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Lost Girls: A Fast Paced, Gripping Thriller Novel (Detective Kim Stone Crime Thriller Series Book 3)



Synopsis

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 D.I. Kim Stone and the squad. Seemingly outwitted at every turn, as they uncover a trail of bodies, Stone realises 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? The latest utterly addictive thriller from the No.1 bestseller Angela Marsons. A detective hiding dark secrets, Kim Stone will stop at nothing to protect the innocent. Watch out for more from D.I. Kim Stone: 1. SILENT SCREAM 2. EVIL GAMES 3. LOST GIRLS 4. PLAY DEAD

Read what reviewers are saying about Lost Girls: "Love it, love it, love it! If I could give this more than 5 stars I would. Suffice to say this is a 5+++++++ star read once again for me. The author has done it again, produced a story which kept me reading, in one sitting, until I reached the end. I would put this story alongside books from authors such as James Patterson. It has instantly gone to the top of my favourites list, as has the author." Fiona's Book Reviews "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 "Angela Marsons is rapidly becoming one of my favourite authors ever. Ever since I read the AMAZING Silent Scream, I have been addicted to her slick and compelling narratives. Compelling, addictive and frightening, Lost Girls is a book you can't afford to miss." A Bookseller Blabbering "For anyone new to Angela Marsons, where have you been? This is one author that stands out from the crowds. a corker of a book. It will keep you hooked and anxious until the last page." Bye the Crime "Oh my days... I didn't know this series could get any better, but this is by far my favourite so far. This book will certainly be in my top ten books of 2015. This was an absolutely brilliant read. Angela, I don't know how you do it, but by God please keep doing it." I Love Reading "Another superb, thrilling novel by Angela Marsons. This lady absolutely rocks, and every book keeps getting better and better!" Reading Corner for Book Lovers "Wow, I didn't think Angela Marsons' DI Kim Stone series could get any better, but she has really outdone herself here. A fabulous and fast paced thriller with twists and turns galore. Once

started I could not put it down until the last page had been turned â | I don't give books a 5 star rating unless they have that special something that blows me away, but 'Lost Girls' was a very easy 5 stars for me.â™ Cal Turnerâ™s Book Reviewsâ^Lost Girls kept me up late into the night as I just couldn't bear to put it down. Angela Marsons has written a tightly woven thriller, that will keep the reader riveted to the last page.â™ The Book Review CafÃ©

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Customer Reviews

This is the third book in the series that I've read and, while I've enjoyed all three, I thought this was the weakest so far. I really liked the second book and thought the author took two steps forward from the first book. The writing was more polished and the characters had more depth.

Unfortunately, that was not the case with "Lost Girls." The writing was not as good - numerous times words and phrases were overused - and the character development was not what I expected after reading "Evil Games." DI Stone came off as just angry and harsh. I saw another review where someone said DI Stone needed to "lighten up." I tend to agree. I plan to continue with the series and move on to "Play Dead" with the hopes that Ms Marsons takes another two steps forward. Merrill HeathAuthor of "Timebox" and the Alec Stover Mysteries

A crime thriller about a case of double child kidnapping that presents a different dynamic of a police investigation. The author weaves numerous scenarios into the investigation dynamic that both the reader and Kim's team are required to wade through as they try and solve the crime and bring the children home. Ms. Marsons does a very good job of taking the reader on a journey through a crime investigation filled with complications (as seen through Kim's eyes), team dynamics (two new members) and crime solution intrigue (why a double kidnapping?). The third book in the DI Kim Stone series starts with the kidnapping of two young girls, childhood friends Charlie Timmons and Amy Hanson. With the exception of the above, I prefer to let Ms. Marsons take the reader on a journey through the scenarios. Ms. Marsons exposes more of Kim's childhood history, adds two new members to Kim's team dynamic and adds a twist to what starts out as a conventional child kidnapping (if child kidnapping can be termed conventional). The journey is fast paced, intriguing, emotional (good and bad) and builds to a conclusion that allows the reader to use their imagination (Kim with a social life??). At the end of the book "Evil Games", the reader is left to wonder about the personal security of Kim's emotional building blocks. Compared to "Evil Games", this book does little to satisfy the readers appetite for more of "Who is Kim?". What this book does do is present a unique child kidnapping scenario and adds to Kim's team dynamic. The readers' imagination is tweaked and we are left with "What is next?" and asking for more. A really good read, highly recommended and I eagerly await the next installment.

Although the author seems to have thoroughly researched police procedures, she is woefully misinformed on the training and mindset of active and former service members. Otherwise, the book is as promised. Excerpt in question: "It's well documented that until recently the most effective weapon in the armed forces was hate. Soldiers were instilled with hatred towards the enemy, to remove the inhibitions of taking a life. If you hate the owner of that life it is easier to destroy. Rage and aggression are the staples of military life but to produce an effective killing machine you have to dehumanise it. You have to remove empathy, understanding, forgiveness. Otherwise an enemy pleading for his life might garner a moment's hesitation, which is long enough to get control of a weapon and kill an entire squad. It's all very clever until the soldier is released back into society. The mind-set instilled is not a temporary state. It's an altered set of beliefs. But suddenly, where is the enemy? Where is the guidance? Where is the rest of the team united in one clear goal? Society then tells soldiers that what they did was wrong. Violence is wrong, killing is wrong. You can't just suddenly wipe a mind clear because you now want

that person to exist in a "normal" society. The hatred doesn't go away. It just has no clear target. Believe it, or not, soldiers are not brainwashed and filled with rage, do not relish the taking of life, generally reintegrate into society quite well, and are trained to capture the enemy whenever feasible. A soldier who killed an unarmed enemy combatant pleading for his life would be tried for murder.

Compelling, gripping, pulse pounding. Reading faster and faster with excitement I had to backtrack and catch up more than once. Angela Marsons has researched every nuance of this book - and her others that I have read so far, too. Exciting and satisfying. One of my criteria for a good read is feeling sad when there are no more pages to turn. I will read them all and tell my friends. (This page lists my husband as the poster but it is my account - Beverle Sweitzer - and I don't know how to correct that but I wanted the reader and the writer to know how much I love these books!)

Wow...Just Wow! I have read each book in this series and they just get better with each book. Did I say wow? Lost Girls grabbed me and dragged me (willingly of course) into non-stop suspense. Two girls are kidnapped and D.I. Kim Stone gets the case dealing with not only trying to find the girls but the dynamics of two families pitted against each other in the struggle to save their children. The twists and turns kept me guessing, and yes hoping until the very end. This is a great series. All I can say is on to the next book by Angela Marsons, one of my favorite authors.

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