

## *Splinter The Silence Tony Hill And Carol Jordan Book 9*

A thrilling new novel from one of the world's most celebrated crime writers proves that the past can never stay buried... Val McDermid is the queen of psychological suspense and the #1 bestselling author of *The Retribution*, *Cross and Burn* and *The Vanishing Point*, among many others. Her newest masterpiece of suspense begins in Edinburgh with the discovery of a skeleton. Investigators are shocked to find this is not the result of a recent crime but in fact a death that has remained hidden and unknown for several decades. The stakes rise when unexpected connections to the Croatian military are uncovered. When evil has no borders and the past refuses to stay in the past, everyone involved is placed into new and unforeseen danger. Told with Val McDermid's signature brilliance and panache, *The Skeleton Road* is sure to have readers on the edge of their seats and glued to the pages long into the night. Praise for Val McDermid "She's the best we've got." -New York Times "Val McDermid has become our leading pathologist of everyday evil. . . . The subtle

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orchestration of terror is masterful.”

—The Guardian “One of the world's leading mystery writers . . . Thomas Harris crossed with Agatha Christie, if you will... a great read.” —Observer

Provides interviews and accounts of the experiences, techniques, and occasional adventures of women private investigators working in Great Britain and the United States.

When Amber Blackwood's best friend Melanie is found dead, clutching a vial of headache tonic from Amber's curiosity shop, Amber becomes the prime suspect. Determined to find justice for her friend and to clear her own name, she must use her witchy gifts to track down Melanie's real killer.

Across the country, dozens of teenage girls have vanished. Authorities are convinced they're runaways with just the bad luck of the draw to connect them. It's the job of criminal profilers Dr. Tony Hill and Carol Jordan to look for a pattern. They've spent years exploring the psyches of madmen. But sane men kill, too. And when they hide in plain sight, they can be difficult to find... He's handsome and talented, rich and famous—a notorious charmer with the power to seduce...and the will to destroy. No one can believe what

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he's capable of. No one can imagine what he's already done. And no one can fathom what he's about to do next. Until one of Hill's students is murdered--the first move in a sick and violent game for three players. Now, of all the killers Hill and Jordan have hunted, none has been so ruthless, so terrifyingly clever, and so brilliantly elusive as the killer who's hunting them... Val McDermid's *The Wire in the Blood* is "A superb psychological thriller" (Cosmopolitan).

### **Insidious Intent**

**An unmissable thriller from the international bestseller**

### **Broken Ground**

**The Tony Hill and Carol Jordan Series, 1-4  
Pawsitively Poisonous**

Mapping the minds of murderers is what Dr. Tony Hill does better than anyone. So when a twisted killer starts targeting psychologists across Northern Europe, Hill is the obvious choice to track the executioner's mental and physical journey. Except that Tony, still bearing the scars of past cases, doesn't want to do this anymore. But the killer is about to strike uncomfortably close to home. The next victim is a friend and colleague. And Tony's former partner, Detective Carol Jordan, is directly in the murderer's path, working undercover in a world where human life means less than the smallest drug deal. She needs Tony's help as much as the beleaguered European police officials do. Now the danger is closing in. Confronting the worst of modern crime and struggling to unravel roots that lie deep in the tormented past of Nazi atrocities and Stasi abuses, Tony and Carol are forced to battle for survival against

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overwhelming odds. In this morass of double-cross and double-dealing, they have no one to trust but each other. Deftly merging the dark terrain of forensic psychology with the brooding, crime-streaked world of post-Cold War Europe, Val McDermid's *The Last Temptation* is an unrivaled tour de force that takes Tony Hill further into the mind of a killer than he's ever dared to go before.

Pre-order Val McDermid's masterful new thriller, 1989, now! 'It grabs the reader by the throat and never lets go' *Daily Mail*

'Incredibly suspenseful' *Sunday Mirror* \_\_\_\_\_ 'There are lots of things that ran in families, but murder wasn't one of them . . .'

When a teenage joyrider crashes a stolen car and ends up in a coma, a routine DNA test could be the key to unlocking the mystery of a twenty-year-old murder inquiry. Detective Chief Inspector Karen Pirie is an expert at solving the unsolvable. With each cold case closed, justice is served. So, finding the answer should be straightforward, but it's as twisted as the DNA helix itself.

Meanwhile Karen finds herself irresistibly drawn to another case, one that she has no business investigating. And as she pieces together decades-old evidence, Karen discovers the most dangerous kinds of secrets. Secrets that someone is willing to kill for . . . An atmospheric, gripping mystery from the number one bestseller.

\_\_\_\_\_ Praise for Val McDermid: 'Brilliant . . . Sensational . . .

Unforgettable' *Guardian* 'Compulsively readable' *Irish Times* 'As good a psychological thriller as it is possible to get' *Sunday Express* This is the fourth book in the bestselling Karen Pirie series.

From the author of the #1 bestsellers *The Retribution* and *The Skeleton Road*: the next novel in internationally renowned crime writer Val McDermid's hugely successful Tony Hill and Carol Jordan series, centered on a series of high-profile "suicides" of outspoken women who were the targets of vicious cyberbullying up until their deaths. Widely recognized as one of our finest crime writers, with numerous accolades and legions of devoted readers worldwide, Val McDermid is back with the latest installment in her much beloved series featuring psychologist Tony Hill and former

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police detective Carol Jordan. *Splinter the Silence* is an adrenaline-fueled roller coaster guaranteed to keep you on the edge of your seat: a masterful novel centered on the mysterious deaths of several women who were the victims of vicious cyberbullying. Is it violence if it's virtual? The outspoken women targeted by the increasingly cruel Internet trolls and bullies would probably say so. For some of them, the torrents of bile and vicious threats prove too much. They begin to silence themselves in a series of high-profile suicides. Or do they? Tony Hill isn't convinced. But he's the only one. Former cop Carol Jordan is too busy messing up her life to care. Until she gets an unexpected second chance. Now it's game on, and the stakes have never been higher. Unpredictable and unputdownable, *Splinter the Silence* is a must-read that cements Val McDermid's place as one of the best crime writers in the business.

Unmarked graves are found on the grounds of an old orphanage in this "riveting" British crime thriller by an Edgar Award finalist (Publishers Weekly, starred review). With profiler Tony Hill behind bars and Carol Jordan no longer with the police, he's finding unexpected outlets for his talents in jail and she's joined forces with a group of lawyers and forensics experts looking into suspected miscarriages of justice. But they're doing it without each other; being in the same room at visiting hour is too painful to contemplate. Meanwhile, construction is suddenly halted on the redevelopment of an orphanage after dozens of skeletons are found buried at the site. Forensic examination reveals they date from between twenty and forty years ago, when the nuns were running their repressive regime. But then a different set of skeletons is discovered in a far corner—young men from as recent as ten years ago. When newly promoted DI Paula McIntyre discovers that one of the male skeletons is that of a killer who is supposedly alive and behind bars—and the subject of one of Carol's miscarriage investigations—it brings Tony and Carol irresistibly into each other's orbit once again in this masterfully plotted novel by "the queen of psychological thrillers" (Irish Independent).

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Kick Back

Jesus Baptises in one Holy Spirit

Report for Murder

Resistance

How the Dead Speak

***The Number One bestselling crime series featuring Dr Tony Hill, hero of TV's Wire in the Blood. The award-winning Val McDermid is at the height of her powers in this tense masterclass in psychological suspense.***

***From internationally bestselling author Val McDermid comes a propulsive new Karen Pirie thriller that delves into a historic missing persons case, fake identities, and art forgery.***

***When clinical psychiatrist Charlie Flint is sent a mysterious package of press cuttings about a brutal murder, it instantly grabs her attention. The murder occurred on the grounds of her old Oxford college—a groom battered to death just hours after his wedding. As Charlie delves back into the closeted, mysterious world that is academic life at Oxford, every step she takes toward the truth is a step closer to danger.***

***He was a clinical psychologist who specialized in unraveling the motivations of the twisted killers who wanted to express themselves again and again. She was the kind of detective for whom justice matters more than any other consideration... In this short story from the thrilling anthology MatchUp, bestselling authors Val McDermid and Peter James—along with their popular series characters Tony Hill and Roy Grace—team up for the first time ever.***

***The Wire in the Blood***

***The Vanishing Point***

***Inside the World of Women Private Eyes***

***Northanger Abbey***

***A mysterious illness appears in Scotland while a reporter***

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*searches for the truth in this graphic novel by the bestselling author of the Karen Pirie series. The first graphic novel from Britain's "Queen of Crime" (Scotsman) and gorgeously illustrated by up-and-comer Kathryn Briggs, Resistance is a chilling but incredibly moving and inspiring story of individuals pressed to rise above their station, first to nail down the truth of a looming pandemic, and later to try to fight it. Journalist Zoe Meadows has taken a break from hard-hitting investigative reporting to spend more time with her family, which is how she finds herself doing celebrity Q&As at an outdoor music festival near the Scottish border. She and her friends, who run a food truck, head north, along with 150,000 festivalgoers for a weekend of music and camping. Then, some of the food truck's customers begin to fall ill, and many point to food poisoning. But when the festival ends and the attendees scatter across England, more people begin to get sick and die. What's worse, it is spreading fast and baffles doctors, resisting all efforts to contain or cure it. With time running out, Zoe is compelled to fight for the truth, even as she loses that which she holds most dear. Please note this thriller is in graphic novel, or comic book, format. Praise for International #1 Bestselling Author Val McDermid "Fascinating . . . Val McDermid is one of the most skilled of crime writers and she has gone a step beyond killing by writing with crisp authority on the facts that lie behind gruesome events." —Washington Times on Forensics "McDermid continues to dazzle us with the range and depth of her creative imagination." —New York Times bestselling author Sara Paretsky*

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*The NIV Bible In One Year is a popular daily Bible reading programme which makes it simple to read through the whole Bible in 365 days. It splits up the Bible into daily readings, with an Old Testament, New Testament and Psalm or Proverbs excerpt for each day of the year. It is ideal for personal devotions or to read as a community and will only take you fifteen minutes a day. This edition has an easy-to-read layout with extra-wide, lined margins, and thicker Bible paper for notes and journalling. At the beginning of the Bible there is a Bible timeline and an overview of Bible books and genres. A ribbon marker is included to help keep your place. The text size is 7.25pt. The sequence of Bible readings matches that of Alpha pioneer and HTB vicar, Nicky Gumbel's Bible in One Year app, in which Nicky provides daily commentary on the chosen passages, accompanied by prayers. Why not make 2019 the year you read the Bible from beginning to end - this elegant volume will help you do just that.*

*A Scottish police inspector deals with forgeries and false identities in a new murder mystery in the “superior series” (The New York Times). When a lobster fisherman discovers a dead body in Scotland’s Firth of Forth, DCI Karen Pirie is called into investigate. She quickly discovers that the case will require untangling a complicated web—involving a long-ago disappearance, art forgery, and secret identities—that seems to surround a painter who can mimic anyone from Holbein to Hockney. Meanwhile, a traffic accident leads to the discovery of a skeleton in a suburban garage. Karen has a full plate, and it only gets more stressful as the man*

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*responsible for the death of the love of her life is scheduled for release from prison, reopening old wounds just as she was getting back on her feet. From a Diamond Dagger Award winner and multiple Edgar Award finalist, Still Life is a tightly plotted mystery featuring an investigator “whose unwavering confidence is tempered by a strong dose of kindness and sense of justice” (Booklist). “There are few other crime writers in the same league.”—Maureen Corrigan, The Washington Post*

*A chilling, high-velocity thriller featuring psychologist Dr. Tony Hill and detective Carol Jordan from the international bestselling crime writer. Tony Hill has had a good run. He and detective Carol Jordan have put away scores of dangerous criminals at a rate that colleagues envy. But there is one serial killer who has shaped and defined their careers, and whose evil surpasses all others: Jacko Vance, ex-celebrity and sociopath whose brilliance and utter lack of remorse have never left Tony’s mind in the ten years since his imprisonment. Now Jacko has escaped from prison—even more twisted and cunning than before, he is focused on wreaking revenge on Tony and Carol for his years spent behind bars. Tony and Carol don’t know when Jacko will strike, or where. All they know is that Jacko will cause them to feel fear like they’ve never known. An utterly gripping tour de force, The Retribution is the ideal introduction or re-introduction to the world of Tony Hill and Carol Jordan. It is an unforgettable read. “I love every word Val McDermid writes. If you haven’t discovered her genius yet, you are in for a rare treat.” —Harlan Coben*

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*The Last Temptation  
Beneath the Bleeding*

*The Retribution*

1979

*The Torment of Others*

Investigating the discovery of a murdered child on a demolition site, pregnant archaeologist Ruth Galloway teams up with Detective Harry Nelson to discern the victim's identity before realizing that she is being targeted by a dangerous assailant. By the author of *The Crossing Places*. A killer is on the loose, blurring the line between fact and fiction. His prey - the writers of crime novels who have turned psychological profilers into the heroes of the nineties. But this killer is like no other. His bloodlust shatters all the conventional wisdom surrounding the motives and mechanics of how serial killers operate. And for one woman, the desperate hunt to uncover his identity becomes a matter of life and death. Professor Fiona Cameron is an academic psychologist who uses computer technology to help police forces track serial offenders. She used to help the Met, but vowed never to work for them again when they went against her advice and subsequently botched an investigation. Still smarting from the experience, she's working a case in Toledo when her lover, thriller writer Kit Martin, tells her a fellow crime novelist has been murdered. It's not her case, but Fiona can't help taking an interest. When the killer strikes again Fiona finds herself caught in a race against time - not only to save a life but also to find redemption, both personal and professional. Rich in atmosphere, Val McDermid's *Killing the Shadows* uses the backdrops of city and country to create an air of threatening menace, culminating in a tense confrontation between hunter and hunted, a confrontation that can have only one

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outcome.

A Scottish journalist is drawn into a world of corruption, terror, and murder in the new novel by “ one of crime fiction ’ s most eminent writers ” (Entertainment Weekly). The year started badly and only got worse—blizzards, strikes, power cuts, and political unrest were the norm. For investigative journalist Allie Burns, however, someone else ’ s bad news was the unmistakable sound of opportunity knocking, and 1979 is ripe with possibilities. But Allie is a woman in what is still a man ’ s world. Desperate to get away from the “ women's stories ” the Glasgow desk keeps assigning her, she strikes up an alliance with wannabe investigative journalist Danny Sullivan. From the start, their stories create enemies. First an international tax fraud, then a potential Scottish terrorist group aiming to cause mayhem ahead of an impending referendum. And then Danny is found murdered in his flat. For Allie, investigative journalism just got personal. The debut of an intense new series, 1979 is an atmospheric journey into the past with intriguing insight into the present, from a Diamond Dagger winner and multiple Edgar Award finalist. “ The queen of psychological thrillers. ” —Irish Independent “ There are few other crime writers in the same league. ” —The Washington Post

'One of the most surprising twists you'll read this year. Outstanding' Irish Independent 'Engrossing . . . a colossal reminder of just why McDermid has been the queen of crime for three decades' Heat 'Murdered people don't kill themselves . . .' A quiet night on a country road. The stillness shattered by a car engulfed in flames, and a burned body discovered in the driver's seat. As the investigation unfolds, DCI Carol Jordan and psychological profiler Tony Hill quickly realise that this is more than just a tragic accident. And so begins the hunt for a truly terrifying killer, someone who

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believes he is invisible, untraceable and untouchable. As other victims are found to have met the same terrible fate, and with more women at risk, Tony and Carol are drawn into a dark and twisted web of fear and revenge that will force them to question their own ideas of justice . . . A pulse-pounding mystery from the number one bestseller. If you enjoyed *Insidious Intent*, don't miss the first in a new series from the Queen of Crime. 1979 is out now, introducing the unforgettable Allie Burns. \_\_\_\_\_ Praise for Queen of Crime Val McDermid: 'It grabs the reader by the throat and never lets go' *Daily Mail* 'So gripping it puts your life on hold' *The Times* 'As good a psychological thriller as it is possible to get' *Sunday Express* 'One of today's most accomplished crime writers' *Literary Review* 'McDermid remains unrivalled' *Observer* 'No one can tell a story like she can' *Daily Express*

Still Life

A Beanie and Cruiser Mystery, Introducing Calamity,  
Cruiser's Canine Partner in Crime

A Karen Pirie Novel

Trick Of The Dark

Stranded

**For the most part, the church has been silent about Jesus' role as baptiser in the Spirit, though John declared this to be the principal contribution of his Messianic ministry. Through exploration of the relevant scriptures of both Old and New Testaments, David Pawson describes eight essential elements in Spirit baptism. Mapping the minds of murderers is what Dr. Tony Hill does better than anyone in this award-winning series *The Washington Post***

**calls "ambitious" "bone chilling." This Val McDermid collection of the Dr. Tony Hill & Carol Jordan Mysteries includes: The Mermaids Singing The bodies of four men have been discovered in the town of Bradfield. Enlisted to investigate is criminal psychologist Tony Hill. Even for a seasoned professional, the series of mutilation sex murders is unlike anything he's encountered before. But profiling the psychopath is not beyond him. Hill's own past has made him the perfect man to comprehend the killer's motives. It's also made him the perfect victim. The Wire in the Blood Across the country, dozens of teenage girls have vanished. Authorities are convinced they're runaways with just the bad luck of the draw to connect them. It's the job of criminal profilers Dr. Tony Hill and Carol Jordan to look for a pattern. They've spent years exploring the psyches of madmen. But sane men kill, too. And when they hide in plain sight, they can be difficult to find... The Last Temptation when a twisted killer starts targeting psychologists across Northern Europe, Hill is the obvious choice to track the executioner's mental and physical journey. But the killer is about to strike uncomfortably close to home. The next victim is a friend and colleague. And Tony's former partner, Detective Carol Jordan, is**

**directly in the murderer's path... The Torment of Others** In a small grim room, the body of a woman is discovered, panic and pain etched in her face. The scene matches in every detail a series of murders two years ago—murders that ended when irrefutable forensic evidence secured the conviction of a deeply disturbed young man named Derek Tyler. But there's no way Tyler could have killed the latest victim. He's been locked up in a mental institution since his trial, barely speaking a word. So is there a copycat?

A modern retelling of Jane Austen's classic novel finds bookish minister's daughter Cat Morland joining her well-to-do friends in Edinburgh and falling for an up-and-coming lawyer who may harbor unsettling secrets. A woman digs up a buried treasure—and a buried body—in the Scottish Highlands: “There are few other crime writers in the same league.”—Maureen Corrigan, *The Washington Post*

Six feet under in a Highland peat bog lies Alice Somerville's inheritance, buried by her grandfather at the end of World War II. But when Alice finally uncovers it, she finds an unwanted surprise—a body with a bullet hole between the eyes. Meanwhile, DCI Karen Pirie is dealing not only with this cold case but with a domestic violence case, and as she gets closer to the truth, it becomes clear that not

**everyone shares her desire for justice. Or even the idea of what justice is. An engrossing, twisty thriller, Broken Ground is an outstanding entry in this Diamond Dagger-winning author's "superior series" (The New York Times Book Review). "As always, McDermid's story lines are as richly layered as her protagonist."—Publishers Weekly "One of the best things about this series is the details of Karen's working life, the obstacles as well as the satisfactions, and the small pleasures of her off hours."—Kirkus Reviews**

**A Tony Hill Novel**

**A Suitable Job for a Woman**

**The Distant Echo**

**The Mermaids Singing**

**Out of Bounds**

**"McDermid is as smooth a practitioner of crime fiction as anyone out there...She's the best we've got." —New York Times Book Review Scottish writer Val McDermid is one of the most respected authors at the scene of the crime, and Fever of the Bone offers a bravura display of her exceptional storytelling talents. Criminal profiler Tony Hill and his ally Detective Chief Inspector Carol Jordan are back in this terrifying psychological thriller,**

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tracking down a brutal killer who's targeting a group of young people through a social networking site. A winner of the Gold Dagger Award, a Los Angeles Times Book Prize, and an Edgar® Award nominee—a New York Times Notable author whose writing Entertainment Weekly calls, “smooth, confident, deeply satisfying,”—Val McDermid is a crime fiction force of nature. And *Fever of the Bone* is among her best. “Marked by [McDermid’s] trademark stunners, including a climax that packs a vicious punch. And readers are again left to marvel at her ingenuity.” —Jay Strafford, *Richmond Times-Dispatch* From one of the finest crime writers we have, *The Vanishing Point* kicks off with a nightmare scenario—the abduction of a child in an international airport. Stephanie Harker is in the screening booth at airport security, separated from Jimmy Higgins, the five-year-old boy she’s in the process of adopting, when a man in a TSA uniform leads the boy away. The more Stephanie sounds the alarm, the more the security agents suspect her, and the further away the kidnapper gets. It soon becomes

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apparent that nothing in this situation is clear-cut. For starters, Jimmy's birth mother was a celebrity—living in a world where conspiracy and obfuscation are excused for the sake of column inches. And then there are the bad boys in both women's pasts. As FBI agent Vivian McKuras and Scotland Yard Detective Nick Nicolaides investigate on both sides of the pond, Stephanie learns just how deep a parent's fear can reach. And the horrifying reality is that she has good reason to be afraid—for reasons she never saw coming. "[McDermid's] work is taut, psychologically complex and so gripping that it puts your life on hold." —The Times (London)

As New York Times bestseller Ann Cleeves' popularity explodes in print and on TV, this gripping e-short, "Frozen," will introduce readers to the inimitable DI Vera Stanhope. For once, Detective Inspector Vera Stanhope is managing to have a good day off. Strolling around town, she ducks into a new bookshop in a renovated chapel. But just as she does, a skeleton is discovered in the old baptismal font.

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Soon, a decade old mystery is revived, and Vera must uncover secrets long buried before this case once again goes cold.

Detective Chief Inspector Carol Jordan turns to clinical psychologist Dr. Tony Hill to help solve the grotesque murder of a prostitute, a crime that bears a striking resemblance to an earlier series of solved crimes.

**Frozen**

**Splinter the Silence**

**The Mermaids Singing, The Wire in the Blood, The last Temptation, The Torment of Others,**

**A Graphic Novel**

**Cross and Burn**

First in the popular series featuring Lindsay Gordon, a self-proclaimed 'cynical socialist lesbian feminist journalist' with a penchant for hanging around police interrogation rooms under suspicion of some crime or other. Freelance journalist Lindsay Gordon is strapped for cash. Why else would she agree to cover a fund-raising gala at a girls' public school? But when the star attraction is found garrotted with her own cello string minutes before she is due on stage, Lindsay finds herself investigating a vicious murder. Who would have wanted Lorna Smith Cooper dead? Who had the key to the locked room

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in which her body was found? And who could have slipped out of the hall at just the right time to commit this calculated and cold-blooded crime?

A brace of basset hounds brings joy and chaos to a writer's life. Widowed Beanie MacBean fosters homeless basset hounds from South Lake Tahoe's Lakeside Animal Shelter. Unfortunately, the shelter is managed by Rhoda Marx, a woman who'd rather euthanize the hapless strays as quickly as possible than try to find them homes. When Beanie goes to pick up her foster Calamity to join her own basset, Cruiser, she discovers Rhoda's dead body in the euthanasia chamber.

The first in a new series from author of the 'Crownier John' books - 1955. Forensic pathologist Richard Pryor uses his 'golden handshake' to set up in private practice with scientist Angela Bray. A friendly coroner gives them a start, and when two women both claim that human remains found near a reservoir are their relatives, the dilemma is given to them to investigate. Written by a former Home Office pathologist, the story carries the stamp of forensic authenticity.

Manchester's answer to Kinsey Millhone investigates what happens when an Englishman's home is not

NIV Journalling Bible in One Year

Killing the Shadows

The Janus Stone

Footloose

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### Where Death Delights

Psychologist Tony Hill and ex-DCI Carol Jordan—the UK crime fighting partners from the TV series *Wire in the Blood*—face down a serial killer. International bestselling crime writer Val McDermid's work speaks for itself: her books have sold millions of copies worldwide, won numerous accolades, and attracted a devoted following of readers around the globe. *Cross and Burn* picks up where *The Retribution* left off: following the best crime-fighting team in the UK—clinical psychologist Tony Hill and police detective Carol Jordan—who when we last saw them were barely speaking, and whose relationship will now be challenged even further. But just because they're not talking doesn't mean the killing stops. Women are being murdered—ones who bear an unsettling resemblance to Carol Jordan. And when the evidence begins to point in a disturbing direction, thinking the unthinkable seems the only possible answer. Cornered by events, Tony and Carol are forced to fight for themselves and each other as never before. “McDermid is as smooth a practitioner of crime fiction as anyone out there . . . She's the best we've got.” —*The New York Times Book Review*

Bestselling, award-winning author Val McDermid delivers her most stunning story yet in *The Distant Echo*—an intricate, thought-provoking tale of murder and revenge. Four in the morning, mid-December, and snow blankets St. Andrews School.

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Student Alex Gilbery and his three best friends are staggering home from a party when they stumble upon the body of a young woman. Rosie Duff has been raped, stabbed and left for dead in the ancient Pictish cemetery. The only suspects are the four young students stained with her blood. Twenty-five years later, police mount a cold case review. Among the unsolved murders they're examining is that of Rosie Duff. But someone else has his own idea of justice. One of the original quartet dies in a suspicious house fire and soon after, a second is killed. Alex fears the worst. Someone is taking revenge for Rosie Duff. And it might just save his life if he can uncover who really killed Rosie all those years ago.

A must-read collection of stories by Scottish crime writer Val McDermid, “one of the bright lights of the mystery field” (The Washington Post). Val McDermid’s novels have won the Los Angeles Times Book of the Year Award and the Crime Writers’ Association’s Gold Dagger and Cartier Diamond Dagger Award for outstanding achievement. Enjoyed by millions of fans worldwide, her intelligent, incisive crime fiction showcases the best and worst of human nature. Here it is now, distilled into a superb collection of nineteen nail-biting, perfectly plotted short stories, including two featuring private eye Kate Brannigan and a foreword by Ian Rankin. “McDermid is as smooth a practitioner of crime fiction as anyone out there . . . She’s the best we’ve got.” —The New

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### York Times Book Review

The bestselling “ Queen of Crime reigns again ” when a profiler and an ex-cop investigate the suspicious deaths of women targeted by Internet trolls (Independent, UK). From the international bestselling author of *The Mermaids Singing* and *The Wire in the Blood* comes the ninth installment of her beloved series featuring psychologist Tony Hill and former DCI Carol Jordan . . . Vicious online attacks seem to be driving outspoken women to silence themselves through suicide. Yet for profiler Tony Hill, who knows a thing or two about patterns in human behavior, something doesn ’ t add up. Carol Jordan, meanwhile, is too busy tackling her own demons to think about a potential serial killer. But when she gets an opportunity for a second chance, it ’ s game on. This time around, though, the stakes have never been higher. One of the *Boston Globe ’ s Best Books of 2015*

A Novel

The Naming of the Dead

A Place of Execution

The Skeleton Road

Braced for Murder

The leaders of the free world descend on Scotland for an international conference, and every cop in the country is needed for front-line duty...except one. John Rebus's reputation precedes him, and his bosses don't want him anywhere near Presidents Bush and Putin, which explains why he's manning an abandoned police

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station when a call comes in. During a preconference dinner at Edinburgh Castle, a delegate has fallen to his death. Accident, suicide, or something altogether more sinister? And is it linked to a grisly find close to the site of the gathering? Are the world's most powerful men at risk from a killer? While the government and secret services attempt to hush the whole thing up, Rebus knows he has only seventy-two hours to find the answers.

This was the summer he discovered what he wanted--at a gruesome museum of criminology far off the beaten track of more timid tourists. Visions of torture inspired his fantasies like a muse. It would prove so terribly fulfilling. The bodies of four men have been discovered in the town of Bradfield. Enlisted to investigate is criminal psychologist Tony Hill. Even for a seasoned professional, the series of mutilation sex murders is unlike anything he's encountered before. But profiling the psychopath is not beyond him. Hill's own past has made him the perfect man to comprehend the killer's motives. It's also made him the perfect victim. A game has begun for the hunter and the hunted. But as Hill confronts his own hidden demons, he must also come face-to-face with an evil so profound he may not have the courage--or the power--to stop it... The Mermaids Singing is a chilling and taut psychological mystery from Val McDermid.

Dr. Tony Hill and Detective Chief Inspector Carol

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Jordan return in the award-winning series that is the basis for the BBC television show. In a small grim room, the body of a woman is discovered, panic and pain etched in her face. The scene matches in every detail a series of murders two years ago-murders that ended when irrefutable forensic evidence secured the conviction of a deeply disturbed young man named Derek Tyler. But there's no way Tyler could have killed the latest victim. He's been locked up in a mental institution since his trial, barely speaking a word. So is there a copycat? All his years of experience tell top criminal psychologist Dr. Tony Hill that there isn't-but that would make the murders literally impossible. While Hill tries to crack Tyler, DCI Carol Jordan and her team must mount a desperate undercover operation to trap the murderer-a decision that will have terrible consequences. In *The Torment of Others*, Val McDermid keeps the tension mounting, as a mixture of psychological insight and dogged detective work leads inexorably to a terrifying climax where Tony faces one of the most perverse killers he has ever encountered. Winter 1963: two children have disappeared off the streets of Manchester; the murderous careers of Myra Hindley and Ian Brady have begun. On a freezing day in December, another child goes missing: thirteen-year-old Alison Carter vanishes from her town, an insular community that distrusts the outside world. For

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the young George Bennett, a newly promoted inspector, it is the beginning of his most difficult and harrowing case: a murder with no body, an investigation with more dead ends and closed faces than he'd have found in the anonymity of the inner city, and an outcome which reverberates through the years. Decades later he finally tells his story to journalist Catherine Heathcote, but just when the book is poised for publication, Bennett unaccountably tries to pull the plug. He has new information which he refuses to divulge, new information that threatens the very foundations of his existence. Catherine is forced to re-investigate the past, with results that turn the world upside down. A Greek tragedy in modern England, Val McDermid's *A Place of Execution* is a taut psychological thriller that explores, exposes and explodes the border between reality and illusion in a multi-layered narrative that turns expectations on their head and reminds us that what we know is what we do not know. *A Place of Execution* is winner of the 2000 Los Angeles Times Book Prize and a 2001 Edgar Award Nominee for Best Novel.

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