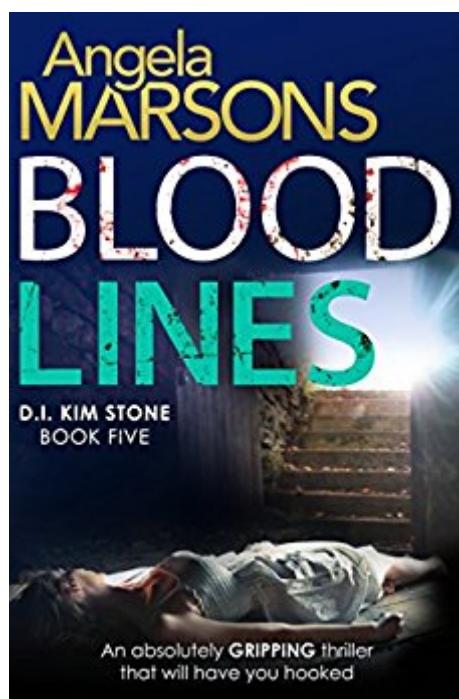


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Blood Lines: An Absolutely Gripping Thriller That Will Have You Hooked (Detective Kim Stone Crime Thriller Series Book 5)



Synopsis

How do you catch a killer who leaves no trace? A victim killed with a single, precise stab to the heart appears at first glance to be a robbery gone wrong. A caring, upstanding social worker lost to a senseless act of violence. But for Detective Kim Stone, something doesn't add up. When a local drug addict is found murdered with an identical wound, Kim knows instinctively that she is dealing with the same killer. But with nothing to link the two victims except the cold, calculated nature of their death, this could be her most difficult case yet. Desperate to catch the twisted individual, Kim's focus on the case is threatened when she receives a chilling letter from Dr Alex Thorne, the sociopath who Kim put behind bars. And this time, Alex is determined to hit where it hurts most, bringing Kim face-to-face with the woman responsible for the death of Kim's little brother – her own mother. As the body count increases, Kim and her team unravel a web of dark secrets, bringing them closer to the killer. But one of their own could be in mortal danger. Only this time, Kim might not be strong enough to save them. A totally gripping thriller that will have you hooked from the very first page to the final, dramatic twist. What readers are saying about *Blood Lines*: "My heart didn't beat right the whole way through this one! I actually had to read this on the floor as the edge of my seat was too uncomfortable! It is a real rollercoaster of a ride – this is one book you do NOT want to miss!" – *Emma the Little Book Worm* (5*) "With no let up in pace, the author doesn't give you time to catch your breath before she hits you with another shocking twist. I can honestly say *Blood Lines* kept me guessing right up to the last nail biting chapter, don't you just love it when a book does that?" – *The Book Review Caf* (5*) "this character is the best nemesis to any character since Hannibal Lecter tormented Clarice Starling – the Detective Inspector Kim Stone books are nothing short of brilliant." – *Nigel Adams Book Worm* (5*) "I love this series, and Angela Marsons has joined the ranks of authors I would drop anything else I was doing to read, and whose books I put on pre-order without even stopping to read the blurb." – *Jen Med* (5*) "Book Reviews (5*) "Gripping – so many twists and turns, as you try to fathom who is responsible for the murders; it's going to keep you guessing all the way through that's for sure! – fast paced with plenty of psychological mind games that will leave you reeling." – *Chapter In My Life* (5*) "It is a gripping, emotional and addictive read. My only concern is how the author is going to top this book as how can you improve on perfection itself? Outstanding!!! " – *By The Letter Book Reviews* (5*) "All the stars lighting a clear night sky are not enough to rate this book. Believe me! I just LOVE this author and LOVE Kim Stone!! I cannot recommend this series enough. If you haven't yet read any of Angela Marsons' books, you're seriously missing out." – *Relax and Read Book Reviews* (5*)

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Customer Reviews

I have been on the Angela Marsons band wagon since I read the 1st Kim Stone thriller. I have pre-ordered each book. Started reading it as soon as it was sent to my Kindle. Read each Kim Stone book straight through, without barely a blink of an eye. I had the blood shot eyes as proof. I didn't get very far in Blood Lines before I had to set it aside. When Alex Thorne made her appearance I started to feel such anxiety. I already read what her character was capable of. I know what she did to Kim. I got caught up in trying to envision where this was all going to lead. There was just no way to guess. My curiosity won out over anxiety. I picked the book back up and read straight through, like usual. Once again, Angela Marsons did not disappoint! I felt the anxiety seep off the page. My mind was boggled along with Kim, Bryant, Stace & Dawson. I missed the same things Kim did. They slipped right past my radar. Everything culminated to a truly thrilling end. As much as it feels like our favorite characters will move forward, it feels like some things came to an end. I just want to make it a point to say I LOVE BARNEY! Definitely read this series in order. Characters grow, they spill over from one book to the next and of course BARNEY has his origins story in there. It is a great series.

I have been an avid DI Kim Stone fan up to now. In the current installment the author has muddled what could have been an excellent police procedural not only with the ongoing saga of her schizophrenic mother but also an attempt at revenge by an incarcerated villain from a previous novel. I managed to slog through ten chapters before giving it up and skipping to the last few chapters to read the predictable resolution of the various cases and loose ends.

I bumped this up half a star. Angela Marsons' Kim Stone books are always a great read. I had some minor problems with this book and the previous, in that I found the character of Dr. Alex Thorne unrealistic. Her level of control and reach seemed exaggerated, even for a highly intelligent psychiatrist and sociopath. This book began slowly, and I wasn't really drawn in until the second half when the pieces began to come together -- after which I was turning pages as fast as I could read. Marsons has created a stable of interesting characters whose relationships are portrayed in a realistic manner (especially Kim's hang-ups and foibles). Her plots twist and progress with interesting turns that draw the reader in. I hope she is finished with the Dr. Thorne character, whom I found a comic book character -- pure evil and all powerful -- though Kim did defeat her in the end.

4 and 1 / 2 stars

DI Kim Stone and DS Bryant are called to the scene of a murder at 2 a.m. A woman named Deanna Brightman has been stabbed to death in her car. She worked at Children's Services. As the investigation begins, another voice from the past is back. Dr. Alexandra Thorne makes a comeback in this book and she's still up to her old tricks even though she is remanded to a fairly relaxed prison. Frustrated by what she sees as her attorney's lack of action in freeing her, she makes her own plan. And, of course, that plan involves manipulating DI Stone to insanity. She's having a grand old time in prison, manipulating the other prisoners and scheming. The investigation of Mrs. Brightman's death moves forward. Her husband seems truly upset, but her sister is more than a little off-putting. When another body is found in the woods, it steps up the investigation. Although nothing like Deanna Brightman, Maxine Wakeman has the same wound type and it looks to be the same weapon that killed her with a single stab wound. After speaking again to the part-time housekeeper of the Brightman's, Kim and her team just might have a potential suspect. After learning of the death of a seven-year old boy in the same manner, Kim and Bryant finally come up with the link they needed to move the case forward. After an exciting denouement, the killer is caught. The identity of the killer came as a complete surprise to me. This is a very well written and plotted novel. It starts out suspenseful which

gradually increases throughout the novel. I appreciate the way the team gets along. There were a few bumps within the team in this book, but it all was smoothed out in the end. Ms. Marsons is a remarkable author, and I can hardly wait until I dig into the next in this series.

Angela Marsons has developed a team of British detectives who are very believable. As I have read each book, I have "seen" the characters' personalities become more developed. I would like to learn more about Stacey. Although she plays a vital role in the investigations, I do not know her as well as the other three. The books are about solving each case, but they also contain the human element of the main characters. Each book may be read individually, but I have enjoyed reading them in order, I like knowing about the details of each case when they are referenced in other books. Also, knowing the characters and learning more about them in each sequential book makes each book more enjoyable to me. As I have read each of the five books, I have been transported to England. Although I am not familiar with any part of the country, I have my own scenes in my head from the author's descriptions. The amount of description is another part of the books that I really like. Angela, the author, does not bog the reader down with too much detail of the description but gives enough for the reader to be able to see the scene and fill in any needed details. These five thrillers are excellent. Each story line is believable and keeps the reader's attention throughout. I imagine some people read and try to solve and predict what will happen while others read for the enjoyment of the story and just like to read and discover the events as they unfold. I am avidly awaiting the next book to be published. I hope it will be soon.

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