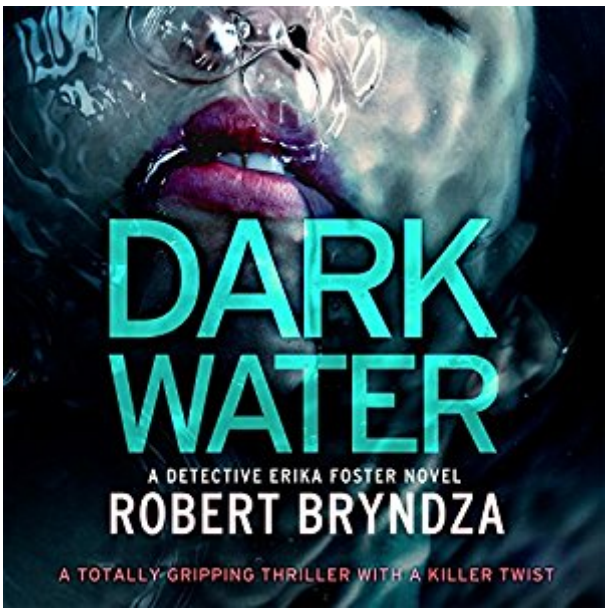
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Synopsis

Beneath the water the body sank rapidly. She would lie still and undisturbed for many years, but above her on dry land, the nightmare was just beginning. When Detective Erika Foster receives a tip-off that key evidence for a major narcotics case was stashed in a disused quarry on the outskirts of London, she orders for it to be searched. From the thick sludge the drugs are recovered, but so is the skeleton of a young child. The remains are quickly identified as seven-year-old Jessica Collins. The missing girl who made headline news 26 years ago. As Erika tries to piece together new evidence with the old, she must dig deeper and find out more about the fractured Collins family and the original detective, Amanda Baker - a woman plagued by her failure to find Jessica. Erika soon realizes this is going to be one of the most complex and demanding cases she has ever taken on. Is the suspect someone close to home? Someone is keeping secrets. Someone who doesn't want this case solved. And they'll do anything to stop Erika from finding the truth.

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Customer Reviews

A chance discovery of a child's skeleton opens a 26 year old cold case.Detective Chief Inspector Erika Foster has been transferred from homicides to an organized crime team. While supervising an under water search for a drug stash, the divers find a strange item wrapped in plastic. When surfaced and unwrapped, Erika is heartbroken to find a child size skeleton.It is quickly determined through dental records that this is the body of Jessica Collins, a seven year oof girl who has been missing for 26 years.Erika begins her investigation with a family destroyed by grief, but harboring

secrets. She follows clues that lead her from a homeless man to a convicted pedophile to an ex-cop with some glaring emotional problems. If not actually involved with Jessica’s murder, can these people provide unlikely insight?While grasping at straws with her case, Erika’s life is turned upside down when her sister shows up on her doorstep unexpectedly. Speaking Slovakian with two children and a baby in tow, her presence overwhelms Erika when she feels everything else in her life is spiraling out of control.Erika is a remarkably admirable character. As a widow, an investigate team leader and sister; she shows a resilience that is a large part of what makes her an outstanding character. Coupled with her incredible determination, Erika leads a book that cannot be put down.While the story alludes to violence towards children, there is nothing graphic or disturbing. This is a book with heart and the characters have a great respect for the victims. It is heart wrenching without being traumatic for the reader and should be put at the top of every "to be read pile!"

Robert Bryndza did a fabulous job on Dark Water. I can only try to imagine how frustrating and urgent a missing child case is, but a 26 year old historical case with no leads is unimaginable.We get caught up with Erika Foster after the horrible ending between her and Marsh in #2, The Night Stalker. It is realistic, not everything has a happy ending. But once again Det. Foster has pulled herself up by her boot straps. Quite by accident she gets dropped in the middle of a missing child case. You feel the obvious frustration, the slow pace as they have to dig through 26 year old case files, and the scattered bits and pieces that drop all around them.I really enjoy this series. I have come to know the characters, they grow, jobs change, there are struggles, life happens...but it is great to read about them again. I like to feel the comfort and familiarity of knowing who everybody is, to feel like I am picking up where I left off.I love Mystery, Suspense and Thrillers so this is a perfect series for me. I enjoy the writing style of Robert Bryndza. I also really like to find a great series. If you haven’t read this series you need to give it a try. But start with #1, The Girl In The Ice. Go in order. You will get hooked.

ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“Erika, even cats run out of lives. Use the ones you have left wisely.ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â•Ever since finding out about this series through Crime Book JunkieÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s blog, IÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢ve been hooked. Robert writes such interesting, flawed characters that you both love and sometimes loath (or sometimes just outright hate from the beginning), that you want to keep on reading the story.IÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢ve been listening to these on audiobook, and I often times will listen to them before going to bedÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â •let me just

tell you this is probably not a good idea with these books if you want to get any sleep. If you donÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t want to sleep, then donÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t worry about it. But these books will keep you hooked from beginning to end.This one finds Erika in a new station after things come to a head at the end of book 2, with new colleagues. But donÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t worry, Peterson, Moss, and Isaac are still main characters in this book! (Thank goodness, because I love that group dynamic.) While on a drug bust case, where they are dragging a quarry to find evidence for their case, they come across the body of Jessica Collins, who has been missing for 26 years.It seems that in each story, Robert gives insight into ErikaÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s relationship with her co-workers outside of work, and I love that. In book 2, we got to see ErikaÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s deepening friendship with Isaac, while in this one, we see her relationship with Peterson deepen, and I couldnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t have been happier! Erika is still slowly recovering from the loss of her husband, and it is hard for her to move on to a new relationship, which Robert portrays excellently. I loved seeing her character develop even more, and canÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t wait to see what happens in Last Breath!Erika strongly reminds me of Deputy Chief Brenda Lee Johnson from The Closer. If youÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢ve ever seen that show, just like Brenda, Erika has trouble in her job politically. She just always seems have trouble. And the case she is on in this book is 26 year old missing persons case that got a lot of press.There are twists and turns in this story that will keep you guessing until the shocking ending. (I truly did not see this one coming, like I did in book 2.)ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“If I should go tomorrow It would never be goodbye, For I have left my heart with you, So donÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t you ever cry. The love thatÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s deep within me, Shall reach you from the stars, YouÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢ll feel it from the heavens, And it will heal the scars.ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â•ItÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s safe to say IÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢m incurably hooked on these books.My Rating: 4.5/5 stars

I have read all four of his books in this series and I for one like to read a series in order. So I didn't read them out of order. For instance, I had book one and four then I purchased 2 and 3 before reading past the first one. Every story was good and that is why I ended up buying the whole series. If he continues to write more in this series I will buy them. If he starts another series that is similar but not quite the same I will probably buy them too. Never heard of him before but glad I ran across his first book. I don't like to spend a lot on books but I believe I bought the first one for $.99 and that got me hooked. I find that happens a lot with books. I don't read very fast but have bought more on here than I have been able to keep up with. Will have to slow down with purchasing and do more reading I guess. I hope you enjoy the whole series but start with book 1 first and then in order.

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