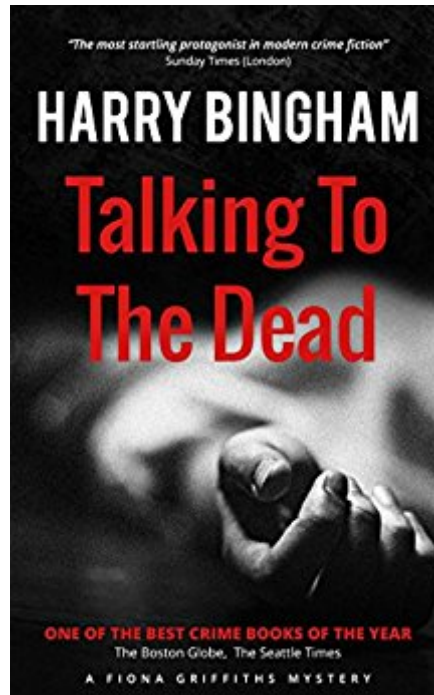


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Talking To The Dead (Fiona Griffiths Crime Thriller Series Book 1)



Synopsis

A crime you'll always remember, A detective you'll never forget A young prostitute lies dead in a Cardiff squat. Her six-year-old lies dead beside her. It looks like an ordinary murder scene . . . except that a millionaire's platinum bank card lies among the debris. How did it come to be there? And is there more to this case than meets the eye? Investigating the case is rookie Detective Constable Fiona Griffiths - a new recruit with a reputation for being deadly smart, more than ordinarily committed . . . and unsettlingly odd. As she starts to follow up the clue left by that platinum bank card, she finds the disturbing hints that suggest a truly appalling crime has been committed - and release the demons of her own dark past. Praise for the Fiona Griffiths mystery series Talking To The Dead was the smash-hit launch that introduced British detective, Fiona Griffiths - the most compelling female protagonist in contemporary crime fiction / mystery. "Gritty, compelling . . . a procedural unlike any other you are likely to read this year." "USA Today" "With Detective Constable Fiona Griffiths, Harry Bingham . . . finds a sweet spot in crime fiction . . . think Stieg Larsson's Lisbeth Salander . . . Denise Mina's "Paddy" Meehan [or] Lee Child's Jack Reacher. . . . The writing is terrific." "The Boston Globe" "The mystery-thriller genre is already so staffed with masterminds that it's hard to make room for another. But along comes a book like Talking to the Dead, and suddenly an unadvertised opening is filled. . . . [This] has the feel of something fresh and compelling." "New York Daily News" "A stunner with precision plotting, an unusual setting, and a deeply complex [female] protagonist . . . We have the welcome promise of more books to come about Griffiths." "The Seattle Times" "Recommended highly . . . [a] riveting procedural thriller." "Library Journal (starred review) Chosen as a Crime Book of the Year by the Seattle Times and the Boston Globe If you're looking for a crime thriller series to keep you hooked, then go no further: you've just found it.

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Customer Reviews

Fi Griffiths is a new detective with the Wales police department. Something about her is different than others but it is fairly subtle. It is obvious enough, however, so that her colleagues wonder what makes Fi tick. Fi is very smart, a Cambridge philosophy graduate. However, there are two years on her resume that are unaccounted for. Fi's answer to questions about this two year blank in her history is that she was sick. Fi is hired as a detective constable which is the lowest rank in the Wales police department. Her first case involves a murdered woman, Janet Mancini, and her daughter, April. Janet is dead of a heroin overdose and six year-old April has had a sink drop on her head. The murder is gruesome and Fi becomes obsessed with the dead victims, especially April, the little girl. Interestingly, the ATM card of a very rich citizen is found in the dead woman's room. He was supposed to have been killed in a plane accident quite a while ago and Fi wonders why this card is there. Is he really dead? Did the victim have a relationship with Rattigan, the rich man? Was she a prostitute? These questions go round and round Fi's brain. The case is called 'Lohan' after Lindsay Lohan, the American actress who has had a drug-filled background. It is possible that Janet died from an overdose but it is also possible that she was killed. Though Fi is supposed to be working on an embezzlement case, she can't get her mind off of the Lohan case and she spends every free moment on it. Another prostitute is murdered and the case goes into full gear. Fi is busy investigating this case without the permission of her superior. Her obsession won't let her do anything else.

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