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Looking for a **brilliant best-selling murder mystery** with a feisty female detective?

DETECTIVE HILLARY GREENE IS BACK AND BETTER THAN EVER! And this time she's going to solve the cold cases which no one else could crack.

Hillary Greene returns to Thames Valley Police HQ, acting as a consultant for the Crime Review Team, looking into murders which the police have never been able to solve.

She wasn't sure she wanted to go back. **But solving crimes is irresistible for Hillary Greene.** And it doesn't hurt that her new boss is devastatingly handsome.

Twenty years ago, mother-of-three Anna McRae was found beaten to death in her kitchen with a rolling pin. She'd been having an affair with her brother-in-law, so the prime suspect was Anna's sister Debbie. But the evidence never added up.

However as Hillary digs deeper, more secrets and betrayals emerge. **Who wanted Anna dead and can Hillary finally bring her justice?**

Meanwhile, Hillary is distracted by an unknown admirer, who quickly seems to be going from suitor to stalker.

Can Hillary solve a fiendishly complex case from the past while fending off unwanted attention?

This is a crime mystery full of well-observed characters, which will have you gripped **from start to the absolutely thrilling conclusion.**

What readers are saying about MURDER NEVER RETIRES

“***** A **fantastic** read” Olga

“Martin's writing is impeccable, and her timing keeps the reader **turning the pages feverishly.**” Bebe Brechner

“Great characters all around with **lots of twists** and turns.” Linda Strong

“I was **engrossed** from the first page.” Greta

“Really **enjoyed** the book, finished it in a day!” Hannelore Cheney

“**Great read.**” Nerys

MURDER NEVER RETIRES is the twelfth in a series of page-turning crime thrillers set in Oxfordshire.

THE LOCATION

The village of Chesterton, just a few miles from the market town of Bicester. With recent development, the village is nowadays in danger of becoming a mere ‘suburb’ of its biggest neighbour. Especially since it’s a stones-throw from Bicester Village — the famous high-end designer-label shopping centre that brings large amounts of UK and foreign shoppers. But at the time of the original murder investigation, it was a village like many to be found in rural Oxfordshire. Surrounded by farmland, it was a peaceful, quiet location. Not the sort of place where you’d expect a shocking murder to happen.

THE DETECTIVE

DI Hillary Greene

An attractive, single woman nearing the landmark age of fifty, Hillary Greene was a police officer of many years’ experience (earning the rank of DI) and came up through the ranks. Consequently, she knew how the system worked, and was always fiercely loyal to the force without being blinkered to its faults. Forced to retire early through no fault of her own, she has now returned to the force as a civilian consultant on cold cases. She still enjoys a rather enigmatic relationship with the wily Commander Marcus Donleavy, but it is her new boss, the very attractive Steven Crayle, who is likely to cause her the most problems now!

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Murder Never Retires Details

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Amanda says

I have been a fan of Faith Martin's Hilary Greene series for quite a while now. I came to the party slightly later than a lot of others but I have certainly caught up with the other books in the series. I eagerly devour each and every book that is realised and I have loved each one that I have read. 'Murder Never Retires' is no exception. I absolutely totally and utterly blinking well loved it but more about that in a bit.

Where do I start with Hilary Greene? This book sees our heroine Hilary Green return from some time away sailing on her barge, which she decided to do after she retired from the police. She was that fed up and stressed out that she decided she just needed to get away. The break has done her good- she looks healthier, she has lost weight, her hair has natural highlights and she just seems very relaxed. However I think that the novelty has worn off for her now and she is itching to have purpose again. She goes to visit her former boss to discuss a 'possible' return but her former boss knows that it's almost 100% certain that she will return because she can't switch off her keen copper's instinct. Hilary does return but as a civilian employee/consultant to a cold case review squad. She finds this rather hard to begin with as she has to get used to not having rank and status over her colleagues with all the limited perks that her former role brought her. Hilary has not lost her ability to be able to coax information from even the most reluctant of witnesses or persons of interest. Hilary has a very accurate gut instinct and if something doesn't seem right to her then it usually isn't. This book sees Hilary attract the attention of one seriously disturbed police employee. I won't say which one because that would give a spoiler but safe to say his behaviour rang huge alarm bells for me from the moment I started reading about him. Will Hilary solve the cold case? Will Hilary get on with her colleagues? How will Hilary deal with the unwanted attention of her admirer? Will Hilary stay in her new role? Well for the answers to those questions and more you are just going to have to read the book for yourselves to find out as I am not going to tell you.

The author's writing style is such that you can't fail to be drawn into the story and before you know it, you are addicted to reading this book. I picked this book up intending to only read a couple of chapters but I should have known that it would be impossible to just stop at two chapters. Nine chapters later and I was still reading. The chapters are long but because I was enjoying the story and I was so into the investigation, I didn't realise quite how quickly the pages were turning and before I knew what was happening I had cleared over half of the book. The characters were so realistic that I took to most of them and reading this book felt like reuniting with old friends and colleagues. There was more than one occasion that I wish I could have jumped into the pages of the book to defend Hilary and to deal with her rather creepy admirer but then I had to remind myself that it was fiction. I just have a very vivid and overactive imagination. Everything that the different characters went through, I went through with them. 'Murder Never Retires' is one heck of a fast paced rollercoaster ride of a read with lots of twists and turns and moments that hit you like a punch to the gut.

In short, I absolutely loved reading 'Murder Never Retires' and I wholeheartedly recommend this series to other readers. It was fabulous to see Hilary having a new lease of life with her retirement and subsequent re-employment with the police. It was also nice to see this series going in another direction and I absolutely loved the idea of the cold case squad. I can't wait to read the next book in the Hilary Greene series. Here's hoping that we don't have too long to wait. The score on the Ginger Book Geek board is a well deserved 5* out of 5*.

Louise Wilson says

DI Hillary Greene #12.

Now a civilian, Hillary Greene returns to Thames Valley to work on cold cases for her boss. Superintendent Steven Crayle is unsure about letting someone on his team with Greene's reputation, so he hands her a twenty year old murder file that's as cold as a blizzard.

With retirement only lasting eighteen months, Hillary is back working. Now a civilian working on a cold murder case that were never solved. Her first case is of Anna McRae who was found dead in her own home. She had been beaten to death by a rolling pin. Her sister had been the prime suspect. We also learn that Hillary now has a stalker. Can Hillary solve this cold case while fending off the attention she is getting from her stalker?

There is the usual twists and turns that we get in this series. I always like the main characters. The books are always well written and easy to read. If you have not read previously, any of the books in this series, if I was you I would start with book one, otherwise you will miss out on a really good series.

I would like to thank Joffe Books and the author Faith Martin for my ARC in exchange for an honest review.

Christopher Roden says

Superb, as usual!

Donna Maguire says

<https://donnasbookblog.wordpress.com/...>

I am a huge fan of this series so when I saw that this book had been released I was really keen to get my hands on a copy!

The storyline for this one is great, the book is very well written and it flows beautifully. I was hooked from the first few pages and I thought that the ending was great - definitely another great addition to the DI Hillary Greene series and I am really looking forward to seeing where the next book takes us!

A 5 star book for me!

Elaine Tomasso says

I would like to thank Netgalley and Joffe Books for a review copy of Murder Never Retires, the twelfth novel to feature ex-DI Hillary Greene of Thames Valley police.

After almost two years of retirement, cruising the waterways on her narrow boat, Hillary returns to Oxford and takes a position as consultant on the Crime Review Team. Her new boss, Superintendent Steven Crayle, isn't overly enthusiastic about having an investigative superstar, as Hillary has been billed, and hands her the coldest of his pending cases, the 20 year old murder of housewife Annie Macrae in her own home.

I thoroughly enjoyed Murder Never Retires which is a straightforward police procedural with several unexpected twists. It is interesting to see Hillary in a new setting with different colleagues although her

methods are still the same. She knuckles down, keeps interviewing, looks for discrepancies and puts it all together. I found the detail on her new department and its working practices interesting and informative and a change from the normal procedural.

The novel held my interest throughout as I love the grind of winnowing out the fact from perception and lies and it is particularly relevant when dealing with cold cases. In the early novels in the series I could usually guess the perpetrator early on but Ms Martin has become more adept at hiding both perpetrator and motive so I was pretty clueless until the denouement and hung on to every word as I tried to work it out.

The novel revolves around Hillary who is a very likeable protagonist. Smart, attractive and personable she seems to have it all and yet is single and solitary. This may change as there is the possibility of romance in the air although whether it will be a new boyfriend or her recently acquired stalker is open to question. I was a bit disappointed that there is no mention of her former colleagues in the novel, not even an update, but the new team adequately fill the gap.

Murder Never Retires is a good read which I have no hesitation in recommending.

Alan Cotterell says

Worth a shot

A new author and character for me. Although this is something like book 12 in the series, it is the start of a new chapter in her life. There were references to previous events and cases, but I don't think it mattered too much that I hadn't read previous books. Something I am about to change. I have now downloaded the first book.

The story is well thought out and developed. I was correct in my deductions at least as to part of the solution. Probably a lucky guess.

Pgchuis says

I received a copy of this novel from the publisher via NetGalley.

In this twelfth instalment, Hillary returns to work as a civilian consultant looking into cold cases, having found 18 months of retirement more than enough. No longer being an actual police officer is an adjustment, although other things are refreshingly the same: Hillary still has her bell-shaped hair cut (I find this very intriguing - kicking out at the bottom all round??) and every heterosexual male she encounters is of course attracted to her. I enjoyed her stropky young assistant Vivienne and the plot was a decent one, although an awful lot of "man" hours seemed to be going into one 20 year old cold case, even if it was an unsolved murder. Hillary's stalker is rather alarming.

Still enjoying these very much.

LJ (On The Shelf Reviews) says

Hillary's back! After only eighteen months of retirement she joins the Crime Review Team as a civilian

consultant. Her new boss Superintendent Steven Crayle decides to drop her in at the deep end with a cold case that's over twenty years old. Anne McRae was found beaten to death in her kitchen, with no real forensic evidence and only one suspect that they can't place at the crime scene, can Hillary crack the case?

So I know this is the twelfth in the Hillary Greene series but I think if you've never read any of the others books this is perfect place to give them a go as you are pretty much starting afresh. She has a new boss, new team even a new office, which is more of a cupboard, in the basement of the police HQ which they lovingly call Hades.

I like the fact Faith Martin retired Hillary, it's given the series a whole new lease of life! I'd recommend this to people who are fans of the TV show New Tricks.

Hillary is feeling distinctly wrong footed investigating an old case and not being treated with the same respect or having the same powers as when she was a DI. She also has a new inexperienced team, who for the most part work part time. The only bright spot is her new right hand man, Jimmy Jessop, a retired detective sergeant, and a person who seems to understand her methods. Another downside to being back is she has picked up a stalker too. Add all that a complex case with seemingly no leads equal a real page turner.

There's also a new bit of chemistry between her and her new boss Steven Crayle which I can't wait to see how that works out.

Another great police procedural from Faith Martin that will have you intrigued from beginning to end.

Linda Strong says

4.5 Stars

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A REVISED EDITION OF A BOOK FIRST PUBLISHED AS "A NARROW RETURN."

Her retirement has lasted all of a year and a half and now she's back. Although no longer a DI, she is working as a consult for the Police Headquarters. She has a new team and she's being given cold, cold murder cases which have never been solved.

She wasn't sure she wanted to go back. But solving crimes is irresistible for Hillary Greene. And it doesn't hurt that her new boss is devastatingly handsome.

Her first case is 20 years old. Anna McRae was found dead in her home, beaten to death with a rolling pin. She was a wife and mother of three children ... but since she was having an affair with her sister's husband, the sister was the prime suspect. But it could never be proven. After 20 years, whatever leads the detectives had once had have turned ice cold.

While she and her team start painstakingly putting together a new case and re-investigating the friends and families of Ms. McRae, she finds that the victim had many more secrets that were never brought to light.

What also emerges is that Hillary has a stalker. First her locker is broken into and a comb goes missing. She receives roses hand delivered to her office. A Valentine and a book of poems are next.

Can Hillary solve a fiendishly complex case from the past while fending off unwanted attention?

Hillary still has the same sharp, feisty edges she has always had. Popular with rank and file, she's no-nonsense and extremely competent in her job. Her new team consists of an older retired Sergeant who has heard of Hillary's reputation and is eager to work with her. Because of budget cuts, the other two members are civilians ... they do the grunt work to free up detectives to do the 'real' work. The young man is greener than green, but is promising in his eagerness to learn from Hillary. The other is a young woman who has designs on the boss and really doesn't want another woman around.

Great characters all around with lots of twists and turns make this crime thriller an exceptional addition to the series.

Many thanks to the author / Joffe Books / Books n All Book Promotions / Netgalley for the advanced digital copy. Opinions expressed here are unbiased and entirely my own.

Andrew says

Having read all of the earlier books in this series, I was keen to see how Faith Martin would manage to keep the story fresh with DI Hillary Greene now being retired.

She has managed it very well.. As in the real world; early retirement can so often lead to being rehired as a consultant.. This has opened up the opportunity for a raft of new characters on the police team. It has also created the opportunity for a different view of the police procedural genre.

I think the book would stand alone on its own merits. Indeed if you are new to the series this would be a good place to start.

Like all of the earlier books the story is set in and around Oxfordshire, dipping into Northamptonshire too. I like the use of real places, it gives a sense of geographical reality.

I liked the quality of the dialogue which added both humour and a sense of reality in the work place.

Once again I give my thanks to Netgalley and Joffe Books for a copy in exchange for this review.

Books n All Jill Burkinshaw says

Review to follow

Kathy says

Hillary Greene enjoyed a rather short retirement, parked her houseboat and came back to work as a police consultant assigned to cold case reviews. This is easy reading with simple construction, success in solving her first murder case that had a 20-year history to it, physical attraction to her new boss and promise of a new stalker to thwart in a future book. She is able to buy back her old car, so that is a good thing, but the stalker works where she works, so that will be unpleasant.

I have had mixed experience with this series but have liked a number of the books and will look forward to

the next.

A Kindle Unlimited selection.

Jannelies says

Thank you NetGalley and Joffe Books for this book.

Having read book #1 and book #3 in the series, I was actually very surprised to find that within such a short space of time since my last review (25 November 2017) so many more books in this series were published.

So I somehow missed them out on NetGalley. Because of that, it was somewhat a surprise to read that Hillary is suddenly almost fifty and coming back from retirement. Oops.

Luckily, having enjoyed her retirement for more than a year, Hillary is now in full swing again and she tacksles on a cold case with everything she has. And with success, of course.

Faith Martin is re-building Hillary's life all over again. With so many characters from the first books gone, there is room for new people in her life - not all of them good.

I sincerely hope to find the next book in this series soon on NG because the cliffhanger is great!

Emris Lindsay says

Another entertaining and captivating mystery, Hillary couldn't stay away from the force, it was deeply rooted in her and on her return she is faced with a cold case that was twenty years old, how in heaven's was she going to solve that with most witnesses aged and died. This is what it's all about for Hillary putting together those pieces of the puzzle that didn't make sense. On top of that she picked up a stalker one on the force of all places, now that was another puzzle she needed to solve and fast. Although Hillary was minus her old gang she was still able to do the job she enjoys with great results. A great storyline as is expected and the characters are awesome, my only regret is that I have to wait for the next book to find out how they deal with the scumbag who has decided to target Hillary.

Simon Leonard says

This is the 12th book in the series but as it involves Hilary in a new role you don't really need to have read the previous 11 first, although I would still recommend it as they are brilliant books.

This one starts off with Hilary coming out of retirement after leaving the force 18 months previous. This time though Hilary is no longer a DI but a civilian coming in to work on Cold Cases and she is thrown in at the deep end with her first case.

I personally love how the police investigate cold cases and enjoy watching programs based on it, so I was intrigued to see how Faith went about it with Hilary and her team.

The book follows Hilary as she investigates the 20 year old murder. With nothing much to go on Hilary's team have to start from scratch looking into some missed DNA and reinterviewing everyone again.

I really love where this series is going and can't wait to find out which case Hilary is going to investigate next

