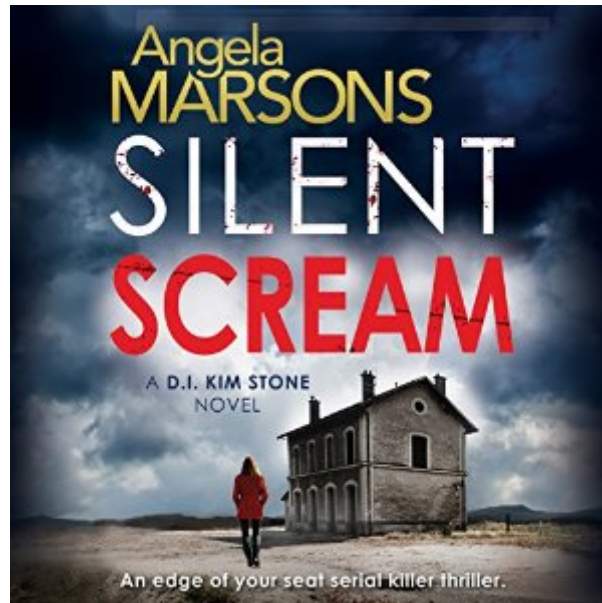


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# Silent Scream: Detective Kim Stone Crime Thriller, Book 1



## 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 that shock the Black Country. But when human remains are discovered at a former children's home, disturbing secrets are also unearthed. DI 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. A detective hiding dark secrets, Kim Stone will stop at nothing to protect the innocent. *Silent Scream* is the first book in the series. Watch out for *Evil Games*, coming soon.

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on reading, Unfortunately real life still exists so while stiring a pot on the stove, i read a couple more pages, while the little one destroyed my house (I mean played nice) - I read a few more pages. Human bones are Found on the site of what was once A secure unit for soldiers, a borstal then a children s home, its a site that doesn't ever seem to have been a happy place. somewhere that seems to hold a lot of secrets and mysteries. And we all know in a good book, secrets can not stay a secret. It really gripped me from early on. With some real good Characters. I also found among the dark and gruesome details of the crime, there was moments where I had to smile at things that were said. The author still managed to put one or two funnier lighter moments into what could have been just a grizzly book. The Relationship between Character was really well built. And I like how we get to know Kim through this book. Kim is one of those Character I really like, Bit of a no nonsense get on with it, or do-one kind of person, if it needs saying she seems to have a knack to saying it. The relationship between f Kim and her team Was just right for me, I enjoyed it when they were dealing with things and chatting together.

I have to admit I've been fooled. Fooled by reviews. I have long stopped paying attention to reviews, because you never know if they are genuine or not, but then I stumbled upon this book, which had more than 1000 positive reviews, and very few negative ones. And I thought it had to be something special. One click, and it smoothly appeared on my kindle. And after the first few chapters I had to force myself to keep reading. Sadly, I'm one of those readers who always have to finish the book. And then, I was genuinely curious why this book was so highly rated. It was a compilation of clichés and overused themes. The plot: the story begins with a woman's murder. A few seconds before she's killed she looks the murderer in the eyes (the murderer was wearing a mask) and recognizes her killer. Before I go on, let me say that when the murderer's identity is revealed I couldn't understand how that first victim recognized her killer. It was totally unbelievable. Investigation begins and we meet the protagonist, Detective Kim. A plain, unlikable character. But I'll talk of the characters later. Then another murder happens. And then another. And slowly, that chain of murders goes into the past (10 years), to the night when something insidious happened at a girls' orphanage. A lot of minor inconsistencies bugged me, but there's one I want to mention. Bodies of murdered girls are discovered around the burnt orphanage. Somewhere in the book we learn that one of the murdered teen girls was pregnant. 20-25 weeks. Well, that's at least five months, right? Then, during the investigation it is revealed that no one knew she was pregnant. Let me ask how? How can you not see that a 15-year-old skinny girl is pregnant? The characters: too many, all of them underdeveloped. Blurred.

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