants to hurt her in the worst way possible. Desperate to stay on the case, she is forced to work with profiler Alison Lowe who has been called in to observe and monitor Kim's behaviour. Kim has spent years catching dangerous criminals and protecting the innocent. But with a killer firmly fixed on destroying Kim, can she solve this complex case and save her own life or will she become the final victim? The heart-stopping and totally addictive new crime thriller from multi-million copy number one bestseller Angela Marsons will have you completely hooked. Read what everyone is saying about Dead Memories: 'The book I've been waiting for without even knowing that I was... A great starting point for

anyone new to the series... I couldn't put the book down...It is completely addictive and easily my new favourite in this series, I have a feeling I've said that before, but what can I say Angela Marsons seems to outdo herself each and every time.' Rachel's Random Reads, 5 stars 'As always, another brilliant book by Angela Marsons featuring Detective Kim Stone and her team... Fast-paced and dark it kept me gripped from the first page to the last. Utterly superb.'Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars 'The author writes to such a consistently high level. Yet again, gripping plot line, strong characters and a well-paced story that builds to a crescendo. If you haven't already tried this author do yourself a favour and start reading now.' Worcester Source, 5 stars 'Wow! Just wow. I knew I would be engrossed in this book so cleared my schedule today to read it cover to cover. I'm so glad I did!...' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars 'Once again, she delivers a fast-paced, action-packed nail-biting roller coaster ride of a book... This is one series that just gets better with each book.' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars 'Reading this instalment of Kim's life is like catching up with an old friend...Each book gives you some insight into her past... Angela gives to us yet another riveting, gritty, chilling insight into Kim's world... One scene in the book moved me to tears.' booksbehindthetitle, 5 stars 'I loved getting further into Kim's psyche and learning more about her which only makes you like the character more. Bring on book eleven!' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars I blooming love this series. I love Kim, her vulnerability and tenacity, I love the interaction and banter between the characters...., another cracking addition to an already brilliant and well established series.' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars 'The uber-sharp Kim Stone has to be one of the best detectives out there. A twisty, fast-paced plot stocked with red herrings.' Bookpreneur, 5 stars 'Angela Marsons is fast becoming one of the best crime fiction authors going. The Laughing Librarian, 5 stars

Lost Girls

'OMG!!! SHUT THE FRONT DOOR!!! WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO US ANGELA!!!! JUST WOW!!!! Seriously love, love LOVED this book!!!!..I was on the edge of my seat, biting my nails whilst feeling my heart pounding into the silly hours of the morning...one of the best books I have ever read!!!' Bookworm86, PHer stomach lurches as she sits in the windowless room. He throws her phone to the ground, grinds it against the floor with the heel of his shoe and brings his face closer to hers. There was no turning back now, her life as she knew it was gone. When Detective Kim Stone is called to a local business, what she sees leaves her speechless. The photo on the driving licence bears little resemblance to the man laid out before her, and she knows she's up against the most twisted killer she has ever encountered. But as she breaks the devastating news to the victim's wife, Diane Phipps, Kim can't help feeling that something isn't quite right about the woman's reaction. Twenty-four hours later, Diane and the rest of the victim's family disappears into thin air. Then a second body is found staked to the ground in a local nature reserve. Desperate to crack the case open quickly. Kim and her team unravel a vital clue – a fiercely guarded secret that links both victims and could cost even more lives. A secret that some police officers are also protecting. Faced with deceit from those she should be able to trust, family members who won't talk, and local reporter, Tracy Frost, opening a can of worms on the case of a woman murdered by her husband a year ago – Kim is in deep water like never before. Kim must find the motive if she is to find the killer who is systematically targeting his victims. But can she unlock the shocking truth and stop him before he strikes again? An absolutely jaw-dropping crime thriller from the number one, multi-million-copy bestselling author of the incredibly addictive Detective Kim Stone series. What readers are saying about Twisted Lies: 'The jack, queen, king and ace of crime fiction...It keeps on delivering, and you can't stop reading it until the fantastic ending...Another mesmerizing and riveting read! I find it insulting to even rate it giving between one to five stars, because how many stars should you give to the sun?' The World Is Ours To Read, P must have uttered WTF out loud and in full many times...this may just be the best one in the series so far. I read it one afternoon...I devoured the pages, and couldn't get enough.' Rachel's Random Reads, PThe most gripping, complicated, compelling and exciting outing for Kim Stone yet. You really won't be able to put it down.' NetGalley reviewer, Pyou are thrown straight into the action...I was invested in this book from the first page...gripping, thrilling and the plot moves at a great pace...my favourite book of the year.' NetGalley reviewer, PGripping, clever, unputdownable, thrilling and the plot moves at a great pace... I dare to say that this one is the best of the fourteen Kim Stone books...This book deserves MORE THAN FIVE STARS...' Goodreads reviewer, Pyou won't want to put it down until you've finished...chilling, brutal and stomach churning...I did find myself reading open mouthed as the plot begins to unfold...will make your heart beat faster and keep you hooked from the first page...Angela Marsons is undoubtedly the Queen of Crime!! Fab, fab, fab – what more can I say!!' Stardust Book Reviews, PWOW! Just Wow! This book has taken me on an emotional roller coaster... I've definitely given this book 6 out of 5.' John's Book Shelf, Exceptional...I was hooked from the very first page...1000% recommend this series and author.' NetGalley reviewer,

PEach book just gets better and better, I always feel like doing a little happy dance when I see a new book is coming out...kept me turning the pages at a rapid rate, I read it in one sitting. Kim and her team almost feel like family...' Goodreads reviewer, PYou know it's a fantastic book when you start it in the afternoon, hurry through all your normal 'life chores' in a race to get into bed and continue reading...totally worth a night of uninterrupted, heart-pumping reading!' BookwormCatLady, P

Broken Bones

You have to stop me from hurting anyone else. I don't want to do these horrible things. Help me before I'm forced to do it again. And I will do it again because I have no choice. I've never had a choice. In a busy shopping centre, a little girl clutches a teddy bear, clinging to it in the absence of her mother, Katrina. Hours later, Katrina's body is discovered in an abandoned building. For Detective Kim Stone, it looks like a quick, functional kill. But Kim's instincts tell her there's more to this senseless murder than meets the eye. What was the motive for killing a young mother out shopping with her child? Days later, a second victim is found in a local park, her neck broken just like Katrina's and her six-year-old son missing. With her colleague, Detective Stacey Wood, working on another unsolved crime and a member of the team grieving the loss of a close relative, Kim is struggling to make inroads on what is fast becoming a complex case. And when a handwritten letter from the killer lands on Kim's desk addressed to her, and pleading for help, she knows time is running out to bring the little boy home alive. With the support of a handwriting analyst and profiler, Kim and the team begin to get inside the mind of the killer and make a shocking discovery. Some of the victims have scratch marks on their wrists. But these are no random scratches. The killer is using them to communicate with someone. The question is... with whom? And if Kim doesn't find them soon, another innocent soul will die. The multi-million-copy bestselling Detective Kim Stone series is every bit as addictive, original and exciting as readers say and you'll be hooked from the very first page. Nobody does it better than the Queen of Crime, Angela Marsons. Read what everyone is saying about Deadly Cry: 'Whoopee The gueen of crime is back...this book is a reminder to all her fans what a brilliant crime series this is...Unlike some long running crimes series, each book always brings something new to the table, whether it be its characters, the plot, or jaw dropping moments that take the reader by surprise. The Book Review Café, PUtterly fabulous! I loved this book so much. The whole series is fantastic and it just gets better and better with every book. Read this in one sitting as I was literally glued to it. Highly recommend, if I could give it more than 5 stars I would.' Linda Strong Book Reviews, PAngela Marsons writes the type of books that I will literally drop everything just so I can read it.' Goodreads reviewer, PI honestly don't know how Angela Marsons gets better and better with each book...My jaw dropped over and over again and I'm just sitting here so shocked at the end!' With A Book In Our Hand, Pl could read Kim Stone books every day and never get bored, I read this in a day as couldn't put it down.' NetGalley reviewer, PAngela Marsons is the Queen of Crime, and every police team needs a Kim Stone! With a strong, fast paced storyline, this book will bring tears to your eyes, then have you covering those same eyes for fear of what may happen on the next page!!' stardustbookreviews, PReading this series is like catching up with old friends...Yet another brilliant work by the amazing Angela Marsons!' Goodreads reviewer, POh how much have I missed Kim Stone... you are guaranteed a story that will grab a hold of you from the start and keep you invested in the outcome right to the very last page.' Jen Med's Book Reviews, PQuite simply, Angela Marsons is THE QUEEN of Crime Fiction... Every book of Angie's is a masterpiece of storytelling, each so different in theme and incredibly enjoyable to read.' Goodreads reviewer, P really love this series. It's like catching up with friends when I start a new book.' Alice May Reviews, PThis is a series that I will never get tired of. The author has a real talent of keeping each book fresh and exciting with characters you can't help but root for. Long live Kim Stone!' Goodreads reviewer, P

Dead Memories

The girl stared unseeing up to the blue sky. Her mouth was open, as if she was about to speak, to cry for help... but her voice had been silenced forever. When Detective Kim Stone and her team are sent to Westerley, a forensic research facility, they discover the body of a young woman, her mouth filled with soil. But she doesn't belong there. It seems a killer has discovered the perfect cover for their crime. Kim breaks the devastating news of Jemima's murder to her parents, who speak of a gentle soul with no enemies. Yet when Jemima's sister confides in Kim that she was afraid to leave the house, Kim is certain that Jemima knew her killer, and is determined to find this brutal murderer before he strikes again. Scouring Jemima's crime scene, Kim finds a hairgrip, decorated with a heart cut in two. Then a second woman is attacked and left for dead, her mouth crammed with dirt, just like Jemima's. A similar

hairgrip is found nearby. But when she wakes in hospital, she can't remember what happened, only the sing-song rhyme one for you and one for me. As Kim stares into her tear-filled eyes, she vows to uncover what links the women. And when she learns they went to the same school, she knows the answers lie buried in the past. But then a third woman goes missing, and she knows time is running out. Can she find the truth before a twisted, damaged mind claims another life? An absolutely heart-pounding mystery thriller from multi-million-copy number one bestseller Angela Marsons that will have you hooked on the Detective Kim Stone series. Can be read as a standalone. Read what everyone is saying about Play Dead: 'I read this book in one sitting, yes it really was that good ... the perfect crime thriller, well plotted, great characters, suspense ... and the most deviant and chilling serial killer... Utterly gripping and it's certainly going to be in my top reads... 5 stars out of 5 plus a glass of wine (to steady my nerves, after reading such a heart-pounding crime thriller). The Book Review Café, PWow, wow, wow, I absolutely freaking loved it and without a shadow of doubt this is the best one yet... with this one being more gritty and tense. You crime book fans are seriously going to love it... I cannot recommend this book enough it's flippin fantastic or like they say in the Black Country Supa' smashin' great read!' Chelle's Book Reviews, PHooks you and reels you in... Life gets put on hold until you've finished the latest offering in her AMAZING Kim Stone series... utterly fantastic.' Reading Room with a View, PWow. Give me a minute while I catch my breath, because I've just finished the latest Angela Marson's book... Ingest it by any means, just make sure you do. It is a riveting, blood-tingling, pulse pounding read that will take you on the journey that will play on your mind long after you've finished reading.' Caroline-Writes, P 'This may well be the best thriller I have ever read. I could hardly breathe with the suspense and it was definitely a hardship to wrench myself away from the action.' Redheaded Bookworm, P defy anyone to turn away from the page. I was glued to this book.' Book Addict Shaun, PThe best book I've read all year so far... Dark, intense, spine-tingling and absolutely perfect. The Bookshelf Blog, PA thrilling, tense and nail biting read.' Best Crime Books & More, PWow, I didn't think Angela Marsons DI Kim Stone series could get any better, but this one really has blown me away! Fast paced and tension filled, I loved every second of this rollercoaster of a ride. How soon can the next one be released?' Cal Turner Reviews, P

Blood Lines

Finally we're playing a game. A game that I have chosen. I give one last push of the roundabout and stand back. 'You really should have played with me,' I tell her again although I know she can no longer hear. Late one summer evening, Detective Kim Stone arrives at Haden Hill Park to the scene of a horrific crime: a woman in her sixties tied to a swing with barbed wire and an X carved into the back of her neck. The victim, Belinda Evans, was a retired college Professor of Child Psychology. As Kim and her team search her home, they find an overnight bag packed and begin to unravel a complex relationship between Belinda and her sister Veronica. Then two more bodies are found bearing the same distinctive markings, and Kim knows she is on the hunt for a ritualistic serial killer. Linking the victims, Kim discovers they were involved in annual tournaments for gifted children and were on their way to the next event. With DS Penn immersed in the murder case of a young man, Kim and her team are already stretched and up against one of the most ruthless killers they've ever encountered. The clues lie in investigating every child who attended the tournaments, dating back decades. Faced with hundreds of potential leads and a bereaved sister who is refusing to talk, can Kim get inside the mind of a killer and stop another murder before it's too late? The addictive new crime thriller from multi-million copy, number one bestseller Angela Marsons explores the dark side of child prodigies and will have you absolutely hooked. Read what everyone is saying about Child's Play: 'The must-read thriller for the year. Fabulous characters and well written. I can't wait to read more by this author.' Goodreads Reviewer A have nothing but praise for this amazing series, 11 books and counting and the series keeps getting better with each instalment. I highly recommend this series to all fans of original high -quality mystery thrillers.' Bookish PAngela Marsons pushes the limits again to bring us the best of crime fiction! To me, reaching a point where you trust an author this much with your precious time, is invaluable... This is why finding your happy place, your go-to people, your - rather deadly - dreamland is the best feeling in the world and I must thank Angela Marsons for never letting me down...' Chocolate'n'Waffles PLoved loved this book, Angela has done it again, just brilliant. This story is great pulls you in from the first page and never lets go...Get it, read it, you won't be disappointed.' Goodreads Reviewer, PThe quality of Angela Marsons writing has never diminished over the entire series. The release of a Kim Stone novel is an event to look forward to. Full of engaging characters and humour this series is fast becoming one of my favourites. I wish I could give it more than 5 stars because it certainly deserves it. Excellent and I happily recommend it and the series to anyone.' Goodreads Reviewer PSuperb!!... one of the best openings to a book I have read...DI Kim Stone is one of my favourite all time characters in this genre... This is one

of the best books in the series and as this is already book 11 in the series that says a lot as not a lot of authors can keep producing books this strong and so well written - very, very highly recommended!!' Donnasbookblog PWow, Wow, Wow, Wow Wow!!! How did I not see any of that coming!...I could barely put the book down...' Rachel's Random Reads PMarsons for me is the QUEEN of this genre. She knows how to add the human touch to each story and I just adore her. Bloody FABULOUS.' Postcard Reviews

Twisted Lies

It had seemed so simple. Get in, get the information, get out. But now they were getting inside her mind and she didn't know how to stop them... When Detective Kim Stone is called to the home of Samantha Brown, she finds the young woman lying in bed with her throat cut and a knife in her hand. With no sign of forced entry or struggle, Kim rules her death a tragic suicide. But a visit to Samantha's parents ring alarm bells for Kim – there's something they're not telling her. And, when she spots a clue in a photograph, Kim realises she's made a huge mistake. Samantha didn't take her own life, she was murdered. Then a young man's body is found in a local lake with his throat cut and Kim makes a link between the victim and Samantha. They both spent time at Unity Farm, a retreat for people seeking an alternative way of life. Beneath the retreat's cosy façade, Kim and her team uncover a sinister community preying on the emotionally vulnerable. Sending one of her own undercover into Unity Farm is high risk but it's Kim's only hope if she is to catch a killer – someone Kim is convinced the victims knew and trusted. With Bryant distracted by the emergence of a harrowing case close to his heart, and an undercover officer in way over her head, Kim's neck is on the line like never before. Can she protect those closest to her before another life is taken? An unbelievably gripping crime thriller from multi-million copy bestseller Angela Marsons that will have you hooked on the Detective Kim Stone series. Read what everyone is saying about the Detective Kim Stone series: 'Marsons for me is the QUEEN of this genre. She knows how to add the human touch to each story and I just adore her. Bloody FABULOUS.' Postcard Reviews 'The uber-sharp Kim Stone has to be one of the best detectives out there.' Bookpreneur 'D.I. Kim Stone is the most fascinating character to arrive on the scene since Val McDermid gave us Tony Hill.' Mark Edwards 'Just wow. This is police procedural at its best...It is complex, intriguing, and the writing hooked me in completely.' Rachel's Random Reads 'Her plots are slick, her writing intelligent, and her characters are like family... It's a sign of a phenomenal author to be able to create that connection between reader and character.' Emma the Little Book Worm 'The Kim Stone series is one of the best crime series ever written.' Book Addict Shaun 'I just LOVE this author and LOVE Kim Stone!! If you haven't yet read any of Angela Marsons' books, you're seriously missing out.' Relax and Read Book Reviews 'The Detective Inspector Kim Stone books are nothing short of brilliant.' Nigel Adams Book Worm 'Angela Marsons is a keen observer of human nature, and her wide cast of characters are both fascinating and distinct from each other...it is immediately clear why her books stand out from the crowd. Chilling and compelling plots, brilliant characterisation...addictive from start to finish.' Rachel Abbott 'If you haven't read any of her books yet then you are seriously crazy! What are you waiting for!' Chapterinmylife 'I blooming love this series. I love Kim, her vulnerability and tenacity, I love the interaction and banter between the characters.' Goodreads Reviewer

Dying Truth

With this installment exploring an utterly chilling case following a disturbing killer, USA Today bestselling author Angela Marsons delivers the prequel to the internationally bestselling DI Kim Stone thrillers. In the darkness of a cold December morning, Detective Kim Stone steps through the doors of Halesowen Police Station. She's about to meet her team for the first time. The victim of her next case is about to meet his killer...When the body of a young man is found beheaded and staked to the ground in a secluded woodland area of the Clent Hills, Kim and her new squad rush to the crime scene. Searching the victim's home, Kim finds a little girl's bedroom and a hidden laptop, but where is the child? And why does the man's own sister seem relieved that he's dead? As Kim begins to unearth the shocking truth about the victim, a disturbing resemblance is spotted with the recent murder of a man found beneath the staircase of Redland Hall with multiple stab wounds. Both these men had dark secrets and Kim discovers a link to a women's shelter. As a child of the care system herself, Kim knows all too well what it means to be vulnerable. Could the shelter be the key to cracking this case? With the killer about to strike again, Kim is in deep water with a rookie squad. Inexperienced Stacey is showing signs of brilliance but struggling to hold her nerve and, while D.S. Bryant is reliable and calm, D.S. Dawson is a liability. With his home life in pieces, his volatile behaviour is already fracturing her fragile new team. Can Kim bring Dawson in line and pull her crew together in time to catch the killer before another life is taken? This time, one of her own could be in terrible danger...

Dead Souls

Kim felt sickness sweep over her as she watched little Grace dust off her dirty hands. Blonde curls tumbled around her face. Then, Grace disappeared into the crowd. Kim wanted to pause the recording, run outside and grab her to stop what was about to happen. One August afternoon, eight-year-old Grace Lennard skips into the garden of the childcare centre she attends and vanishes into thin air. Rushing to the scene of Grace's disappearance, Detective Kim Stone finds a chilling piece of evidence: the engraved heart bracelet belonging to Melody Jones – the little girl who was taken from a playground exactly twenty-five years ago. Hours before, Steven Harte had walked into Halesowen police station and confessed to having information that would lead Kim to Melody. And he told Kim she'd have a more urgent problem to deal with first. Now Kim must play Steven's twisted game if she's to find Grace alive. With only twenty-four hours to make every second of Steven's interrogation count, and scan his behaviour for hidden clues, Kim and her team soon link Steven to the abduction of several vulnerable girls – two were kept for a year and then released, unharmed – but where are Melody and the others? Then small bones are discovered in the grounds of a local park, and Kim fears the worst. Kim may think she's close to convicting a killer, but the case has got even more complex. A chilling figure from Kim's past is about to reveal a shocking secret that will hit her where it hurts the most. Can Kim put aside her own demons, save Grace and the other missing girls before more innocent lives are lost? An edge-of-your-seat thriller that will leave your heart in your mouth. You will be totally hooked on the utterly addictive, number one, multi-million-copy bestselling Detective Kim Stone series. Read what everyone is saying about Stolen Ones: 'OMG what a page turner. Heartbreaking, chilling and utterly compulsive... Hooked from the first to the last page, constantly holding my breath... another explosive addition to this gripping and very addictive series.' NetGalley reviewer, POMFG... Nail biting, thrilling, and riveting the author has pulled out all the stops...deliciously satisfying. NetGalley reviewer, PWow... a cracker of a book... I just loved this... was hooked right from the start... there was everything I loved in this brilliant book... had me totally immersed.' Goodreads reviewer, Ancredible. I knew I would be hooked but this exceeded my expectations... had me shaking my head and saying WTF... Absolutely loved every moment of this book.' Goodreads reviewer, PWow - what a brilliant page turner this had me hooked from the first chapter and kept me invested throughout... gripping.' NetGalley reviewer, P 'Gripped me so deeply... I am 100% addicted... read within 24 hours. Kim Stone is my idol... Totally compelling, addictive.' POMG where on earth am I meant to be able to start with this...This book was everything I wanted it to be and more.' Rachel's Random Reads, PHad me devouring this story long into the night... brilliant... I was completely hooked... the best Kim Stone book I've read.' NetGalley reviewer, P absolutely loved this... pulls you in straight away and doesn't let you go until the last page.' Goodreads reviewer, PGenius... utterly compelling... will have you gripped to the end... comes with the mother of all twists!' NetGalley reviewer, PLoved loved loved it!... I could not put this down.' NetGalley reviewer, P've not spoken to my husband in 3 days as this was far more important. As always, this lived up to all expectations... It's all there. And perfect. Clear your diary. Just sit and enjoy'. Goodreads reviewer, PWoo hoo!... superb... brilliant' mandylovestoread, P

Two ordinary women. Two damaged lives. One friendship that would save them both Kit Mason has lived a life of unimaginable pain. An ex-prostitute, she has fled the clutches of an abusive pimp and now finds herself living hand to mouth in a new city, without anyone to help her. Frances Thornton seems to be living the perfect life. A lawyer from a privileged background, her perfect façade hides the painful secrets that still haunt her. Brought together by their attempts to conquer their addictions in an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, the two women strike up an unlikely friendship. But can they find strength in each other – or will the demons of their past catch up with them? A compelling, moving and ultimately uplifting novel about overcoming the very worst life can throw at you and starting over. The perfect read for fans of Jodi Picoult and Amanda Prowse. See what readers are saying about The Forgotten Woman: 'This story will pull at your heart strings, and you will never forget it. I loved it!... a very moving and emotionally inspiring novel about overcoming adversities and starting over. Consumer Reviewer 'Raw, gritty, tender, and so very genuine. With characters so real you can't help but be completely engrossed...I devoured this book in two sittings.' (5 stars) Honest Book Reviews 'This is the second non crime book I've read by Angela Marsons and as a crime fiction obsessive I just want to say wow wow wow!...Reading this book had me in tears, in fits of laughter and feeling angry all at the same time...a well-deserved 5 star read!' (5 stars) Chapter in my Life 'I love Angela Marsons' Kim Stone series and so was eager to read something from her that's a bit different... I loved this book, the story completely enveloped me and I thought the characters and subjects were sensitively handled.' Purple Bookstand 'This is a gripping, tension filled story... I read this through in one sitting, it is a compelling read.' (5 stars) Angry Grey Cat Reads 'A stunningly feelgood novel...This is a very well written book where you instantly feel empathy for the characters, what they gone through and how they have dealt with it in their own way...A heartfelt read.' (5 stars) Nicki's Book Blog This is a story of strength and the power of friendship...I couldn't stop reading.' (5 stars) Many Books Many Lives 'I found this book very hard to put down...I'm giving this one 5 stars not just because it is well earned, but also because it is superior storytelling...I thoroughly enjoyed every page and had I not already been a big fan, this book alone would have me chasing up anything by this author. Angela Marsons delivers again!' (5 stars) The Reading Room 'I had a lot of trouble putting this one down. It was well-written and incredibly gripping. I was so emotionally invested into these characters.' Dee's Rad Reads and Reviews

Play Dead

It's a typical teenage bedroom with posters covering the walls and clothes littering the floor. But the girl lying on her bed, wearing a delicate chain around her neck, is lifeless. A circle of red stains her white vest top. How had the girl's mother looked down at her sleeping child and pulled the trigger? When Detective Kim Stone rushes to the scene of a house fire, she's shocked to discover it's claimed the lives of two teenage children and their parents. But this tragedy is not quite as it seems. Each body is marked by a gunshot wound and the mother, Helen Daynes, is holding the gun. The case sparks painful childhood memories for Kim who suffered at the hands of her own abusive mother, but it just makes her more determined to uncover the truth. As Kim untangles Helen's past, she finds a history of clinical depression. But did it drive Helen to murder her loved ones? Then Kim uncovers a tiny, vital clue in Helen's bedroom that throws the investigation wide open. Could someone else have killed the Daynes family? Just as Kim feels she's making progress, a deadly threat is made to her own life by a dangerous psychopath from her past. Biting back her fear, she keeps digging. And when Kim hits upon a shocking secret that changes everything she thought she knew about Helen, she realises that the remaining family members are in grave danger. Kim is under pressure like never before, and the monster circling her is getting ever closer. Four bodies already. Four graves fresh in the ground. Who will be next? Can Kim find the killer and save herself before it's too late? An absolutely nail-biting mystery thriller that will have you gasping out loud. You won't come up for air until you've reached the breathtaking final twist. Fans of Karin Slaughter, Mark Billingham and Robert Dugoni will love Six Graves. Read what everyone is saying about Six Graves: 'OMG! OMG! OMG! Angela Marsons what on earth have you done to me?!... Just OMG! Wow! Speechless!... utterly amazing... had me on tenterhooks.' Rachel's Random Reads, PWow, wow, wow! Just inhaled this book in about 2 hours.' NetGalley reviewer, PWow! My heart needs to rest now, this is an absolutely blood pumping ride that doesn't stop!!... LOVED IT!!' The Fiction Cafe Book Club, PAmazing series and a phenomenal book. Warning: If you start this book in the evening you will read all night because you won't be able to stop... Oh My Heavens. This was an unputdownable book from the beginning. My heart was in my throat.' NetGalley reviewer, From first page to last this had me totally gripped. It was like being on a rollercoaster of emotions. 5 stars are just not enough.' NetGalley reviewer, P defy anyone... to not feel goosebumps when you read THAT prologue! Angie Marsons then takes you on a rollercoaster journey that will batter your emotions and

leave you feeling completely wrung out before you even reach THAT ending!' Goodreads reviewer, P 'Heart pounding, nail biting... I'm sure my heart rate was abnormally high throughout reading this book!' The Book Review Café, PKept me up until midnight... my heart rate is slowly coming back down... wow, wow and wow!' NetGalley reviewer, PWow!!! Wow!!! Wow!!! This book is a total page turner and will keep you guessing with every page... BAM! The ending floored me.' NetGalley reviewer, POh wow!!!... I couldn't put the book down until I'd finished it in a day... the most dramatic ending I've ever read, this book deserves more than 5 stars!!!' NetGalley reviewer, P

Child's Play

Kim Stone Detective series books 4-6: boxset retailer description Three totally heart-stopping crime thrillers from the multi-million selling, Amazon chart-topping, bestselling author Angela Marsons. A Detective hiding dark secrets, Detective Kim Stone will stop at nothing to protect the innocent. Play Dead: The dead don't tell secrets... unless you listen. Westerley research facility is not for the faint-hearted. Isolated far out in the hills of the Black Country, it studies the effects of death on the human body. But when Detective Kim Stone and her team discover the fresh body of a young woman not on Westerley's records, it seems a killer has discovered the perfect cover to bury their crime ...and they're not finished yet. The past seems to hold the key to the killer's secrets – but can Kim uncover the truth before a twisted, damaged mind claims another victim? Blood Lines: How do you catch a killer who leaves no trace? A victim killed with a single stab to the heart appears at first glance to be a robbery gone wrong. A caring, upstanding social worker lost to a senseless act of violence. But for Detective Kim Stone, something doesn't add up. Then another victim is found with an identical wound. Desperate to catch the twisted individual, Kim's focus on the case is threatened when she receives a chilling letter from Dr Alex Thorne, the sociopath who Kim put behind bars. And this time, Alex is determined to hit where it hurts most, bringing Kim face-to-face with the woman responsible for the death of Kim's little brother - her own mother. Kim and her team are closing in on the killer. But one of her own could be in mortal danger. Only this time, Kim might not be strong enough to save them... Dead Souls: The truth was dead and buried... until now. When a collection of human bones is unearthed during a routine archaeological dig, a Black Country field suddenly becomes a complex crime scene for Detective Kim Stone. As the bones are sorted, it becomes clear that the grave contains more than one victim. Forced to work alongside Detective Travis, with whom she shares a troubled past, Kim begins to uncover a dark secretive relationship between the families who own the land in which the bodies were found. Kim is close to revealing the truth behind the murders, yet soon finds one of her own is in jeopardy - and the clock is ticking. Can she solve the case and save them from grave danger – before it's too late? Read what everyone is saying about the Detective Kim Stone series: 'Marsons for me is the QUEEN of this genre. She knows how to add the human touch to each story and I just adore her. Bloody FABULOUS.' Postcard Reviews 'Absolutely addictive from start to finish.' Rachel Abbott 'Play Dead may well be the best thriller I have ever read. I could hardly breathe with the suspense and it was definitely a hardship to wrench myself away from the action.' Redheaded Bookworm 'I just LOVE this author and LOVE Kim Stone!! If you haven't yet read any of Angela Marsons' books, you're seriously missing out.' Relax and Read Book Reviews 'My heart didn't beat right the whole way through [Blood Lines]! I actually had to read this on the floor as the edge of my seat was too uncomfortable! It is a real rollercoaster of a ride ... this is one book you do NOT want to miss!' Emma the Little Book Worm 'For anyone new to Angela Marsons, where have you been? This is one author that stands out from the crowds.' Bye the Crime 'I could not put [Dead Souls] down and was hooked in from page one to the very last word. The plot is stunning. Very clever and very dark. a 5 star read! A fantastic crime novel from one of my all-time favourite writers ever.' Booklover Catlady

Killing Mind

Three sisters. Three childhoods ruined. One chance to heal the scars of the past. After the death of their cruel and abusive mother, estranged sisters Alex, Catherine and Beth reunite once again. Alex, the youngest, is a bitter, unhappy woman who refuses to face the horrors of her childhood. Finding solace in a bottle, her life is spiralling dangerously out of control. Eldest child, Catherine, has strived for success, despite her difficult upbringing. But behind the carefully constructed façade lies a secret that could shatter her world forever. Beth, the middle child, bore the greatest burden. But having blocked out the cruelty they suffered, she remained with their mother until her death. Now she must confront the devastating reality of the past. Brought together as strangers, the sisters embark on a painful journey to heal themselves and each other. Can they finally put their terrible childhoods to rest and start over? An

emotional, heart-breaking and compelling novel for readers of Diane Chamberlain, Amanda Prowse and Kelly Rimmer. Previously Published as The Middle Child

Fatal Promise

Even the darkest secrets can't stay buried forever... Five figures gather round a shallow grave. They had all taken turns to dig. An adult-sized hole would have taken longer. An innocent life had been taken but the pact had been made. Their secrets would be buried, bound in blood ... Years later, a headmistress is found brutally strangled, the first in a spate of gruesome murders which shock the Black Country. But when human remains are discovered at a former children's home, disturbing secrets are also unearthed. D.I. Kim Stone fast realises she's on the hunt for a twisted individual whose killing spree spans decades. As the body count rises, Kim needs to stop the murderer before they strike again. But to catch the killer, can Kim confront the demons of her own past before it's too late? Fans of Rachel Abbott, Val McDermid and Mark Billingham will be gripped by this exceptional new voice in British crime fiction.

First Blood

A Deranged Killer's Twisted Urges In the streets of New York City, the Slasher chooses his victim--and makes his move. As he wraps his fingers around the girl's pretty throat, his power increases. As he carves into her skin, his words become flesh. As he arranges her lifeless body in a loving tableau, his fantasies demand new, more violent sacrifices. . . A Profiler's Cunning Plan At first, NYPD detectives suspect a jealous boyfriend. But criminal profiler Lee Campbell senses something darker, even ritualistic, about the murder. More chilling, he's convinced he's witnessing the genesis of a full-blown serial killer. But time is running out. A new victim has been chosen. Campbell must search the most terrifying recesses of the human mind--and his own past--before the screaming starts again. . . "Pulse-racing, compelling, first rate. Lawrence knows how to build and hold suspense with the best of them. Once you get into this one, you can't get out. A wild ride down a dark road." -- John Lutz, New York Times bestselling author of Urge to Kill "C. E. Lawrence has achieved a rare level of authenticity, not only in character development but also in the realistic use of behavioral science. If you want to read a serial-killer thriller that's solidly based on frightening reality, this is the one." --Louis B Schlesinger, Ph.D., professor of forensic psychology, John Jay College of Criminal Justice "C. E. Lawrence delivers finely honed suspense, with unique twists, and accurately captures the logic and intuition of a profiler under pressure." -- Katherine Ramsland, professor of forensic psychology, De Sales University, and author of The Devil's Dozen "Criminally compelling, Silent Screams by C.E. Lawrence nails you to your seat with a fascinating NYPD profiler who's hurled into the case of his lifetime. From the Bronx to Manhattan, Catholic churches to university classrooms, this journey into violence and the soul is unforgettable." --- Gayle Lynds, New York Times bestselling author of The Book of Spies and The Last Spymaster "Silent Screams is a wickedly brilliant, carefully wrought thriller where the roles of hunter and hunted are skillfully blurred. Team up with a virtuoso profiler and a street-wise Bronx detective as they are thrown into an escalating torrent of murder that threatens to sweep them away. It's ride that neither they, or you, will soon forget." -- Gregg McCrary, author of The Unknown Darkness: Profiling the Predators Among Us "By setting the horror of fictional killings against the background of 9/11, C.E. Lawrence constantly reminds the reader that life is infinitely stranger than anything which the mind of man could invent. The deviant perpetrator of grisly murders is described as someone who has a sophisticated knowledge of forensic investigations. The same can be said of the author. Silent Screams beckons C.E. Lawrence to become a repeat offender in this genre." -- Marina Stajic, Ph.D., President of American Board of Forensic Toxicology

Stolen Ones

The pension is earned, and it's time to retire. Time to leave the darkness behind and make bribery and corruption a part of the past. No more trying like hell to keep his nose clean. Detective Jake Thomas is done. Or is he? Moments before he walks out, his chief assigns him one last job. Just a simple assignment to show his replacement the ropes. But it's never that easy. When one of the city's prosecutors is brutally killed, followed by the murder of a crooked cop, Jake and the rookie discover a new serial killer is on the rise. It's up to them to find the bastard before someone else ends up playing the Hangman's deadly game. And the evidence is stacking up—one letter at a time.

Detective Chief Inspector Ryan retreats to Holy Island seeking sanctuary when he is forced to take sabbatical leave from his duties as a homicide detective. A few days before Christmas, his peace is shattered and he is thrust back into the murky world of murder when a young woman is found dead amongst the ancient ruins of the nearby Priory. When former local girl Dr Anna Taylor arrives back on the island as a police consultant, old memories swim to the surface making her confront her difficult past. She and Ryan struggle to work together to hunt a killer who hides in plain sight, while pagan ritual and small-town politics muddy the waters of their investigation.

Six Graves

Three absolutely unputdownable crime thrillers from the multi-million selling, Amazon chart-topping, bestselling author Angela Marsons. A Detective hiding dark secrets, Detective Kim Stone will stop at nothing to protect the innocent. Broken Bones: They thought they were safe. They were wrong. The murder of a young prostitute and a baby found abandoned on the same winter night signals the start of a disturbing investigation for Detective Kim Stone – one which brings her face to face with someone from her own horrific childhood. When another young woman goes missing, the two investigations bring the team into a terrifying, hidden world, and a showdown puts Kim's life at risk as secrets from her own past come to light. As Kim battles her own demons, can she stop the killer, before another life is lost? Dying Truth: How far would you go to protect your darkest secrets? When teenager Sadie Winter jumps from the roof of her school, her death is ruled as suicide. But then the broken body of a young boy is discovered at the same school and it's clear to Detective Kim Stone that these deaths are not tragic accidents. With more children's lives at risk, Kim has to consider the unthinkable – whether a fellow pupil could be responsible for the murders. Desperate to catch the killer, Kim finds a link between the recent murders and an initiation prank decades earlier. But saving these innocent lives comes at a cost – and one of Kim's own might pay the ultimate price. Fatal Promise: Eeeny meeny, miney, moe. Who lives, who dies only I know. When the body of a doctor is discovered brutally murdered in local woodland, Detective Kim Stone is shocked to discover the victim is Gordon Cordell – a man linked to a previous case she worked on. Gordon has a chequered past, but who would want him dead? As the investigation gets underway, Gordon's son is involved in a horrific car crash which leaves him fighting for his life and the body of a woman is found. Kim makes a disturbing link between the victims and Russells Hall Hospital where Gordon worked. With Kim and her team still grieving the loss of one of their own, they're at their weakest and facing one of the most dangerous serial killers they've ever encountered. Can Kim keep her squad together and find the killer before he claims his next victim? Read what everyone is saying about the Detective Kim Stone series: 'An outstanding five star read... Broken Bones had me hook, line and sinker until the shocking end. The author certainly knows how to keep me on my toes until delivering a final punch that knocked me well and truly off my feet.' By The Letter Book Reviews 'Angela Marsons yet again drags you into the story and locks you in until the final word. I can honestly say this is my favourite book of the best British Crime Series I've ever read! If I could give it 6 stars I would.' Goodreads reviewer 'Possibly the best in the Kim Stone series yet!... Dying Truth gives us an abundance of secrets, lies and intimidation... She will have you gasping, crying and reeling in shock as she draws you in and spits you out broken at the other end! You have been warned!' Chapter In My Life 'Wow! What a book! Absolutely addictive and emotional. This book left me with a heavy heart...There are so many police procedurals out there... nothing has impressed me as much as this one... This will definitely be one of my favorites this year.' A Sip of Book over Coffee 'Fatal Promise should be a compulsory read for everyone!!!! ... A brilliant fast paced read with oodles of brilliant shocking twists.' Goodreads Reviewer 'Unmissable... packed with suspense, mystery and emotion... I couldn't bear to put down even for a few minutes.' The Book Review Café

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THE FIRST CHILLING NOVEL IN THE ACCLAIMED ROBERT HUNTER SERIES When the body of a young woman is discovered in a derelict cottage in Los Angeles, Robert Hunter is thrown into a nightmare case. The victim suffered a terrible death, and on the nape of her neck has been carved a strange double-cross: the signature of a psychopath known as the Crucifix Killer. But that's impossible. Because two years ago, the Crucifix Killer was caught and executed. Could this therefore be a copycat killer? Or could the unthinkable be true? Is the real killer still out there, ready to embark once again on a vicious and violent killing spree, selecting his victims seemingly at random, taunting Robert Hunter with his inability to catch him? Hunter and his rookie partner, Garcia, need to solve this case and fast. PRAISE FOR CHRIS CARTER 'Gripping . . . Not for the squeamish' Heat 'A page turner' Express

Dear Mother

She runs her trembling fingers over the dark, damp walls surrounding her. Above her head, she hears heavy footsteps. She knows she has nowhere to hide and as the door to the cellar is flung open, she finally sees his face. It's winter in Black Rock Falls and, as tourists flock to the small town to take in the snowy mountain peaks, one visitor makes a sickening discovery. The frozen body of a young woman hangs from a tree on the outskirts of town. Detective Jenna Alton is called in to investigate. Jenna's stomach turns as she surveys the ice-cold remains, and she's soon alerted to similar burial sites nearby. With no missing persons reported, Jenna and her deputy, David Kane, fear Black Rock Falls is being used as a dumping ground for bodies. As the body count mounts up, Jenna is more determined than ever to find the person responsible. But as she tries to catch the killer out, he outsmarts her once again and Jenna begins to wonder if he knows her next move. Could he be closer to her than she thinks? When the investigation takes Jenna to a homeless shelter right in the heart of the community, she fears for the life of a woman who hasn't been seen for a few days. It's clear the killer is beginning to escalate, so Jenna ramps up the investigation and puts herself in unthinkable danger. Can she catch the murderer off guard, or does he already know she's on her way? Has Jenna finally met a killer she can't catch? If you like Lisa Regan, Melinda Leigh and Kendra Elliot, you will love this thrilling new book from bestselling crime author D.K. Hood. What readers are saying about Her Shallow Grave: "Another suspense filled thriller... This author knows how to write a book which will grab your attention at the turn of the first page and not let you go until the finish! With an ending you won't see coming, you will be blown away by this story line!' Stardust Book Reviews, 5 stars "D.K. Hood has outdone herself with this one. The best one yet!!! Superb!!!!!' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars "Edge of your seat thrill ride of a book. I couldn't put it down and I finished it in a day. I couldn't read fast enough.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars "Brilliant series – a page turner every time." NetGalley, 5 stars "A very well written and plotted novel... Interesting and engaging.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars What readers are saying about D.K. Hood: "Oh my, oh my God... This is another cracking story!!!... This author really deserves the title of Queen of Suspense... She had chills running down my spine and I just couldn't stop reading. Incredibly, mind-blowingly brilliant!" B for Bookreview, 5 stars "What a fantastic book it is. Totally addictive. I couldn't turn the pages fast enough." Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars "An excellent read... Had me captivated the whole way though... I had a couple of wow moments that took my breath away. All in all a bloody brilliant book that totally deserves 5 stars." Bonnie's Book Talk, 5 stars "Hold on to your hats for the surprise ending!" Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars "Absolutely terrific read." Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars "Another phenomenal instalment to this series. I love the new characters... Some scenes had my heart threatening to burst out of my chest." NetGalley reviewer, 5 stars "Whew!... Thanks for the twist. I never saw it coming!" Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars "They just keep getting better. I love this series." NetGalley reviewer, 5 stars "This one ups the ante on pulse-pounding suspense... Full of action and surprising twists that the reader won't see coming." Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars

Death of a Bookseller

By all accounts seminary student Kevin Parsins is leading a good, if not virtuous, life. But like all people, Kevin has his secrets. And someone wants them revealed. While driving home from a day at graduate school, Kevin receives a call from a mysterious stranger who calls himself Slater. Slater demands Kevin confess his sin in the next three minutes or the vehicle he is manning will be blown to pieces. Thus starts a harrowing chain of events. After narrowly escaping his exploding car, Kevin continues to receive phone calls from Slater, each with another riddle, another consequence, and another three minutes to confess his sin. The problem is Kevin is unsure of what that sin might be. And Slater's cycle won't stop until he figures it out.

Silent Scream

Rock climbers can't afford to make careless mistakes. But Detective Inspector Nick Dixon's former climbing partner, Jake Fayter, died doing just that. Or so it seems. Dixon suspects foul play, but his only leads are unreliable accounts of something odd happening in Cheddar Gorge seconds before Jake fell. As the body count rises, Dixon bends the rules to breaking point to lure out a killer and unravel a conspiracy of silence that will rock the sleepy town of Burnham-on-Sea to its core.

Silent Screams

To a cunning serial killer, she was the one that got away. Until now... FBI Special Agent Nina Guerrera escaped a serial killer's trap at sixteen. Years later, when she's jumped in a Virginia park, a video of

the attack goes viral. Legions of new fans are not the only ones impressed with her fighting skills. The man who abducted her eleven years ago is watching. Determined to reclaim his lost prize, he commits a grisly murder designed to pull her into the investigation...but his games are just beginning. And he's using the internet to invite the public to play along. His coded riddles may have made him a depraved social media superstar--an enigmatic cyber-ghost dubbed "the Cipher"--but to Nina he's a monster who preys on the vulnerable. Partnered with the FBI's preeminent mind hunter, Dr. Jeffrey Wade, who is haunted by his own past, Nina tracks the predator across the country. Clue by clue, victim by victim, Nina races to stop a deadly killer while the world watches.

Silent Crime

'A brutal and thrilling page-turner' THE SUN 'Gleefully gory and witty, with a terrific sense of place' SUNDAY MIRROR 'Compelling' HEAT *THREE BRAND NEW SHORT STORIES FROM THE WINNER OF THE CWA BEST CRIME NOVEL OF 2019 AWARD* In The Killing Field, Poe and Tilly are having breakfast, wondering how to spend the rest of their holiday, when their presence is requested at a Cumbrian airfield. An airfield that, during the 2001 foot and mouth crisis, was known as the killing field . . . In Why Don't Sheep Shrink?, a global pandemic forces Poe and Tilly to self-isolate together. Things don't go well. They're bickering and on the verge of falling out until Poe finds an old case file: a locked room mystery he's been mulling over for years. Step forward, Tilly Bradshaw . . . Dead Man's Fingers sees Poe, Tilly and Edgar, Poe's English springer spaniel, enjoying a picnic at a nature reserve. When Edgar chases a rabbit, and Poe and Tilly chase after him, they stumble upon a twenty-year-old mystery, a mystery that couldn't be solved until now . . . M. W. Craven: 'Jaw-droppingly shocking and intense' Women & Home 'Pacy, gory and clever, this is our new fave troubled cop/eccentric buddy duo' Crime Monthly 'An intriguing, fast-moving mystery' The Times 'Superb' Daily Mail 'This series really is something special' Morning Star 'Atmospherically moody' Peterborough Telegraph 'Dark, sharp and compelling' Peter James 'Thrilling' Mick Herron 'Fantastic' Martina Cole 'Brilliantly inventive' William Shaw 'Gripping. Taut. Twisty' Imran Mahmood 'Mind-blowing' A.A. Dhand 'Twisted and terrifying, fresh and funny' Chris Whitaker 'Dazzling' Holly Watt 'Intelligent. Sophisticated. Intriguing' Mari Hannah

Holy Island

Every moment of Sir Hugo Fletcher's life has been chronicled in the British press: his privileged upbringing, his high-profile charity work to end human trafficking--even his two marriages. But when the billionaire philanthropist is discovered murdered in his London home, tied naked to a bed, the scandal is only a shadow of the darkness lurking off-camera. Laura Fletcher returns from an Italian vacation to find her husband dead and her home under siege by paparazzi. Is she shocked? Yes. But is she distraught? Not exactly. Especially when Chief Inspector Tom Douglas reveals his suspicions that Hugo's killer is female. Laura always knew she wasn't the only woman in Hugo's life. And she knows she wasn't the only one with a motive to kill. The deeper Douglas digs, the more sordid details about Hugo Fletcher he uncovers. And yet nothing compares to the secret Laura guards, a secret that could bring the guilty to justice--or destroy an innocent life forever.

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There's nothing more dangerous than a familiar face . . . As funeral mourners stand in silence at Ragmullin cemetery, a deafening cry cuts through the air. Lying crumpled at the bottom of an open grave is the bloodied body of a young woman, and Detective Lottie Parker is called in to investigate. Knowing the body can't have been there long, Lottie wonders if it could be Elizabeth Bryne, a young woman who vanished without trace just days earlier. And with a new boss who seems to have it in for her, Lottie is under pressure to solve both cases quickly. As two more women go missing from Ragmullin, Lottie and her team fear there is a serial killer on the loose. And the disappearances are strikingly similar to a cold case from ten years earlier. Could history be repeating itself? As journalists begin to interfere with Lottie's investigation, she fears the killer is about to strike again. Lottie is in a race against time to find the missing women, but the killer is closer than she thinks. Could Lottie be his next target? If you love Helen Field, Karin Slaughter and Rachel Abbott, you'll love the latest pulse-pounding thriller from Patricia Gibney. No Safe Place will keep you guessing until the very last page.

The Crucifix Killer

Alice Metcalf was a devoted mother, loving wife, and accomplished scientist who studied grief among elephants. Yet it's been a decade since she disappeared under mysterious circumstances, leaving behind her small daughter, husband, and the animals to which she devoted her life. All signs point to abandonment ... or worse. Still Jenna -- now thirteen years old and truly orphaned by a father maddened by grief -- steadfastly refuses to believe in her mother's desertion. So she decides to approach the two people who might still be able to help her find Alice: a disgraced psychic named Serenity Jones and Virgil Stanhope, the cynical detective who first investigated her mother's disappearance and the death of one of her mother's co-workers. Together these three lonely souls will discover truths destined to forever change their lives.

Her Shallow Grave

The hunt for mass murderer Cara Lindstrom is over. FBI Special Agent Matthew Roarke has been working for this moment: the capture of a killer who savagely hunts the worst of humanity. But Roarke remains traumatized by his own near-death at the hands of the serial killer who slaughtered Cara's family...and haunted by the enigmatic woman who saved his life. Then the sixteen-year-old prostitute who witnessed Cara's most recent murder goes missing, and suddenly pimps are turning up dead on the streets of San Francisco, killed with an MO eerily similar to Cara's handiwork. Is a new killer on the loose with a mission even more deadly than hers? In the pulse-pounding third Huntress/FBI Thrillers book, Roarke will have to go on the hunt...and every woman he meets, even those closest to him, may prove deadly.

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'WOW – I am absolutely blown away... this book really, really got under my skin. I feel slightly dizzy now and need a lie-down with a soft pillow and lots of chocolate.' Goodreads reviewer 'OMFG this is Barbara Copperthwaite's best book yet!! ... just blew everything else out of the water. Seriously. This book had me on edge...my poor nerves were shattered. Buy it, read it, love it!' Goodreads reviewer 'Gripped from page one until the very end...A great rollercoaster of a story!! Wow, wow, wow!! Five stars!!' Stardust Book Reviews Some secrets you can never tell. Everyone thinks the Thomases are the perfect family: grand London house, gorgeous kids. They don't know wife Dominique is a paranoid wreck. They don't know husband Ben is trapped in a web of deceit. They don't know daughter Ruby lives in fear of the next abusive text. But someone knows all their secrets. Can the lies that bind them tear them apart? A gripping psychological thriller that will have you holding your breath until the very last page. Fans of Behind Closed Doors, Gone Girl and The Girl on the Train will be hooked. See what readers are saying about Her Last Secret: 'OMG... I was well and truly hooked... had me guessing right until the very end!... I am blown away. I cannot recommend this enough... without a doubt a must read' Chelle's Book Reviews 'OH MY WORD! This is a fantastic read!...intense and terrifying...an absolutely gripping read. I was totally immersed...Outstanding, I highly recommend!' Chat About Books 'Thrilling and captivating! A tangled web of lies and secrets is masterfully woven in this psychological thriller...I was hooked right from page one... a big fat 5 stars from me, I totally recommend this book.' Bonnie's Book Talk 'An enthralling read that draws you in the further you get into it whilst getting darker and darker. Totally jaw dropping stuff. Loved it' By The Letter Book Reviews 'Her Last Secret is a dark, unsettling and addictive read that will reel you in and keep you hooked from the very first page.' Brew and Books Review 'Shocking, breath taking, gripping and heart-breaking, at one point I was almost in tears. I absolutely loved this well-written, emotional roller coaster, the twists in the story keep you hooked, trying to work out what happened that night. Highly recommended.' Nicki's Life of Crime 'I loved everything about this book from beginning to end... It's with books like this that I wish I could read faster than I do. A simply terrific read.' Goodreads reviewer 'This book absolutely consumed me from start to finish and even when I wasn't reading it i was thinking about it. It is totally gripping and there were so many twists my head was spinning – an absolutely fantastic read!' Goodreads reviewer 'What a book! I genuinely think this is one of the best books I've ever read, I sat and read it in one go. I couldn't guess how it was going to end and didn't anticipate the epilogue. A gripping page turner that had me in tears towards the end.' Goodreads reviewer 'I'm still open mouthed at the finale. It was so cleverly crafted...this book is compelling, unputdownable...if you are a fan of books that surprise you, then this is the book for you.' Rachel's Random Reads 'This book had me gripped from the very first few pages...This really was a page turner - you are desperate to read more.' Bookworms and Shutterbugs 'Absolutely superb, she's only gone and done it again - did NOT want to put this book down!!' Donna's **Book Blog**

As the Crow Flies

Recognition hits me as I look at the woman lying in the long grass. It's my sister. Her hot-pink nails are chipped and caked with dirt, her blue eyes are cold and vacant. I desperately shake her, even though I know. She's gone. Fresh out of the Military Police, Georgia Fell has returned to her Michigan island hometown a decade after she ran away. Late to meet her younger sister at a bar on the isolated tip of the isle, she arrives to her worst nightmare: Rachel dead, purple bruises around her slim, beautiful neck. When the police rule out murder, Georgia knows it can't be true. Reluctantly, she must turn to the person she's been avoiding since she came home. Georgia can't forgive single dad Lincoln McNamara for his betrayal the night she left, but he has an in with the dangerous crew operating out of the roadhouse where Rachel was killed. The question is, can she trust him? But before she can convince Lincoln to help her, another local girl goes missing. How deep into the darkness of island life must Georgia go to find out the truth? And with an innocent girl's life on the line, does she even have a choice? An absolutely unputdownable suspense thriller. Readers who adore Tami Hoag, Mary Burton and J.D. Robb will be hooked on this jaw-dropping new crime series. Readers love Maegan Beaumont: "I loved this book!... In fact I lay in bed from 10.30pm-2.30am and literally did-not-move until I was done." Goodreads reviewer, PSO GOOD SO GOOD... Great read!" Goodreads reviewer, PI could not put down this book... when I wasn't reading the book, I was constantly thinking about it." Goodreads reviewer, PThere are just not enough words to describe how great I thought this book was!... I was hooked from page 1. The excitement and suspense don't let up." Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars "I could not put this book down....always one more chapter....up until the early hours of the morning....page after page... A MUST READ!!!" Goodreads reviewer, PWow. I literally could not stop reading this book. I'm supposed to work tomorrow and I've stayed up way too late!" Goodreads reviewer. PHad me on the edge of me seat the entire time, that had me hard pressed to put the book down... There just never seems to be a great place to stop reading." Goodreads reviewer, P

The Cipher

Play To Win. . . It's the ultimate game--the adrenaline surge of the hunt, the thrill of victory, the agony of defeat. For in this game, the rules are simple: To win, you only have to kill. To lose, you will have to die. . . Play To Scream. . . The victims are former beauty queens found with a single rose beside their bodies. Lindsay McAllister has seen this signature before, when she was a rookie detective with the Chattanooga PD investigating the death of Judd Walker's wife, a murder that sent the handsome lawyer off the deep end. Now, Lindsay has the brutal task of telling Judd that his wife's killer has struck again, and she's going to need his help to outplay their opponent--because the killer is getting bolder, faster, and more ruthless. The game is escalating, and no one is safe. Play To Die. . . Now as the body count rises, the rules are changing. A killer will do anything to win. And the only way for Lindsay to stop a madman's twisted game is to play it herself. . .

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