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A Garda sergeant is found beheaded with an Irish tin whistle sticking out of his neck. He was due to give evidence at a major inquiry into police corruption. The murder sends a clear message to any future whistleblowers: silence is safe.

The corruption inquiry hinges on the arrest of one of Cork's most dangerous drug dealers. There was enough evidence to convict him, but instead he walked free. The arresting officer was DCI Katie Maguire and she's determined to expose the truth.

But when another officer is found murdered in the exact same way, Katie soon finds that people would rather keep a dirty secret than lose their heads.

## **Dead Men Whistling Details**

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## **From Reader Review Dead Men Whistling for online ebook**

### **Jo Marchant says**

Yet another stonking book from this great man who can't write fast enough for me. A really good book but if you are tempted to read this start at number one - it is all so worth it.

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### **joan caryl jewitt says**

#### **Brilliant!!!**

What an absolutely brilliant book although not for the faint-hearted!  
I was kept on the edge of my seat during the last few chapters - certainly kept me guessing as to who "the head honcho" was!!!!

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### **Roy Hollinshead says**

#### **Compellingly Gruesome!**

Another 'ripping' yarn from GM. Always an edge of unbelievable horror in his tales. A strong 'uurrgghhh' sensation accompanies his openings and, however grisly the detail and overview, you're compelled to continue and see DS Maguire nail the culprits. This time she is well and truly taken to the limits and manages to come back with a lot of help from her colleagues. How she gets out of bed in the morning to keep doing it is anyone's guess!

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### **Shar says**

Well another great Kaite Maguire story from Graham Masterton, love this series but this was abit grisly in places. I don't know how Katie deals with the awful situations she is put through in these books.

Would highly recommend this book and this whole series.

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### **Angela Verdenius says**

Hard, gritty story about betrayal and those who suffer when reporting wrong-doings in the ranks. Again the murders are gruesome, but the story is so well done IMO. One thing...I would NEVER be part of Katie's police team, be it uniform or plain clothes! You're bound to die hideously at some point!

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## **Simona says**

This had some very gruesome moments!

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## **Maggie Kiely says**

Such a great read would highly recommend reading in order. Katie is a bit more controlled sexually in this one which is a bonus

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## **Geraint griffiths says**

### **Brilliant**

Loved this book couldn't put it down .Absolutely love all of the Katie Maguire series . Full of twists couldn't wait to see what was going to happen next .Graham Masterton has a way of reeling you in and that's it your hooked !

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## **Gemma says**

Finally a decent book in the series untarnished by terrible sex scenes! Excellent read!

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## **Joyce says**

4 stars

\*\*For the faint of heart: This story has some graphic violence.

Detective Superintendent Katie Maguire responds to a call of a body at a mansion. It is Jimmy O'Faolain owner of the mansion. The investigation just gets underway, when a report of a headless man comes in. He was found in a cemetery.

The body in the cemetery is identified as DS Kieran O'Regan. He was set to give testimony in a court case soon. A whistle was stuffed down his neck, for he had been decapitated. There was no sign of his head where the body was found.

DS John Lacey is murdered in the same manner as O'Regan. Lacey's son, Aidan was also kidnapped at the same time. The kidnappers mutilated him, but he is still alive when a couple of football players find them.

Then, very quickly, the remaining three "whistleblowers" are murdered in the same manner as the first two. This happened while they were under the protection of a very efficient private security firm hired by Katie to protect the witnesses. The only person she told of the arrangement was her direct supervisor Denis MacCostagain.

Undercover detective Michael gets in very deep trouble. First he is kidnapped and held so that Katie won't bring any more drugs searches or arrests against a certain bad guy. His release was won at the price of the deaths of two detectives. When he goes to confront the bad guy and his gang, he is given an ultimatum.

Katie gets an idea of how to draw the murderers into the open, but it is very dangerous. She also finds a clue as to who murdered Jimmy O'Faolain. It is not a welcome one. Her boyfriend Conor gets himself into a sticky problem.

All these issues come to a head in a fast-paced and nail-biting conclusion to our story.

This book, I don't know if Mr. Masterton has lost his love for his character Katie or what. He gets her into almost impossible situations, one after another. Are the criminals really that bad in Cork? I think if I lived there, I'd almost be insulted at the sheer level of violence and uncaring about other human lives. Her life is in great danger in this book. /shrug

I'm still going to read the next in the series because I'm well and truly hooked.

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### **Stan Barton says**

#### **A good read**

Another enjoyable encounter with Katie Maguire, a good read. I've enjoyed following this Irish detective having.g read all the books in the series.

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### **Mark O'Toole says**

This book caught me off guard. Masterton was a favorite author of mine when i was in my teens. The Manitou was one of the scariest books I ever read. Now he's writing this crime fiction series, based in Cork. (Note: Never visit Cork, at least Masterton's Cork -- lots of death!)

This was a full story with many plots, characters and depth. Some of the throw-away lines are not needed; that's the only reason this lost a star -- too many quips.

But Katie is a strong character, lots of sadness in her life but hope too. It's a great, and grisly, crime story. I'll read more about DS Maguire.

Caution: This is written with heavy Irish slang and colloquialisms. After finishing this book, I need a scoop.

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### **K Saju says**

Good one

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### **John says**

Great read, bit gruesome but more tension and terror than gruesome. Unpredictable plot, lots of subplots, easy to follow, unexpected endings. Will check out more of this series now.

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### **Sue says**

A good read but veev heavy on Irish slang.

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