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Evil Games: A Gripping, Heart-stopping Thriller (Detective Kim Stone Crime Thriller Series Book 2)



Synopsis

The greater the Evil, the more deadly the gameâ 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. With the investigation quickly gathering momentum, Kim finds herself exposed to great danger and in the sights of a lethal individual undertaking their own twisted experiment. Up against a 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 - itâs personal. The rising star of the British thriller scene returns with a novel that 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.

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What readers are saying about Evil Gamesâ

â 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!â Reading Room with a Viewâ

â I'm a little bit speechless to be honest at just how incredible this book wasâ | 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.â Book Addict Shaunâ

â Silent Screamer (Book 1) was quite brilliant. Evil Games (Book 2) is EXCEPTIONAL. Clearly, the current rating system is broken as itâs unable to accommodate books of this calibre. So I give you â 6/5â Little Bookness Laneâ

â 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 Edwardsâ

â Evil Games is a fabulously dark and chilling readâ | I am a huge fan of D.I. Kim Stone and can't recommend this series highly enough.â By the Letter Book Reviewsâ

â Yet again Angela Marsons has written a 5* crime novel. I loved Silent Screamer... Evil Games is certainly as good as the first, if not better, and I wish I could give it a higher rating than 5/5â Off the Shelf Book Reviewsâ

â 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 â | Get yourself ready to take a day off and immerse yourself in this book. It is worth it.â Northern Crimeâ

â Angela Marsons is fast becoming THE one to watch in this genre and I would defy anyone not to read and enjoy her writingâ | She truly has a

brilliant mind and this book did not disappoint â | This story has everything, it is riveting, emotional, sad and most of all it has a depth that not many novels can claim to haveâ | I highly recommend this one, Simply brilliant.â™™ Postcard Reviewsâ™™ 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.â™™ Itâ™™s All About the Books

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Customer Reviews

Having really enjoyed Silent Scream, Iâ™™ve been looking forward to reading Evil Games. Iâ™™m happy to report that it did not disappoint. In fact, I liked this even more than the first. I thought the plot was excellent and very well researched. Absolutely loved the storyline from start to finish. This book felt more psychological and personal than the first, and that is probably why I loved it so much. I love getting into the minds of others, regardless of whether they are good or bad. It was great seeing D.I. Kim Stone facing yet another difficult challenge, and seeing how she dealt with it. Although I canâ™™t imagine her making a particularly fun best friend, I canâ™™t help but like her. I do find her to be a very real seeming character, and enjoy seeing that hard shell crack from time to time. In this

book we encounter the character of sociopath and therapist, Dr. Alexandra Thorne, who is a nasty piece of work. I couldn't help but get drawn into enjoying her shocking behaviour, eager to see who she would manipulate next, while also standing back in horror at some of the outcomes. I found her frightening yet truly fascinating. This book covers very dark and emotive topics, so not for the faint hearted. If you are likely to get too upset reading about a brutal rape or child abuse, this may not be the best book for you. However, these topics are covered in a sensitive manner, not glorified in any way, and descriptions of the acts are only brief. Two things brought tears to my eyes. Firstly, Barney the dog. As a huge dog lover he managed to melt my heart. Secondly, Dougie, a fellow notebook collector like myself, bless him. There were also a few 'gasps', and a handful of 'Oh no!' moments thrown in there too.

I want to thank Net Galley, Bookouture, and Ms. Angela Marsons for providing me with an ARC of *Evil Games* in exchange for an unbiased review. Who is this Angela Marsons and where did she come from? The year is not even half over and we have not one, but two brilliant books from this incredible new thriller writer. I was hoping *Evil Games* would be close in excellence to *Silent Screams*. Darned if it isn't better. *Evil Games* grabbed me right from the first sentence (not kidding) and held me tight until the end. First of all, what a perfect title you have given this novel, Ms. Marsons. The bad people in this book are truly despicable; the 'games' they play are beyond contempt. I hated these people (this is good). In contrast, I was so happy to revisit the ultra complex Detective Inspector Kim Stone and her partner Bryant. We are also treated to a deeper look into Kim's past; she is a hard nut to crack and can come off as not at all likeable, though she is highly respected by her colleagues. Despite her lack of social skills, I love her as well as the nonromantic relationship she has with Bryant. It was also affirming to see the touching relationships Kim was able to develop with a couple of minor characters. The premise of the book is unique and very cerebral; I was simply fascinated. I developed goosies when it became apparent that Ms. Marsons was setting up a battle between two very strong, highly intelligent women. And what a battle it is! The author must have researched extensively to get it right. Major props for that, Ms. Marsons. Major props. The prose is not complex, which is generally what I like in a thriller. This along with the short chapters propels the story along at a rapid pace, befitting the high-caliber thriller it is.

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