

Dying Truth A Completely Gripping Crime Thriller Detective Kim Stone Crime Thriller Series Book 8

Lying in Tehran is about survival. Welcome to Tehran, a city where survival depends on a network of subterfuge. Here is a place where mullahs visit prostitutes, drug kingpins run crystal meth kitchens, surgeons restore girls' virginity and homemade porn is sold in the sprawling bazaars; a place where ordinary people are forced to lead extraordinary lives. Based on extensive interviews, CITY OF LIES chronicles the lives of eight men and women drawn from across the spectrum of Iranian society and reveals what it is to live, love and survive in one of the world's most repressive regimes.

If your life flashed before your eyes, would you have any regrets? Everyone has their secrets, some are more deadly than others... When Leah is involved in a train crash, she goes to a therapist, Will. He attempts to help her through the trauma but whenever Leah is in his presence, strange things occur. She suffers from hallucinations that include visions of her dead brother, Ellis. As Leah reveals to Will that her friends Jacob and Chloe wronged her, further flashbacks of her childhood and parts of her life she would sooner forget begin to surface, troubling Leah even more. But what is actually bothering her and what led Leah to be on that train? Nothing is as it seems, and soon she will learn the heart-breaking truth... What everyone is saying about *In The Dying Minutes*: "A fantastic read full of twists." "This book blew me away." "The storytelling is as near to perfect as you can get." "A gripping psychological suspense which will have you reading in one sitting" "A twisting blinding read." J.A. Baker is also the author of the bestselling psychological thrillers *The Other Mother*, *The Woman at Number 19* and *The Girl I Used to Be*. *In The Dying Minutes* is a tense and completely compelling novel which will keep you guessing until the very end. It will appeal to fans of authors like S.E. Lynes, K.L. Slater and Lucy Dawson.

This stunning debut novel about grief and wonder was an instant New York Times bestseller and captured widespread critical acclaim, including selection as a 2015 National Book Award finalist! After her best friend dies in a drowning accident, Suzy is convinced that the true cause of the tragedy must have been a rare jellyfish sting--things don't just happen for no reason. Retreating into a silent world of imagination, she crafts a plan to prove her theory--even if it means traveling the globe, alone. Suzy's achingly heartfelt journey explores life, death, the astonishing wonder of the universe...and the potential for love and hope right next door. Oddlot Entertainment has acquired the screen rights to *The Thing About Jellyfish*, with Gigi Pritzker set to produce with Bruna Papandrea and Reese Witherspoon.

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The case was closed. Until people started dying... DI Thomas Ridpath was on the

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up in the Manchester CID: a promising detective who captured a notorious serial killer. But ten years later he's recovering from a serious illness and on the brink of being forced out of the police. Then the murders began, in an uncanny echo of his first case. As the death count grows, old records, and bodies, go missing. Caught in a turf war between the police and the coroner's office, Ridpath is in a race against time. A race to save his career, his marriage, and innocent lives. When a detective disappears everything is on the line. Can Ridpath save his colleague? A nail-biting crime thriller, perfect for fans of Mark Billingham, Peter James and D. S. Butler.

Will the truth harm them -- or save them? When Nigeria's corrupt military government kills their mother, twelve-year-old Sade and her brother Femi think their lives are over. Out of fear for their safety, their father, an outspoken journalist, decides to smuggle the children out of Nigeria and into London, where their uncle lives. But when they get to the cold and massive city, they find themselves lost and alone, with no one to trust and no idea when -- or if -- they will ever see their father again. *The Other Side of Truth* is a gripping adventure story about courage, family, and the power of truth.

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*

'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, ?????? Her 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

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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*, ?????? 'I 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*, ?????? 'The most gripping, complicated, compelling and exciting outing for Kim Stone yet. You really won't be able to put it down.' *NetGalley reviewer*, ?????? 'You 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*, ?????? 'Gripping, 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*, ?????? 'You 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*, ?????? 'WOW! 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*, ?????? 'Each 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*, ?????? 'You 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*, ?????? US National Book Award Finalist. Set in Wisconsin, just after the Civil War. Slowly events reveal themselves as sinister and bloom gently into a shared nightmare, as one neighbour after another succumbs to a creeping, always fatal disease. Jacob Hansen the sheriff, undertake and pastor must find a humane way to save those he loves as the disease engulfs his town, breeding hysteria. *A Prayer for the Dying* is a rare and scary book, Steward O'Nan's most astounding achievement yet.

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

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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

NOW A #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER! An unflinching, darkly funny, and deeply moving story of a boy, his seriously ill mother, and an unexpected monstrous visitor. At seven minutes past midnight, thirteen-year-old Conor wakes to find a monster outside his bedroom window. But it isn't the monster Conor's been expecting-- he's been expecting the one from his nightmare, the nightmare he's had nearly every night since his mother started her treatments. The monster in his backyard is different. It's ancient. And wild. And it wants something from Conor. Something terrible and dangerous. It wants the truth. From the final idea of award-winning author Siobhan Dowd-- whose premature death from cancer prevented her from writing it herself-- Patrick Ness has spun a haunting and darkly funny novel of mischief, loss, and monsters both real and imagined.

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

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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

'My first read of 2021 to reduce me to tears... the definition of a page-turner and a tear-jerker. I didn't want to stop reading... I loved every word.' The Book Lover's Boudoir, ?????? 'They told me he died, but I never believed them. I'd have known,' she says, her voice little more than a whisper and her eyes searching mine. 'A mother would know if her child died, wouldn't she?' Danni has never had an easy relationship with her mother, Diana. But when Diana is diagnosed with a serious illness, everything changes. As some of Diana's memories slip away, others force their way to the surface. One night she breaks down and reveals that before Danni was born, she had another baby who never got to see the world. Now married, with a loving husband and two beautiful daughters of her own, Danni has put her childhood behind her. But she has always wondered what caused her mother's coldness. Could this be why? Danni can't tell whether Diana's story is a symptom of her confusion, or something real. She decides to find out, hoping to bring her mother some peace. Yet as Danni investigates the past, tracking down the aunt she's never met to learn what lies in her mother's past, her good intentions have unexpected consequences. As more truths emerge, a shocking revelation could turn her life upside down. Will Danni's quest heal her pain, or are some secrets best left buried? A completely heartbreaking and compelling story of families, secrets, and the fierce love between mothers and children. Fans of Amanda Prowse, Ali Mercer and Jodi Picoult will smile through their tears. See what readers are saying about *My Mother's Secret*: 'Wow!... one of the saddest and most heart-breaking reads I've encountered... My gosh! This book should really come with a box of tissues because believe me, you are going to need them!... I found myself turning the pages with such a speed of "just one more chapter" until the very end. I cannot tell you how much I loved this book.' Confessions of a Bookaholic, ?????? 'Beautiful and heart-rending... I was enthralled by it from start to finish... you will smile through your tears... A really beautiful, engrossing and captivating read, I was sorry when it finished.' Sibzz Reads,

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????? 'I picked this book up at 3pm, and less than 8 hours later, despite having to navigate tea and bedtime for the kids and logging back on to work, I had finished it... addictive, gripping and emotional' @iheartbooks1991 'Another amazing 5-star read and another used up packet of those handy little tissues, or is it two? – Who knows how many tears this one has made me shed!... an author who held me captive in the palm of her hand all the time I was reading... took me on quite a personal journey on, oh! so many fronts' Fiction Books, ?????? 'Truly emotional... Will make your heart break... There were definite tears leaking' Jen Med's Book Reviews, ?????? 'I'll get straight to the point. This book broke me. It left me an emotional, vulnerable shell of a person... It takes a lot to melt my exterior, but by golly My Mother's Secret turned me into a puddle.' The Writing Garnet 'Had me flipping over the pages at speed... Make sure you have tissues at hand... A tearjerker of a read!' Carla Kovach, ?????? 'Such an emotional experience... Its conclusion made me cry and smile – in fact, I was a bit of a soggy mess a few times as I was reading... I really loved it.' Being Anne 'A very emotional story... I love the book and kudos to the author for that one revelation that made my jaw drop to the floor.' Goodreads Reviewer, ??????

The girl's smashed-in face stared unseeing up to the blue sky, soil spilling out of her mouth. A hundred flies hovered above the bloodied mess. Westerley research facility is not for the faint-hearted. A "body farm" investigating human decomposition, its inhabitants are corpses in various states of decay. But when Detective Kim Stone and her team discover the fresh body of a young woman, it seems a killer has discovered the perfect cover to bury their crime. Then a second girl is attacked and left for dead, her body drugged and mouth filled with soil. It's clear to Stone and the team that a serial killer is at work -- but just how many bodies will they uncover? And who is next? As local reporter, Tracy Frost, disappears, the stakes are raised. 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 ...?

"I tied you up because I need you to listen," Derek says. "Focus." "Please... W-what do you want from me?" "The truth," he says. "About what happened the night my brother died." He reaches for my left hand. "If I think you're lying..." With his other hand, he flourishes a pair of flower cutters. Curved. Sharp. And he smiles. When Chris wakes up in a dark basement tied to a chair, he knows that he's trapped-and why. Eight nights ago a burglar broke into Chris' home. Eight nights ago Chris did what he had to do to protect his family. And eight nights ago a 13-year-old runaway bled to death on his kitchen floor. Now Derek wants the truth about what happened that night. He wants proof his little brother didn't deserve to die. For every lie Chris tells, he will lose a finger. But telling the truth is far more dangerous... A riveting, edge-of-your-seat thriller from Edgar Award-nominated author Jeffery W. Johnston that explores the gray area between what is right and what we'll do to protect the people we love.

When a strange woman slips a note into grieving widow Paula's pocket at her husband's funeral, everything suggests that he was not all that he seemed ... A devastatingly moving, explosive psychological thriller from the international bestselling author of A Suitable Lie. 'Disturbing but compulsive ... I loved it' Martina Cole 'Bristling with unease, this is domestic noir at its very darkest, twisting the marriage thriller into a new and troubling shape' Eva Dolan 'Vivid, visceral and compulsive' Ian Rankin _____ You need to know who your husband really was... When Paula Gadd's husband of almost thirty years dies, just days away from the seventh anniversary of their son, Christopher's death, her world falls apart. Grieving and bereft, she is stunned when a young woman approaches her at the funeral service, and slips something into her pocket. A note suggesting that Paula's husband was not all that he seemed... When the two women eventually meet, a series of revelations challenges everything Paula thought she knew, and it becomes immediately clear that both women's lives are in very real danger. Both a dark, twisty slice of domestic noir and taut, explosive psychological thriller, After He Died is also a chilling reminder that the people we trust the most can harbour the

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deadliest secrets... _____ Praise for Michael J. Malone 'Gripping and suspenseful fare that reinforces Malone's renown for producing psychological thrillers' Herald Scotland 'It's a tough high-wire act, balancing believability with surprise, but the author pulls it off with aplomb. Excellent stuff' Doug Johnstone, The Big Issue 'Michael J Malone has portrayed this beautifully and managed to get the balance just right ... A well-paced, excellent read' Promoting Crime 'After he Died is a fantastic read packed with engaging characters and a compelling narrative' CrimeSquad 'An explosive tale, one that takes hold, bites, and doesn't let go' LoveReading 'A stark, gripping storyline' Scots 'A fine, page-turning thriller' Daily Mail 'Original, engrossing and scary' The Times 'Brilliantly creepy' Daily Record 'Genuinely shocking' Crime by the Book 'Delightfully disturbing' Chapter in My Life 'Michael Malone has a way of telling a story that just leaves you more than a little disturbed yet breathless with admiration' Live & Deadly 'Enthralling, wonderful, intense, full of suspense and twists that had my head in a spin! Crime Book Junkie 'Michael J. Malone is quickly making his way up my list of favourite authors' Always Trust in Books

Will they ever learn the truth?

The totally gripping psychological thriller, from the million-copy bestselling author of the Helen Grace series. 'The perfect psychological thriller' 5***** Reader Review _____ Nothing surprises Adam Brandt anymore. As a forensic psychologist, he's seen and heard everything. That is, until he meets Kassie. Because she claims to have a terrible gift - with one look into your eyes, she can see when and how you will die. Adam doesn't believe her. But then a serial killer starts wreaking havoc across the city, and only Kassie seems to know where he'll strike next. Against all his intuition, Adam starts to think Kassie might be telling the truth. He just doesn't realise how dangerous this trust might be . . . _____ 'Strikingly well-told, and with a compelling central character' Daily Mail 'Keeps you guessing right to the end' 5***** Reader Review Praise for M. J. Arlidge: 'Page-turningly chilling' The Times 'Taut, fast-paced, truly excellent' Sun

In 1960 a mysterious car crash killed Albert Camus and his publisher Michel Gallimard, who was behind the wheel. Based on meticulous research, Giovanni Catelli builds a compelling case that the 46-year-old French Algerian Nobel laureate was the victim of premeditated murder: he was silenced by the KGB. The Russians had a motive: Camus had campaigned tirelessly against the Soviet crushing of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution, and vociferously supported the awarding of the Nobel Prize to the dissident novelist Boris Pasternak, which enraged Moscow. Sixty years after Camus' death, Catelli takes us back to a murky period in the Cold War. He probes the relationship between Camus and Pasternak, the fraught publication of Doctor Zhivago, the penetration of France by Soviet spies, and the high price paid by those throughout Europe who resisted the USSR.

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?

The greater the Evil, the more deadly the game... When a rapist is found mutilated in a brutal stabbing, Detective Kim Stone and her team are called in to bring a swift resolution. But as further disturbing events come to light, it soon becomes clear that there is someone even more sinister at work. With the investigation gathering momentum, whilst also trying to expose the secrets of a sick paedophile ring, Kim finds herself in the sights of a lethal individual

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undertaking their own twisted experiment. Pitted against a dangerous sociopath who seems to know her every weakness, for Detective Stone, each move she makes could be deadly. As the body count starts to mount, Kim will have to dig deeper than ever before to stop the killing. And this time - it's personal. The rising star of the British thriller scene returns with a novel that will enthrall fans of Rachel Abbott, Val McDermid and Mark Billingham. Watch out for more from D.I. Kim Stone A Detective hiding dark secrets, Kim Stone will stop at nothing to protect the innocent. Evil Games is the second book in the series – see where it all began in SILENT SCREAM - out now. What readers are saying about Evil Games... 'Angela Marsons has done it again! Evil Games is an absolutely cracking, five-star read - I devoured it in one sitting. Kim Stone has rapidly become one of my favourite ever detectives, and in this second novel in the DI Stone series she kicks ass more than ever, and I have, once again, been left panting in the corner in dire need of a cup of tea! Reading Room with a View 'I'm a little bit speechless to be honest at just how incredible this book was... one of the best new crime authors of 2015, maybe even the decade ... Evil Games is a must read book, and probably one of the best I will read this year.' Book Addict Shaun 'Silent Scream (Book 1) was quite brilliant. Evil Games (Book 2) is EXCEPTIONAL. Clearly, the current rating system is broken as it's unable to accommodate books of this calibre. So I give you – 6/5' Little Bookness Lane '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 'Evil Games is a fabulously dark and chilling read... I am a huge fan of D.I. Kim Stone and can't recommend this series highly enough.' By the Letter Book Reviews 'Yet again Angela Marsons has written a 5* crime novel. I loved Silent Scream... Evil Games is certainly as good as the first, if not better, and I wish I could give it a higher rating than 5/5' Off the Shelf Book Reviews 'Once again, Angela Marsons takes us into the life of the brilliant loner DI Kim Stone and gives us an exciting, slightly chilling and totally thrilling read. This is one book that exceeded all of my expectations ... Get yourself ready to take a day off and immerse yourself in this book. It is worth it.' Northern Crime 'Angela Marsons is fast becoming THE one to watch in this genre and I would defy anyone not to read and enjoy her writing... She truly has a brilliant mind and this book did not disappoint ... This story has everything, it is riveting, emotional, sad and most of all it has a depth that not many novels can claim to have... I highly recommend this one, Simply brilliant.' Postcard Reviews 'This book, with every page you turn gives you goose bumps. I could feel the hairs on the back of my neck standing up and I just didn't want to put it down. It's fantastically written, it's gripping right to the last page and I just can't wait for book three now.' It's All About the Books

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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

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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 queen 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, ?????? 'Utterly 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, ?????? 'Angela Marsons writes the type of books that I will literally drop everything just so I can read it.' Goodreads reviewer, ?????? 'I 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, ?????? 'I 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, ?????? 'Angela 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, ?????? 'Reading this series is like catching up with old friends...Yet another brilliant work by the amazing Angela Marsons!' Goodreads reviewer, ?????? 'Oh 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, ?????? 'Quite 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, ?????? 'I really love this series. It's like catching up with friends when I start a new book.' Alice May Reviews, ?????? 'This 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, ??????

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

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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... Discover where it all began for Kim and her team. An absolutely heart-stopping mystery thriller that will keep you glued to the pages, reading late into the night. Perfect for Kim Stone fans and new readers to the million-copy bestselling series. A detective hiding dark secrets, Kim Stone will stop at nothing to protect the innocent. Read what everyone is saying about First Blood and the Detective Kim Stone series: 'I cannot begin to tell you how god damn good it is. First Blood is so bloody brilliant and so gripping... totally blown my mind...Without a doubt one of my best reads this year leaving me with a book hangover.' Baker's Not So Secret Blog????? 'A great introduction to the best crime series on the shelves right now... I loved this book from cover to cover...a brilliant read which will have people turning the pages at a feverish rate. This is a second chance for those of us who follow the series to have that first meeting with Stone and the gang, and it's absolutely brilliant.' Nigel Adams Bookworm ?????? '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 'Superb!!! I love Kim – always have, always will!! ... breath-taking, heart-pounding, exciting and thrilling!!! I completely and utterly recommend reading not just this book, but the whole series!! Fab, fab, fab, fab, fab.' Stardust Book Reviews ?????? 'There is a smile on my face and goosebumps on my arms. Rarely have I been so satisfied with a novel... breath-taking... a masterpiece, the star at the top of your Christmas tree...get going with the series if you haven't already.' Chocolate 'n' Waffles ?????? 'Oh my life. This is the book that all Kim Stone fans have been waiting for and they didn't even know it...another class Kim Stone story...a dark and deadly case, high on thrills, intrigue, mystery and tension, perfectly pitched on pace and featuring the dry humour and banter we know and love...Top stuff – Loved it.' Jen Med's Book Reviews ?????? 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 - a final devastating act from a troubled girl. 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. As Kim and her team begin to unravel a dark web of secrets, one of the teachers could hold the key to the truth. Yet just as she is about to break her silence, she is found dead. With more children's lives at risk, Kim has to consider the unthinkable - whether a fellow pupil could be responsible for the murders. Investigating the psychology of children that kill brings the detective into contact with her former adversary, Dr Alex Thorne - the sociopath who has made it her life's work to destroy Kim. Desperate to catch the killer, Kim finds a link between the recent murders and an initiation prank that happened at the school decades earlier. But saving these innocent lives comes at a cost - and one of Kim's own might pay the ultimate price. The utterly addictive new crime thriller from the Number One bestselling author - you will be gripped until the final shocking twist. Readers are loving Dying Truth: '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!' (5 stars) 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

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A grandfather confronted with the fact that his family is woefully ignorant about their own lineage and legacy is determined to educate them. So begins the tale of his great-great-grandmother, Annabelle. Annabelle was a slave born on a cotton plantation in Mississippi and raised as a house servant thanks to the plantation master's daughters having a fondness for her. The youngest daughter protects her as best she can from the wrath of the cruel master and his wife, but then marries and leaves the plantation. Unable to bear the master's heinous acts against her any longer, the teenaged slave girl escapes north to be free. But is anywhere really safe for a runaway slave girl in the 1800s? Her journey is only the beginning of a legacy. Sometimes it's safer for the truth to stay secret... Sydney's dad is the only psychiatrist for miles in their small Ohio town. He knows everybody's secrets. He is also dead. Grief-stricken Sydney can't understand why the police have no explanation for what happened the night of her dad's car crash. And when June Copeland, the homecoming queen whose life seems perfect, shows up at the funeral, Sydney's confusion grows. Sydney and June grow closer in the wake of the accident, but it's clear that not everyone is happy about their new friendship. What is picture-perfect June hiding? And does Sydney even want to know?

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

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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

A heartbreaking and powerful story about a black boy killed by a police officer, drawing connections through history, from award-winning author Jewell Parker Rhodes. An instant New York Times bestsellerAn instant IndieBound bestsellerThe #1 Kids' Indie Next PickA Walter Award winner Only the living can make the world better. Live and make it better. Twelve-year-old Jerome is shot by a police officer who mistakes his toy gun for a real threat. As a ghost, he observes the devastation that's been unleashed on his family and community in the wake of what they see as an unjust and brutal killing. Soon Jerome meets another ghost: Emmett Till, a boy from a very different time but similar circumstances. Emmett helps Jerome process what has happened, on a journey towards recognizing how historical racism may have led to the events that ended his life. Jerome also meets Sarah, the daughter of the police officer, who grapples with her father's actions. Once again Jewell Parker Rhodes deftly weaves historical and socio-political layers into a gripping and poignant story about how children and families face the complexities of today's world, and how one boy grows to understand American blackness in the aftermath of his own death.

In the same vein as Jandy Nelson and Gayle Forman comes a novel from the gifted author of *Faking Normal*, Courtney C. Stevens, about hope and courage and the struggle to overcome the pain of loss. Sadie Kingston is living in the aftermath. A year after surviving a car accident that killed her friend Trent and left her body and face scarred, she can't move forward. The only person who seems to understand her is Trent's brother, Max. As Sadie begins to fall for Max, she's unsure if she is truly healed enough to be with him. But Max looks at her scars and doesn't shy away. And Max knows about the list she writes in the sand at the beach every night, the list of things that Sadie knows she must accomplish before she can move on from the accident. And while he can help her with number six (kiss someone without flinching), she knows she's on her own with number three (forgive Gina and Gray) and the rest of the seemingly impossible tasks that must be made possible before she can live in the now again. Brady loves life on the Chesapeake Bay with his friends J.T. and Digger. But developers and rich families are moving into the area, and while Brady befriends some of them, like the DiAngelos, his parents and friends are bitter about the changes. Tragedy strikes when the DiAngelos' kayak overturns in the bay, and Brady wonders if it was more than an accident. Soon, Brady discovers the terrible truth behind the kayak's sinking, and it will change the lives of those he loves forever. Priscilla Cummings deftly weaves a suspenseful tale of three teenagers caught in a wicked web of deception.

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

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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 ?????? 'I 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 ?????? 'Angela 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 ?????? 'Loved 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, ?????? 'The 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 ?????? 'Superb!!... 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 ?????? 'Wow, Wow, Wow, Wow Wow!!! How did I not see any of that coming!...I could barely put the book down...' Rachel's Random Reads ?????? '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 bestselling thriller with "a tantalizing premise and twists at every turn . . . a sizzling, masterful debut about betrayal and justice" (Samantha M. Bailey, #1 national bestselling author). Optioned by Picture Perfect Federation for development as a film or TV series Sarah Morgan is a successful and powerful defense attorney in Washington D.C. As a named partner at her firm, life is going exactly how she planned. The same cannot be said for her husband, Adam. He's a struggling writer who has had little success in his career and he tires of his and Sarah's relationship as she is constantly working. Out in the secluded woods, at the couple's lake house, Adam engages in a passionate affair with Kelly Summers. But one morning everything changes. Kelly is found brutally stabbed to death and now, Sarah must take on her hardest case yet, defending her own husband, a man accused of murdering his mistress. *The Perfect Marriage* is a juicy, twisty, and utterly addictive thriller that will keep you turning pages. You won't see the ending coming . . . guaranteed! "A twisty, compulsive book that will keep you reading all night! Fast-paced with crisp writing and an intriguing plot. Jeneva Rose is one to watch." —Samantha Downing, #1 international bestselling author of *My Lovely Wife* "A book to be read in one gulp—this dastardly debut flies to a shocking reveal. I couldn't put it down; I had to see what happened. Twists galore." —J.T. Ellison, *New York Times*—bestselling author

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