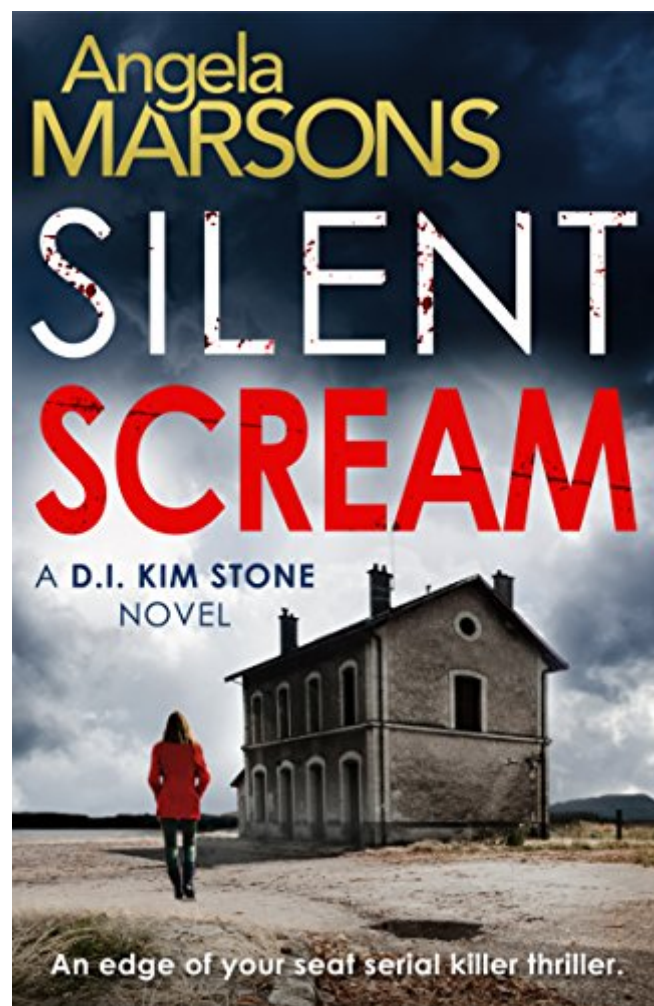




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Silent Scream: An Edge Of Your Seat Serial Killer Thriller (Detective Kim Stone Crime Thriller Series Book 1)



Synopsis

Even the darkest secrets can't stay buried forever. Five figures gather round a shallow grave. They had all taken turns to dig. An adult sized hole would have taken longer. An innocent life had been taken but the pact had been made. Their secrets would be buried, bound in blood. Years later, a headmistress is found brutally strangled, the first in a spate of gruesome murders which shock the Black Country. But when human remains are discovered at a former children's home, disturbing secrets are also unearthed. D.I. Kim Stone fast realises she's on the hunt for a twisted individual whose killing spree spans decades. As the body count rises, Kim needs to stop the murderer before they strike again. But to catch the killer, can Kim confront the demons of her own past before it's too late? Fans of Rachel Abbott, Val McDermid and Mark Billingham will be gripped by this exceptional new voice in British crime fiction. 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 people are saying about Silent Scream – 'A superb debut by an assured new writer. Blending sharp wit with emotion, I thoroughly enjoyed the ride alongside DI Kim Stone and look forward to the next outing.' Mel Sherratt 'Stunning' Mail on Sunday '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 – 'I have not been so impressed by a debut novel in a long time, and I'm actually now itching for more. D.I. Kim Stone is like the British Jane Rizzoli. She's so ballsy and doesn't understand the meaning of the word no. I LOVE heroines who just do what they want and sod the consequences and Kim did that, right from the beginning... I can't wait for the second book, because this one was a top-notch crime thriller.'

Leah Loves – 'I don't think I've been so hooked by a new author since the discovery of Mark Edwards or Mark Billingham. 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 – 'Normally when I see everybody rating a book five stars I think 'Is it really that good?' Silent Scream is that good, and then some. The only problem Angela now faces is keeping up this standard as the series progresses, but if she does then she's going to be an author to watch and a huge star within the genre.'

Book Addict Shaun – 'I started reading Silent Scream thinking I would just read a few chapters. I ended up reading it all. An excellent read and one I would happily recommend.'

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Crime – This is a fantastic debut novel by Marsons. The blurb said that if you were a fan of Val McDermid and Mark Billingham you would love this book and being a huge fan of both I thought I would give it a go and I was pleasantly surprised. With lots of twists and turns this is a real page turner. The Laughing Librarian – It's highly unusual for me to find a book that leads me to put my life on hold. But Angela Marson's Silent Scream has led me to virtually abandon work for the last day, even with deadlines looming. It ticks all the boxes for a 5* rating from me: a well written flowing story; strong but vulnerable protagonist; fast pace; intrigue; twists and turns until several final OMG moments; plenty of action; and the revealing of a brutal murderer. Off the Shelf

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Customer Reviews

Silent Scream by Angela Marsons is a very good British crime novel. It is the first book in the D.I. Kim Stone series. Kim Stone is a Detective Inspector at the Halesowen Station. She has three detectives under her: Detective Constable Stacey Wood, Detective Sergeant Bryant, and Detective Sergeant Kevin Dawson. They are investigating the killing of Teresa Wyatt. Teresa was the 47 year old principal of a private boys' school. As they are investigating her murder, Tom

Curtis is murdered. The team tries to find out what a link between the two people. Their investigation leads them to Crestwood. Crestwood was a home for troubled girls in the system (foster children and orphans). Looking around Crestwood they discover the bodies of young girls. Both Teresa Wyatt and Tom Curtis worked at Crestwood. Who killed these young girls and why is someone killing off former staff members of Crestwood? Who will be next? Kim and her team set out to solve these killings. They will have to look at the former staff members as well as the girls who used to live at Crestwood. Kim Stone will also have to deal with memories of her own childhood. Kim had a horrible childhood and lost a brother due to her mother who is a paranoid schizophrenic. Silent Scream is a great mystery. The characters are unique and complex. The book is well-written. There is some British slang (especially regarding food). There is a great twist at the end of the book. I was able to figure out who were the killers, but was shocked by the turn of events at the end. I cannot wait for the next D.I. Kim Stone book! I give Silent Scream 4.5 out of 5 stars.

This is one of the best crime novels I've read in a long time. It's very hard to believe this is a debut novel. This novel is exceptionally well written. The plot is intelligent, with depth and order, while also providing the reader with plenty of twists and turns. Good character development and a wide variety of different characters. This is probably the only aspect I had slight problems with, as I did struggle at first to keep track of the many characters that were introduced early on in the book. I ended up writing a list to help me keep track of them, but it became easier as the story progressed. This wasn't helped by me only having a few minutes each evening to read. I would definitely recommend setting aside a couple of hours to initially get into this novel. D.I. Kim Stone is a strong and interesting character. At first, I found her a little hard & blunt (not that this is a bad thing), but I also enjoyed seeing a softer side to her, especially with the way she was with Lucy. This novel keeps on improving throughout and can be hard to put down. If I had the available time I would definitely have read this much quicker. This was full of mystery, action, sensitive issues, and various relationships between characters. It left me with some very strong images after reading it. Occasionally, some novels leave me thinking they would be great for TV or film. This was definitely one of them. I'm looking forward to reading more books in this series in the future, and wish Angela the best of luck with her debut novel. I would like to thank the publisher, Bookouture for allowing me a copy of this book via Netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

I don't usually quit reading a book because it often times turns out to be good. However, after 18

chapters I simply got tired of the main character thinking she could do "anything" she wanted and consequences be damned....very tiring. She had a bad childhood, fine but her actions especially as a police woman were no excuse for the bad child hood.....she never grew up to be an adult.

I really enjoyed reading the book and it was a real page turner. However I was disappointed with the ending. I like to try to work out "who dunnit" and I doubt if many readers could have worked out the final twist - I certainly didn't. As regards the twist I'm not qualified to judge whether or not the "relationship" between the two characters in the "twist" is medically possible, but it seems a bit unlikely. The other element of the twist was in my opinion a result of misleading the reader. If an author describes a scene depicting the interaction between two people then the reader visualises this and forms a picture of the scene in their heads. There is no way that I would ever have worked out that what was being narrated wasn't actually what was happening. People who have read the book will understand what I mean, but I'll spell it out below - but if you haven't read the book then this will amount to a "spoiler". I wasn't particularly fond of the character of Kim Stone - as a person she just didn't appeal to me. I thought the dialogue was a little unnatural in a few places, although that wouldn't bother me too much. SPOILER follows. The author describes several scenes where Nicola and Beth interact with each other and the authors also narrates their thoughts and opinions about each other. In my opinion the vast majority of readers would never have worked out that Nicola is also Beth. This type of scene would work in a film (or TV) - for example Norman Bates and his mother in the film "Psycho", but is probably very difficult to achieve in a book.

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