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The Silence is a gritty novel set in Glasgow at the time of the Ice Cream Wars in the 1980s. A bloody raid on a family celebration leaves Paddy Coyle's only daughter so traumatised she loses the power of speech. Blaming his sworn enemies, the McClellands, Coyle seeks to destroy the family in revenge for his daughter. The McLellands have no alternative but to flee the country and adopt new identities. Almost penniless desperate to support his family, Pete Mack, together with the help of his old friend and mentor, Canon O'Farrell, soon establishes a lucrative but vile trade in human trafficking. A holiday romance between Erin Coyle and Bobby, the son of her father's enemy, sets off a chain of events which no one could have predicted. Kidnapping, drug smuggling and murder ensue in this fast-paced novel.

## **The Silence Details**

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## From Reader Review The Silence for online ebook

### Pol says

linda tweedie has wrote this book with kate mcGregor fan,s who love martina cole books will want to read the silence it a scottish martina cole book. Cannot put the book down.want to read the 2nd book betrayer in the series

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### Angela says

This book was very good , not as gritty as Mandasue heller or Kimberely chambers but I'm sure her next books will be . The story was very good and I look forward to the next one . I give this book 4 stars

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### Trevor says

This is the first book by Linda Tweedie that I have read and it definitely won't be the last. This book was actioned packed from start to finish and I couldn't put it down. In my opinion this even better than the Martina Cole books. Really looking forward to the follow up to this.

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### Miss Dizzy Read says

One those books that's gives you hardly any of the story in the sample, should have known it would be dull after you buy the rest of it. Lacked any excitement for me and kept jumping from different time frames, without telling you, which I find irritating, at least put the date at the beginning of the chapter.

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### Book Addict Shaun says

Described as being the Scottish Martina Cole (I'm assuming they mean early Martina Cole and not the rubbish she has churned out for the past 10 years), I couldn't wait to read The Silence. I love a gangland thriller and with the majority of them taking place in London, it was refreshing to read one set in Scotland and Marbella.

The writing style took me a little bit of time to get into. It's never made clear what time period the book is set in aside from the reference to the Ice Cream Wars of the 1980s in the blurb. The chapters also aren't numbered but are titled with whatever is relevant to that chapter. I found this worked really well and I liked the chapter structures, however them being dated would have helped me get into the story quicker. One minute we are in the present day and the next it's a flashback to years earlier.

The story focuses on mainly one family, headed up by Paddy Coyle who runs a criminal enterprise across Glasgow. Despite being a villain it's clear that for the most part he is a family man and, as villains go, he's

actually quite likeable. When he was younger he and his best friend Pete got sent to Borstal. Pete got out early and made a name for himself and by the time of Paddy's release, the once best friends were now sworn enemies.

As is the case with most gangland thrillers the pace of the story never lets up. It's a gritty and dark read tackling some difficult subjects such as child exploitation however the authors don't go into the gory details where others would and whilst there's enough description to turn your stomach, there's thankfully no horrible and unnecessary descriptive scenes. In fact that's the case with the whole story. It isn't a long read and I had it read in just a few hours. There's a whole cast of characters I could talk about for hours but the bulk of the story centres around Paddy's daughter Erin who gets caught up with the son of Paddy's enemy.

Now, the children of gangland enemies crossing paths is something that has been done plenty of times before. In fact I read a book where that happened just a few months ago. That said, given Erin's predicament I felt that this wasn't simply a rehash of stories done before and I actually really enjoyed it. Erin is a likeable character and because of something that happened to her in the past, she's also somewhat of a unique character and that made her someone different to read about. She's naive at times but then she has been protected most of her life and just wants to break free from the clutches of her overprotective parents.

The last third of the story is where the action really kicks in and all of the plans of revenge start to come into play. Knowing this is a trilogy it was clear to me that the book was going to end on a cliffhanger and the way it did end left me desperate for more meaning I'll be reading the sequel straightaway. For fans of Martina Cole and Kimberley Chambers I highly recommend this book. Whilst it's not as gritty or as dark as those two authors, it's still a really good and enjoyable read.

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### **Paula King says**

#### **Ok read!**

Was ok, not much gangster going on like martina cole's books. Felt like the story could have been thickened out. Don't think I'll be reading any more of the trilogy.

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### **Beverley Spiller says**

obviously enjoyed it finished it within a day !!!! and yes a Scottish martina cole totally

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### **Gillian says**

loved it

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