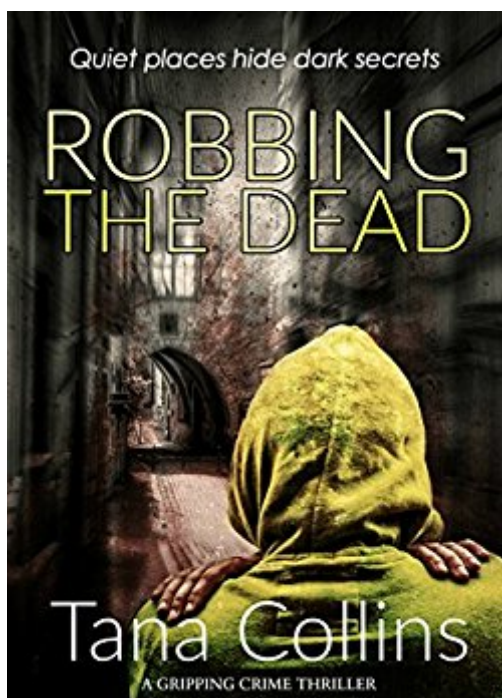


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Robbing The Dead (Inspector Jim Carruthers Book 1)



Synopsis

Robbing the Dead: an edge of your seat crime thriller
In a small Scottish university town, what links a spate of horrible murders, a targeted bomb explosion and a lecturer's disappearance? Is a terror group involved? If so, who is pulling the strings? And what does something that happened over forty years ago have to do with it? Having recently returned to Castletown in the hope of winning back his estranged wife, DCI Jim Carruthers finds himself up to his eyes in the investigation. Struggling with a very different personal problem, DS Andrea Fetcher assists Jim in the hunt for the murderous perpetrators. To prevent further violence they must find the answers quickly. But will Jim's old adversary, terror expert McGhee, be a help or a hindrance? The first in a new series featuring DCI Jim Carruthers. Also available in the Inspector Jim Carruthers series: Care to Die

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Customer Reviews

I decided it was time to go outside my reading box and pick up something a little different. I saw this brand new little Scottish gem with only 4 reviews critiqued on one of my favorite blogs, and it looked like a good candidate for my mission. The blurb mentions terrorists and bombs, subjects that do not

attract me to a book. It is a police procedural though, my favorite type of read, so I decided to dive in and give it a go. The story kicks off with a bang when a young man is brutally murdered in the streets by an assailant that he seems to know and is very surprised to see. The scene shifts to the police where we are introduced to DCI Jim Carruthers and his team. I was immediately drawn to Jim and one of his colleagues DS Andie Fletcher. With those two mega-positives right off the bat, I figured I could maybe survive explosions and subversives. Surprisingly, I really became engrossed in this story, bombs and all. I even learned a lot about the history of Welsh nationalists and the IRA, which was really quite intriguing. We have two story threads involving the initial murder of the young man and the blowing up of a car park at a local university. Are these events related? If so, how? These cases prove most difficult for the team, and it is quite a while before they can piece it all together while dealing with multiple theories, several distinctive persons of interest, and a whole ton of questions. The narrative is pacy, and we get all sorts of surprises along the way. The mood is sinister; there is ongoing intrigue and several good action scenes. I particularly liked the richness of the characterization, with the interpersonal relationships written with much more depth than is usually seen in novels of this type. The author also provides a really good flavor of the Scottish setting without overwhelming the reader with long descriptive passages. The ending was realistic and satisfying. My overall impression is that this is a highly entertaining read. As a bonus, I am no longer totally adverse to explosions and international incendiaries in my fiction reads. I still however draw the line at vampires. I don't want to fail to mention this book is the first in the DCI Jim Carruthers series; I definitely plan to seek out book 2 when it becomes available. I highly recommend Robbing the Dead to all fans of crime fiction and thrillers, whether you like reading about terrorists or not.

Great read realistic full of twists and turns engrossed in the characters now on to the second book in the series

This was a very good book. I have not read the next one yet.

A fast, engrossing read. I am hooked.

As stated in the description this is the first book in a new crime series. The story starts off really well with the death of a young man. Obviously someone dying in a crime book has readers interests piqued straight away. I had all sorts going through my head as to why someone would kill him. I

think for the police they think it will be some sort of straight forward killing. Boy are they wrong! The mans murder goes way deeper than just a simple murder. I mean come on where would the fun in that be if it was simple? It soon becomes apparent that things are very far from being straight forward. Even I hadn't envisioned where this mans murder would take the police and events certainly take a turn in a different direction, a very dangerous one at that. I always worry how I will take to yet another new detective as there is an abundance of crime books featuring detectives around and being a huge crime fan, I have hopefully read a lot of them. I took quite quickly to Carruthers. I especially liked his working relationship with DS Andrea Fetcher. It's a very professional one and you can tell just how much respect that they have for each other. Robbing The Dead is a good solid start to a new crime series. It makes for entertaining reading and I very much look forward to what happens next for them team. My thanks to Bloodhound Books for a copy of this book. All opinions are my own and not biased in anyway.

There are two cases running simultaneously here; first a young man is found beaten to death, then there is a car bombing at a local university. I always love when a book has so much going on, it really captures my interest and maintains it throughout. Though Jim and Andie struggle to tie the cases together initially, it's soon apparent that there are connections, though they're tenuous at best. They definitely have a large amount to deal with as the bombing may be linked to a terrorist group and there may even be links to a historical case. As if that isn't enough to keep them occupied, there are members of the team who are being sloppy and making some pretty heavy mistakes. I love sinking my teeth into a new series and I'm especially happy if the protagonist is one that I take to straightaway. Both Jim and Andie were easy for me to warm to and I really liked the way they worked together, they had a burgeoning partnership that I'm eager to see more of. They both also had interesting personal backgrounds that humanized them and made me think there will be tons to explore as the series continues. I'm already a fan of this series and as Collins as a debut writer and am anxious for the next book to be released. I think this will appeal to crime fiction fans in general, but with political undertones I also think straight up thriller fans will also be intrigued by this one as it maintained a steady pace and had some great action scenes.

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