

Silent Scream D I Kim Stone 1 By Angela Marsons Format

Josie treads gently, careful not to disturb the pile of perfect white bones laid out in the grass by her feet. Her voice is little more than a whisper. “No! Not my sister...” Detective Josie Quinn hasn’t heard from her sister since Trinity stormed out of the house in the heat of an argument three weeks ago. So, when human remains are found at the remote hunting cabin where Trinity was last seen, Josie can only assume the worst. Gathering her team, Josie feels a surge of relief when the dental records match a different body – that of a missing single mother from a neighboring town. But now Josie’s is not the only broken family desperate for answers. Dusting the crime scene for prints, a name smudged into the side of a nearby car is the first in a trail of clues Trinity left for Josie. In need of a big story to save her journalism career, it seems Josie’s sister was attempting to make contact with a dangerous serial killer known for creating sculptures with his victim’s bones. And Trinity won’t stop until she’s found him, even if it means becoming his next masterpiece... Josie is certain there’s a critical clue in the ivory hair comb delivered to Trinity just days before she went missing. But as more bones surface, each set more likely to be Trinity’s than the last, time is running out to find her alive. Can Josie’s team trust her instincts in a case that is so deeply personal? Can she find her sister without putting other innocent lives in danger? An unputdownable crime thriller from an Amazon, USA Today and Wall Street Journal bestselling author that will have you sleeping with the light on. This gripping rollercoaster ride is perfect for fans of Angela Marsons, Robert Dugoni and Rachel Caine. Prepare to be totally hooked! Readers adore Find Her Alive: ‘AMAZING... Love this author. Love this series. Love this book... I was on the edge of my seat.’ Netgalley reviewer, 5 stars ‘You will find yourself addicted as soon as you read the first chapters, and with a lightning-fast pace and an abundance of action and plot twists you will find it very hard to stop reading... a true rollercoaster ride... really packs a punch. If you enjoy intense and fast detective thrillers, you should definitely meet Josie Quinn!’ It’s All About Books, 5 stars ‘Five she-knocked-it-out-of-the-ballpark stars!!! Another fantastic instalment to the Detective Josie Quinn Series... This book had it all - character development, mystery, suspense, drama... I was so enthralled... captivating, thought-provoking and well researched.’ Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars ‘So amazing... it was impossible to just put down... the way everything ties together is genius... you won’t be disappointed.’ Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars ‘Hooked me from the first page... tight, fast-paced, perfectly paced, well-researched, highly explosive, and always leaves you turning ‘just one more page’... a wild ride... a five star read from beginning to end!’ Katie Mettner, 5 stars ‘Get ready for a rollercoaster of a ride... A resounding 5 stars!!! Josie Quinn, I want you on my side always!!! The pages fly by... a spellbinding eerie read. Love it!!!’ Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars ‘This whole series is AMAZING! This book was exceptional... GREAT! I have read every single one of these books in less than two days. Riveting and thrilling! Please never stop writing! Ever!’ Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars ‘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 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, ????? 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

"Ten years ago, D.C.I. Jack Logan stopped the serial child-killer dubbed 'Mister Whisper', earning himself a commendation, a drinking problem, and a broken marriage in the process. Now, he spends his days working in Glasgow's Major Investigations Team, and his nights reliving the horrors of what he saw. And what he did. When another child disappears a hundred miles north in the Highlands, Jack is sent to lead the investigation and bring the boy home. But as similarities between the two cases grow, could it be that Jack caught the wrong man all those years ago? And, if so, is the real Mister Whisper about to claim his fourth victim?" -- publisher website.

Seth is an Egyptian God of Chaos, Loki is a Norse trickster God. One is possibly the oldest micro-manager to have ever walked the Earth, the other is an asshole of legendary proportions. Unfortunately, Loki owes Seth for his freedom but finds himself looking to pay off his debt with finding the body of another God. While trying to plot and steal the body being held in a secret collection at a small midwest college, they find more happening at the school than just bad life choices and exploitative student loans. Quickly, Loki finds himself trying to protect descendants he never knew he had while still trying to secure his own freedom and having to referee a fight between a melodramatic Canadian and a Girl Scout Den Mother.

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

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 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 Silent Scream An edge of your seat serial killer thriller Bookouture Silent Scream Grand Central Publishing

Now in paperback, Carver's internationally bestselling debut thriller featuring a very different kind of serial killer. A shocking double-murder scene greets Detective Inspector Philip Brennan when he is called to a flat in Colchester. Two women are viciously cut open and lying spread-eagled, one tied to the bed, one on the floor. The woman on the bed has had her stomach cut into and her unborn child is missing. But this is the third time Phil and his team have seen such an atrocity. Two other pregnant women have been killed in this way and their babies taken from them. No one can imagine what sort of person would want to commit such horrible crimes. When psychologist Marina Esposito is brought in, Phil has to put aside his feelings about their shared past and get on with the job. But can they find the killer before another woman is targeted?

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

Fans of Rachel Abbott, Val McDermid, and Mark Billingham will be gripped by this exceptional voice in British crime fiction. 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 realizes 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?

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... 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 ??????

The dead don't tell secrets... unless you listen. 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? The latest utterly addictive thriller from the No.1 bestseller Angela Marsons. Watch out for more from Detective Kim Stone A detective hiding dark secrets, Kim Stone will stop at nothing to protect the innocent. Silent Scream is the first book in the series. What readers are 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 of 2016... 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 'Wow, 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. If you haven't read any yet this can be read as a standalone although I would advise reading the series. It's too good not to miss... 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 'Hooks 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 'Wow. 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 '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 'I defy anyone to turn away from the page. I was glued to this book... a truly gripping and, at times, terrifying story.' Book Addict Shaun 'The best book I've read all year so far... Dark, intense, spine-tingling and absolutely perfect.' The Bookshelf Blog 'A thrilling, tense and nail biting read.' Best Crime Books & More 'Wow, 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? A highly recommended 5 star read.' Cal Turner Reviews 'Play Dead is fast-paced, has a complex mystery, and great, well-developed characters. I did not want to put it down (so I just kept reading).' Bibliophile and avid reader

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"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."--Publisher description.

She lay so still, blue eyes shining, blonde hair fanned out, her mouth stuck forever open in a soundless scream... When Rachel Mullen is found dead by her only sister Beth, her body twisted in an arc of pain, Detective Lottie Parker knows that she has been murdered the minute she enters the bedroom. Lottie's heart aches for Beth, all alone in the world, whose last memory of her sister will forever be the brutal way she was taken. And when Lottie finds a shard of glass placed in the young girl's throat, she fears that Rachel may be just the first victim. The night before, Rachel had attended a party at a luxurious new restaurant in Ragmullin, and Lottie wastes no time in tracking down the other guests. But there are several things troubling her: Rachel's handbag and keys are nowhere to be found, and no one at the party seems to have seen her leave. Just as Lottie thinks she's onto something, her worst fears are confirmed: another woman is found murdered... with glass in her throat. The brilliant, young doctor wasn't a guest at the party and Lottie is forced to question everything. Desperate to find proof of what really happened that night, Lottie gets close to the hostess of the party, whose two daughters were friends with Rachel. But Lottie's hunt for the truth must be getting under the killer's skin, because then her beloved fiancé, Boyd, goes missing. Can Lottie get in the mind of this twisted killer before it's too late? Or will the man she loves be silenced forever? An unputdownable crime thriller from bestselling author Patricia Gibney, with an ending that will blow your mind. If you like Lisa Regan, Robert Dugoni and Rachel Caine you'll be totally hooked by Silent Voices. What everyone is saying about Silent Voices: 'A new book in this series is like waking up on your birthday and looking forward to opening your gifts! It's book number 9 and I would not mind reading a hundred more of them with this great DI and her team.' B for Book Review, ????? 'This was utterly fantastic I loved every page. A great storyline that had me hanging on to every word... holding my breath and that ending! Everything about this book was brilliant if I could give it more than five stars I would it was awesome.' Bonnie's Book Talk, ????? 'Mesmerizing! Utterly thrilling! Unputdownable! One of the best series I have ever read. It seems like nothing can stop Patricia Gibney. Her writing is excellent. The story flows like a river with no dams, but many waterfalls, and several dangerous currents. Highly recommended!' The World is Ours to Read, ????? 'To say I am buzzing after reading it is not a lie... Super plot. So many twists and turns from start to finish. I thought I had it solved but no there was more. Can't wait for book 10. Netgalley Reviewer, ????? 'Wow. This book moves at the rate of a speeding train.' Cathy Arnold, ????? 'As always another gripping thrilling read from The D.I Lottie Parker series. Without a doubt my favourite detective out there...probably because I've read them all. Awesome!' Bookworm???? 'Another fantastic book in the Lottie Parker series. It may be book 9 but it's still as good as book 1... I was gripped from the first page as usual and couldn't wait to find out who the killer was but also didn't want it to end. I just hope we don't have to wait too long for book 10. I highly recommend this book/series and author.' Goodreads Reviewer, ????? 'A rollercoaster of a read. I love this series, the subplot and the characters who are all beautifully flawed and real.' Goodreads Reviewer, ?????

DI Louise Blackwell is still reeling from her brother Paul's murder when she is brought back from enforced leave and tasked with solving a strange new case--the slaughter of wild sheep at Cheddar Gorge, a place shrouded in mystery and folklore. When a man is brutally attacked with a machete on the clifftop and a young girl disappears, Louise realises that the horror is just beginning. Rumors of a mythical presence near the gorge are spreading fast, and why is a local environmental cult resisting all attempts to solve the case? With the investigation into Paul's death about to be shelved and her bereaved niece to care for, Louise is under pressure--and running out of time. Can she find the girl and catch the kidnapper before her worst fears come true?

Brought together by their attempts to conquer their addictions in an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, the two women strike up an unlikely friendship.

A Scottish police inspector deals with forgeries and false identities in a new murder mystery in the "superior series" (The New York Times). When a lobster fisherman discovers a dead body in Scotland's Firth of Forth, DCI Karen Pirie is called into investigate. She quickly discovers that the case will require untangling a complicated web--involving a long-ago disappearance, art forgery, and secret identities--that seems to surround a painter who can mimic anyone from Holbein to Hockney. Meanwhile, a traffic accident leads to the discovery of a skeleton in a suburban garage. Karen has a full plate, and it only gets more stressful as the man responsible for the death of the love of her life is scheduled for release from prison, reopening old wounds just as she was getting back on her feet. From a Diamond Dagger Award winner and multiple Edgar Award finalist, Still Life is a tightly plotted mystery featuring an investigator "whose unwavering confidence is tempered by a strong dose of kindness and sense of justice" (Booklist). "There are few other crime writers in the same league."--Maureen Corrigan, The Washington Post

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 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, ?????

DS Wesley Peterson, newly arrived in the West Country town of Tradmouth, has his hands full when a child goes missing and a young woman is brutally murdered on a lonely cliff path. Then his old friend, archaeologist Neil Watson, unearths the skeletons of a strangled woman and a new born baby in the cellar of an ancient merchant's house nearby. As the investigation continues, Wesley begins to suspect that these deaths, centuries apart, may be linked by age-old motives of jealousy, a sexual obsession and desperate longing. And the pressure is on if he is going to prevent a further tragedy... Kate Ellis's wonderfully addictive series of West Country set crime novels feature Wesley Peterson, one of Devon's first black detectives.

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 ????? '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 INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • One of USA Today's Best Books of 2020 "A haunted house story—with a twist...[Sager] does not hold back"(Rolling Stone) in this chilling thriller from the author of Final Girls and Survive the Night. Every house has a story to tell and a secret to share. Twenty-five years ago, Maggie Holt and her parents moved into Baneberry Hall, a rambling Victorian estate in the Vermont woods. Three weeks later they fled in the dead of night, an ordeal her father recounted in a memoir called House of Horrors. His story of supernatural happenings and malevolent spirits became a worldwide phenomenon, rivaling The Amityville Horror in popularity—and skepticism. Maggie was too young to remember any of the horrific events that supposedly took place, and as an adult she doesn't believe a word of her father's claims. Ghosts, after all, don't exist. When she inherits Baneberry Hall after his death and returns to renovate the place and sell it, her homecoming is anything but warm. The locals aren't thrilled that their small town has been made infamous, and human characters with starring roles in House of Horrors are waiting in the shadows. Even more unnerving is Baneberry Hall itself—a place where unsettling whispers of the past lurk around every corner. And as Maggie starts to experience strange occurrences ripped from the pages of her father's book, the truth she uncovers about the house's dark history will challenge everything she believes.

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 ...?

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 realizes 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.

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 D.I. Kim Stone and the squad. Seemingly outwitted at every turn, as they uncover a trail of bodies, Stone realizes that these ruthless killers might be the most deadly she has ever faced. And that their chances of bringing the girls home alive are getting smaller by the hour. 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?

25 years ago he took a girl. Today he takes another. One August afternoon, eight-year-old Grace Lennard skips into the garden of the childcare centre she attends and vanishes into thin air. Hours before, Steven Harte walks into Halesowen police station and confesses to having information that will lead Detective Kim Stone to Melody Jones – the little girl who was taken from a playground exactly twenty-five years ago. But something about his confession is off and Kim dismisses his claims. Arriving at the scene of Grace's disappearance, Kim finds a chilling piece of evidence: the heart bracelet belonging to Melody. Now Kim must play Steven's twisted game if she is to find Grace alive. But they're going to play by Kim's rules. 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 be close to convicting a killer, but there's another who wants revenge against her – Dr Alex Thorne – the evil woman Kim did her best to keep behind bars. Alex is about to reveal a shocking secret to Kim that will hit her where it hurts the most. And if Kim lets Alex mess with her head, she might not be able to save Grace and find the other missing girls in time. 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 the Detective Kim Stone series: '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!!!! An absolute MUST READ!!!' Bookworm86, ????? 'The jack, queen, king and ace of crime fiction...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, ????? 'Chilling...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, ????? '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, ????? '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 ????? ??????'Just wow. This is police procedural at its best... It is complex, intriguing, and the writing hooked me in completely. I read the majority of this book in a few short hours not pausing for breath.' Rachel's Random Reads ?????

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 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

A complete translation of short works by the author of The Master and Margarita includes six of his articles from the 1920s and features such subjects as the Gogolian bureaucracy that followed the Revolution, the subjugation of science to the state and the consequences of the battle between Communism and the old order. Original.

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