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The greater the evil, the more deadly the game...
A predator who kills prostitutes
And they've started a new killing spree...

Kal goes undercover to track a predator who kills prostitutes.

Quiet for years, the signature killer has started a new spree.

She befriends Sophie, a troubled young woman. Sophie suffers from nightmares and memory loss. Her prostitute mother was murdered when she was a child. Sophie was there and she can't remember a thing about it.

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But the deeper Kal digs, the more she unearths dark and disturbing secrets.

Working with Marty and Detective Spinks, she realises they're dealing with a twisted mind, more clever than anyone could imagine.

There's a predator hiding in plain sight, moving ever closer.
And it's time to kill the one who got away...

The creepiest killer you'll meet this year.
Grab your copy today.

Praise for London Noir (Kal Medi Book 2)

'An absolutely fantastic read.'

?'Highly recommended.' *Ellie S*

?"The characters are outstanding'

?'A thoroughly good read that makes me wish book three was already available...'

?'Wow!'

'Had me hooked from the beginning...' *SandyJ21*

?Well that was a twist I didn't see coming...' *Goodreads, Emma Y*

?Loved this book'

?'.an absolute stunner of an ending. Highly recommended.' *Kaz Angel*

'A five star thriller which keeps you guessing to the end' *Jules1960*

London Noir Details

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From Reader Review London Noir for online ebook

Ellie Shepherd says

This was a really well set out book and I really bonded with Kal and Marty. I couldn't work out who the killer was and I was surprised. Well written and grabs your attention. Highly recommended.

Dash fan says

5? Gripping, Exciting, Thrilling, gave me Chills!!..... loved it!

London Noir is the second book in the series but can easily be read as a standalone. I haven't read the first book but it didn't stop me from enjoying this one.

London Noir had me gripped from the first few pages.

It was a very fast paced Thriller that I literally couldn't put down!

It was chilling, dark, a lil sinister, full of suspense, highly addictive, with all the added twists and Turns that kept me turning the pages till the early morning!

Who is Sophie??

When Kal knocks Sophie over in the pouring rain whilst on her way to the hospital. There is something endearing and haunting about Sophie.

Who is she running away from in the rain and why??

Kal drops Sophie off at a well known lady of the night area that is full of danger.

But she just can't get Sophie out of her head!

However Kal is about to discover Sophie has a dark past, nothing is as it seems, and why is it that everywhere Sophie goes it seems to equal murder and death!

Who is Sophie??

Kal isn't as innocent as she comes across, she too is hiding dark secrets!!

With links to the underworld Cartel, it's hardly surprising she's a ruthless and very clever risk taker that will stop at nothing to help Sophie!!

But how far will she go?? And to what risks??

Kal's Best friend Marty has just come out of a coma and she is determined to protect Kal from Sophie. But is it a little too late?

I absolutely adored Kal, Sophie and Marty.

Such a fantastic dynamic between them.

I loved Kal's strength and kick ass attitude.

Sophie's uneasy and unnerving behaviour, yet somewhat childish and endearing.

Marty's protective nature and the rational one.

Ann does a fantastic job at weaving Kal's inner most thoughts and training to get her out of situations. I

literally felt like I was with Kal. Very Exciting!!

I also loved how Ann gave the reader glimpses of the past and into the mind of a dark and very twisted/sinister character.

Who by the way I had absolutely no clue as to the identity of the mystery character was!

Not one clue as to whether the person was male or female.... Brilliant!! I love being kept guessing!

So exciting!!!

I think London Noir is definitely one to watch out for.

Strong female Lead Characters, a great story line that has exciting little twists and turns to keep you hooked, a dark thriller with a Psychological feel, it's jam packed full of action that will leave you wanting more.

One thing to mention it does contain a few violent scenes which does tie into the genre and storyline.

I highly recommend this book if you love Thrillers, Suspense, Crime, Chilling addictive reads!

I received this book from the Publisher in exchange for a honest and fair review in which I voluntarily reviewed.

Check out my Review on my blog website:

<https://dashfan81.blogspot.com/2017/1...>

John Nicholl says

I really enjoyed this one. very entertaining.

Sean Peters says

I purchased this book to read this book for a Read A long with my group for the month of November.

Firstly I think it is best to mention it can be read as a stand alone, but I feel it is best to read the first book, sadly I did not and I think it would have made this book better.

Memory loss, nightmares, the urge to kill – Sophie has it all. Is it Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder? Or something more sinister? Kal is about to find out...

After a near-fatal road accident, Kal helps a young girl in trouble. The girl's friends are being murdered one by one. Why? And who by?

Kal must kick start herself out of her downward spiral to save the young stranger.

But Kal is in the grip of the London Cartel and is someone after the girl, or is the girl after someone?

Crime, with a dark, psychological twist.

Kal Medi is back and not only struggling to recover from all the physical and psychological trauma she suffered on her last investigation but quickly caught up in the life of a troubled girl Sophie whose skeletons both past and present may be more harrowing than anyone expected.

A slow burning crime thriller that does have three great characters in Kal, Marty and Sophie but for me was a little slow especially around the middle of the book, finished off with a good pace with the last two chapters.

The main problem I had was why?

Why would you just help a young girl you do not know?

Although I enjoyed the main characters, just the pace of the book.

Sandy *The world could end while I was reading and I would never notice* says

EXCERPT: I suppose the realization I was different stole up on me slowly.

There were signs from early on, if I'm honest. Like my first year in primary school when Mirabella wet her knickers in front of the whole class - the girls were mortified and the boys laughed and I was excited.

So, yeah, I knew I was different. To survive, I learned to act like my friends and I'm so good, pretty much everyone in my life would say I'm normal and I like that because it means I'm clever.

One thing I've learned is that when you've wanted something for a long time, your mind makes tracks in the sand showing exactly how it's going to turn out. You anticipate your own excitement, your own arousal, and what the other person will say and do. Those tracks start out delicate and then solidify with each replaying of the fantasy, until they get to be as firm as a rail track. The fantasy can keep me occupied for months only, at some point, I have to have the real deal - the flash of horror in their eyes, the desperate urge to plead for mercy, bowels voiding and dribbling down a leg. It's the helplessness that grabs me - when they realize there's absolutely nothing they can do. It's the best drug in the world.

And with me, it's the eyes that are captivating. The windows of the soul - unable to lie in the final moments.

THE BLURB: Memory loss, nightmares, the urge to kill – Sophie has it all.

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Crime suspense thriller. A stand alone novel. The second in the Kal Medi series.

MY THOUGHTS: I hadn't read Kal Medi #1 before reading London Noir by Ann Gidharry. I think it would have helped, as there are numerous references to events that occurred in that first book that are not

adequately explained, like what had happened to put Marty in hospital in a coma or why Kal was in the grip of the London Cartel. So I don't really recommend this as a stand alone book. But if you do read London Noir without reading Good Girl, Bad Girl, then chances are you will do what I am doing, and lay your hands on a copy of #1 anyway.

Ann Girdharry had me hooked from the beginning. In fact at the 7% mark my comment was 'WOW!'. Of course, this frenetic pace could not be maintained although London Noir continued to be a fast paced book and a quick read. And while I didn't always find Kal's actions believable or at all rational, I was happy to suspend belief and just enjoy the read.

3.5 stars for London Noir by Ann Girdharry

Thank you to author Ann Girdharry for providing me with a digital copy of London Noir for review. All opinions expressed in this review are entirely my own. Please refer to my Goodreads.com profile page or the 'about' page on sandysbookaday.wordpress.com for an explanation of my rating system. This review and others are also published on my blog sandysbookaday.wordpress.com

Kath Middleton says

Kal Medi is still influenced by her father's activities. She takes a young girl under her wing after almost knocking her down in a rain storm. The girl, Sophie is heading for a place Kal knows to be a brothel, and she's worried about her. Things, in the event, are worse than Kal expected. Kal becomes involved in a seedy underworld with a girl who has spent much of her life in a psychiatric institution. Her best friend, Marty, just out of hospital, also volunteers to help, and the pace picks up.

I found this a very exciting story, and became involved from the beginning. It's the second Kal Medi story, and I found it even better than the first. I hope it's the beginning of a longer series.

I received an advance review copy of this book.

BrIDGET McKEOWN says

Great 2nd novel featuring Kal Medi and I look forward to reading more. Although this is the second one I feel it could be read as a stand alone as enough of the first one (though not to much as to be repetitive) is interspersed throughout it to make sense. Thanks to TBC

Terry (TBC) says

I had really enjoyed the 1st book in the series with Kal. I was happy to see a 2nd from Ann Girdharry and couldn't wait to see what Kal would get up to this time. She helps out a young girl called Sophie who has a lot going on in her past & present life. This story leads us into what happens after she helps out & what builds between them. Kal is a complicated girl but likeable & straight forward. Hopefully there will be more

books with her in & we can see how she grows & learns from herself.

Vicki Willis says

This was a well written action packed thriller. It was the second in a series about a kick ass woman named Kal. I read it as a stand alone and though it started and finished a complete storyline I think background on the characters from the first book would have enhanced it. I loved how the author made such strong, smart, likable women main characters. The plot was also good with some tense twists to it. The ending wrapped up the story, but I can see that these characters and some of the minor ones will be up for more adventures when the author writes the next installment of the series. This was the first time I have read this author and I would definitely read her again.

Zoe says

3.5 stars.

Action-packed, suspenseful, and eerie!

In this latest novel by Girdharry, London Noir, Kal Medi is back and not only struggling to recover from all the physical and psychological trauma she suffered on her last investigation but quickly caught up in the life of a troubled girl whose skeletons both past and present may be more harrowing than anyone expected.

The writing style is descriptive and smooth. The plot is an incredibly twisty tale that delves into a world filled with deception, mental illness, obsession, manipulation, revenge, malice, violence, and murder. And the characters are multi-layered, scarred, and somewhat impetuous.

London Noir is the second book in the Kal Medi series and even though I felt the main character's motivations were a little hard to grasp at times and it wasn't quite as dark and gritty as the first novel it is still a very entertaining, enjoyable thriller that highlights Girdharry's extraordinary knowledge of the human psyche.

Thank you to Ann Girdharry for providing me with a copy in exchange for an honest review.

All my reviews can be found on my blog at <https://whatsbetterthanbooks.com>

Chandra Claypool (wherethereadergrows) says

As a second in a series book, I wish I had followed my normal rule of reading series in order. I seem to be veering from this rule a lot lately and finding myself frustrated in the process. There were definitely moments where I felt reading the first in the series, Good Girl Bad Girl, would've helped answered some questions that weren't answered in this book. How exactly did Marty end up in the hospital? How did Kal end up so "different" and part of the London cartel? While I applaud the author for not wasting numerous pages reflecting on these as I typically don't like that when I read a series in order... it would've been helpful

here since I broke my own rule - again, my own fault! It didn't take away too much away from my reading of this one but I would suggest that if you want to pick this thriller up, that you start with the first book.

During the first few chapters I was a bit confused of Kal's motivation. Why would she go out of her way to put herself in danger to help Sophie? She barely knew her and did the good deed by taking her where she wanted to go - regardless if it wasn't the "safest" of places. Her instant reaction to putting herself in danger numerous times for not so reasonable reasons kept me scratching my head. Once I decided to just suspend that part of it, I became engaged in the story. This book is action packed, suspenseful and fast paced. All things I love in a good thriller.

The writing was easy to read though I did feel sometimes the dialogue became a bit stunted and lacked in consistency. "I like you." "I like you too." However, I will say that it did read easier as the story progressed.

One thing I do love is that you can tell the author used her experience as a psychotherapist throughout the novel. It was apparent in how Sophie was portrayed, reactions to medications and how a clinic was well represented. I can fully appreciate everything she did with all of these things.

Overall a great thriller - I may need to get book one to get more knowledge on the background of some of the characters which I think will make things make a tad more sense with the main character, Kal, and why she did things the way that she did.

3 1/2 stars - rounding to 4 for GR.

sue says

3.5 for me.

This book isn't to be read as a stand alone because without reading book one you will become confused and lost as there are many references to book 1.

After reading book 1 some time ago I was happy to receive this book 2 to catch up with things. Its not a quick fast paced read. I did find some of things that Kat did or said a bit irrational at times but hey ho, shes a woman right. Nevertheless, as a rational woman myself it did leave me humfing at times.

IMAGINE

You just hear that your best friend has woken from a coma, you want to rush off to the hospital, of course you do, [to find out how she got in that state, you need to read book 1]

Kat runs to her car and begins driving, its wet weather and on route she almost runs over a young woman. This woman's name is Sophie.

After finding out if shes OK, she is still worried about this stranger named Sophie and offers her a lift to her home.

But, Sophie doesn't want to be dropped off at home, she wants to be dropped off at an undesirable red light district.

That is where my high hopes dropped a bit as I didn't feel this realistic, well, not something I would have done, but you need to draw your own conclusions here.

Then Kat later discovers there is a killer on the loose and the women he has killed are connected with Sophie, so now she is even more worried about her.

Get ready for some tummy churning moments as the killers gory happenings are unfolded and described in horrific detail upon the pages.

My personal thoughts are that some things were hard to believe, some things needed more pace and pitch and power. I didn't find it a page turner, I did find it a slow burner and not an edge of your seat thriller, and sometimes that's a good thing.

The plot was a good one but the way Sophie was introduced and how Kat was so 'worried' about a stranger was so hard for me to understand fully.

I enjoyed book 1 much better.

Carol Lance says

The rain is pouring down, the roads are slick....

Kal is rushing to the hospital to see her friend Marty who has come out of her coma, when....

Sophie appears on the road in front of Kal, is it too late to stop before she runs her over?

The story revolves around these three main characters, Kal, whose father has trained her well, Marty who also has a father that she is trying not to live up to and Sophie who lost her parents at a very young age and has been in and out of a mental health centre all her life.

This is the 2nd Kal Medi book and does not fail to keep you guessing, it is full of suspense and you will want to keep reading until you find the truth.

Thank you Ann Gridharry for sending me a copy of your newest thriller for an honest review.

Emma says

A gripping tale with just a few niggles - 4*

I really really like the characters in this book. Maybe enjoy is a better word as I am pretty sure I don't want to be friends with many of them. But they are such wonderful, interesting creations I could not put the book down. the actual story is a bit weak in comparison but it was enjoyable enough. I really look forward to another installment.

Emma Yarnell says

Well that was a twist I didn't see coming and there was me thinking I'd got it all figured out! Don't worry,

no spoilers here!

I love a good thriller and I really enjoy getting into the nitty gritty of the characters. I enjoyed the pace and rhythm of the book. I especially loved the fact I could pick it up and put it down without losing the flow and it was great to read a couple of chapters at a time in between a really hectic and chaotic couple of weeks. I was a little unsure to start with about the jumping around between points of view, but then as I read on I realised it added to the intrigue and it drew me in further.

I read this after reading Good Girl Bad Girl (the first Kal Medi novel) and I do believe that this book would stand alone as a great read even if I hadn't. I do love the way the characters evolved over the two books and how Ann writes the complexities of the relationships between them. I thoroughly enjoy it when I become emotionally invested in a character and I find myself at the end of the book having been on a huge rollercoaster of emotions and unexpected reactions to a few of the characters in the book.

A thoroughly good read that makes me wish that book #3 was already available. Huge thanks to Ann Girdharry, her publishers and TBC on FB for the opportunity to review this book.
