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The sole survivor of a heartbreaking family tragedy...

Claire Bowen, a haunted psychologist, devotes her life to helping troubled women rebuild theirs. But her dream of a family with her new husband, Robert, a pilot and local hero, begins to crumble as disturbing revelations from his past emerge.

And a grieving cop who lures a killer from the shadows...

Detective Joe Tanner, struggling to overcome his wife's death while raising their little girl alone, heads the task force formed to stop the monster who has resurfaced with a chilling message.

Race the clock in a life-and-death struggle to save the next victim...

In the wake of five cold-case murders across Los Angeles, one of Claire's most promising patients vanishes. Gut instinct tells Tanner the truth is within his grasp, while Claire is torn between guilt and terror over what's to come. As time runs out, both are pulled deeper and deeper into an unspeakable darkness.

Into the Dark Details

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Vivian says

3.5 star read

Claire Bowen was a first-hand witness to the abusive relationship between her parents. She even saw her father kill her mother and younger brother before ultimately killing himself. She's now in a happy relationship with her husband, Robert Bowen, and dedicates her psychology practice to helping abused women. Now it appears that Claire is caught between one of her patients and her estranged abusive husband. When that patient disappears and the police launch their investigation into the patient, the patient's husband, and Claire's practice, more questions are raised than answered. Claire turns to her best friend, a private investigator, to obtain some of those answers. Will answers be found before more bodies are found?

On the surface it appears that Claire and Robert Bowen have the perfect relationship. Robert is loving, attentive, supportive, and hard-working. Unfortunately the more the police search for clues into the murders and Claire's practice, the more unanswered questions arise about Robert and his background. Claire begins to suspect that maybe it isn't possible to ever fully know the person you're in love with and those questions could lead to her demise.

Into the Dark is a fast-paced read that pulled me in from the very beginning. I enjoyed the way Mr. Mofina revealed the warped character of the murderer layer by layer, building the suspense. Even when the murderer is fully revealed, the questions of why, how, and for how long remained. None of the women presented are weak women, but they do have moments of weakness that added to their vulnerability factor. I found all of the characters to be very well-developed and realistic, even the bad guys. If you enjoy a well-written mystery-suspense story with a dark but charismatic bad guy, then **Into the Dark** may be the perfect read for you.

Kris - My Novelesque Life says

3.5 Stars

Cold case detective Joe Tanner is trying to solve the murder of a young screenwriter and single mother of two. As he reviews his cases he notices a pattern that might suggest that a serial killer had been on a killing spree at this time and now was dormant. Using Mark Harding, an ambitious reporter he manages to bring the killer out of retirement and now is on his trail to discover his identity.

Claire Bowen is happy. She loves being a psychologist and being married to Pilot, Robert Bowen. The only thing she is missing is a child. She is unable to have children but continues to look at other alternative options. Lately though she has noticed changes in her happy husband and lets her friend, Julie investigate him.

Robert Bowen loves his new wife and his job. Everything is being to be perfect until he feels like his wife is changing their life with all this baby talk, and worse the police are taunting him. The dormant dark side of him is awakening and his next victim is close to home.

Another great mystery by Rick Mofina. We are aware of the killer's identity early in the novel but Mofina keeps the suspense going with the cat and mouse game and how it will go down. The reason I gave this book a 3.5 versus a 4 is the ending. The climax was way too rushed especially as slow as the beginning was.

Jim says

Another sit on the edge of your seat thriller from author Rick Mofina, "Into The Dark", is a very fast paced, and dark, page turning ride. It's 2013, Detective Joe Tanner of the L.A. county Sheriff's office cold case unit has a unique puzzle of five murders and seemingly no leads to use as a starting point for his investigation. Five women horrifically murdered from the time period of 2003 through 2007. Why has killer been dormant ? Possibly in prison or dead is likely. Meanwhile Psychologist Claire Bowen 35, and her pilot husband Robert 45 both came from difficult upbringings, and horrible first marriages seem to be a happy couple. Claire has thriving practice, and Robert jets around globe piloting special flights for very rich, and some corporations. Claire's most worrisome patient, Amber has been revealing she feels someone stalking her inside her house late at night. Amber newly separated from very abusive husband fears for her life. Amber's soon to be ex shows up to Claire's office one day to create an ugly scene. It's when Amber misses an appointment and goes missing, Claire senses red flags in her own marriage. Claire begins to wonder about Robert and his first wife. He seems to have changed and must be hiding something from Claire. Robert's ex wife Cynthia seems to be creeping back into Robert's life. Claire who has been going to super specialist fertility doctor for badly wanted pregnancy, is now fearing it's a huge mistake. Claire has an old college friend Julie, a one time hot shot lawyer and now P.I., tells Claire she'll look into Robert's background and what's up with this ex-wife. Tanner and his task force finally get a huge break studying crime scene photos from 2007 case. A cryptic message is actually there for him. Tanner decides to enlist the help of reporter Mark Harding of AllNews press agency. Harding 37, gets the break of his career working with Tanner to try and flush out killer if he is still out there. Once the media and specifically Harding get involved the demon shows itself. Tagged the "Dark Wind Killer" (DWK), all bets are off at this point. No one is now safe from this evil demon. I found "Into The Dark" a mesmerizing read. Very difficult to put down. As with all of author Rick Mofina's stories they grab a hold of reader and lead onto a thrill ride of terror rooting for the good guys to overcome evil. Some really amazing characters really add some real depth to the story. It was just an incredible enjoyable read start to finish. Easily five stars out of a possible five stars for "Into The Dark". It's a free standing novel as well, so no need to worry which book within a series it's from. Don't miss out on master story teller Rick Mofina's thrillers. Buckle up and head off into some thrilling adventures.

JoAnn Meaker says

Yet another page-turner.

Molina comes through again with another fast-paced page-turner. He keeps you reading as fast as you can right to the end.

Sandy says

I didn't dislike it but still did a lot of skimming. Since you know who the serial killer is right up front, it just takes the whole book to put the pieces together. Started at 10:00 finished by lunch.

Teena in Toronto says

Claire is a psychologist who is married to Robert, a pilot. Claire really wants to have a baby and is ready to start treatments to make it happen. Robert has been acting strange lately, though, which makes Claire wonder what's wrong ... she suspects he might be having an affair with his ex-wife.

It's the tenth anniversary of the first of five murders of which the killer has never been found. Police officer Joe Tanner approaches reporter Mark Harding to do a story to see if anything comes out of it, which he does. This wakes something up in the murderer and he has to kill again. Amber, one of Claire's patients disappears ... was Amber's estranged husband or the murderer who took her and is she still alive?

This is the first book I've read by this author and I enjoyed it. I liked the writing style ... it was well-paced and kept me wanting to read more to see what was going to happen. You find out right away who the murderer is and it's interesting to follow along to see how they maintain normalcy, why they are the way they are and what eventually happens to them. As a head's up, the language and activity at times is for mature readers.

I liked the characters. Claire is devoted to helping abused women ... her mother had been killed by her abusive father (who then killed himself) when Claire was a child. Robert is honoured as a hero ... he rescued a woman and her baby from a burning car. Claire has a close circle of friends including Julie. Joe is still grieving the loss of his wife to cancer (he plays a video of her on his phone whenever he needs comforting) and is being a good dad to his young daughter.

I would recommend this book!

Blog review post: <http://www.teenaintoronto.com/2013/05...>

Mary Gebert says

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The book is well thought out and keeps you interested. I am looking forward to the next book by Rick Mofina.

Eric says

Overall a good story and an easy read, Into the Dark is good for anyone who likes true crime.

Ann says

Fast paced!

Richard says

Meh.

Vivian Harrington says

Who is the stranger beside you? Is the neighbor across the fence that lives a seemingly ordinary life a serial killer? Is the noise you hear in this middle of the night just a noise? Or is somebody really there? Were is not for stories such as the BTK killer, a novel that poses questions like these might seem beyond belief.

As a survivor of childhood horrors and an abusive first marriage, psychologist Claire devotes her life to helping abused women. She has found her knight in shining armor- her new husband that saved her from a vicious attack. If only she were able to conceive a child her life would be complete.

But a cold case investigator, Joe Tanner, himself a grieving single father, is taking a new look at evidence from an unsolved murder discovers a clue that links several other unsolved murders. And the 10th anniversary of the first death is approaching. Is there a serial killer lurking in the shadows? Does one of Claire's patients have something to fear? Who is the Dark Wind Killer?

I liked the plotting and the characters seemed genuine. Author Rick Mofina appears to appreciate how severely damaged people may seek to deny what is, rationalize irrational behavior, and try to believe in a fairytale. The story is fast paced and I enjoyed the book immensely. I will certainly look for other books written by this author.

Janet says

So so. Skimmed.

Sheila Beaumont says

This page-turner is one of the very best suspense novels I've read this year, a fast-paced serial-killer thriller that's almost impossible to stop reading. The reader knows early on who the killer is, but his psychologist wife is unsuspecting, until she starts noticing strange, disturbing things about his behavior, then has a friend investigate his past. The story is told from a number of different points of view, including the sociopathic

killer's.

Rick Mofina's books really should be on the top-ten bestseller lists! I'm happy to see that there are still several of them I haven't read yet. These books are a must-read for those who enjoy well-written, intriguing thrillers with interesting characters and plenty of action and drama.

Justin Melter says

To see the full review with LazyDay.ca additions please check it out and other reviews here <http://lazyday.ca/into-the-dark-by-ri...>

This was won as a Goodreads First Reads. Thank you to GoodReads, Harlequin, Mira and Rick Mofina for sending this out!

Into the Dark, a new release by Rick Mofina and the book I have to compare to a Dexter episode. For some this may sound grand, for others perhaps not so much. I am not a stranger to Mr. Mofina's works, as I had picked him up before as one of my random library grabs. I was excited when this arrived as the plot from his other story was enough to stick in my mind. This fact very quickly became apparent once again.

First impression, there were quite a few similarities in the plot style, at times I was left wondering if it was a bit templated. This may be unfair without reading more of his titles but that's what I thought, so you gotta hear it, too bad, complain in the comments.

The story itself was a very typical thriller/suspense. It involves a bunch of past murders that had gone unlinked until now. A pattern is found and a game of chess (Edit: I think Chinese checkers may be more suitable.. wait.. damn it.. What is a 3 player game that needs thinking? RISK!) A game of RISK begins between homicide detectives, the killer and the media. The media is used by all parties as a form of contact between each other and the public. Gotta love gruesome and cryptic things arriving in the mail!

The killer who reminded me of a bat-sh*t crazy yet more intelligent Dexter, faces numerous moral choices of life & death and we see his growth/progression into his true killer form. He becomes pretty sadistic, at one point going up to a victim's father and asking what he would say to the killer if he saw him. Sexual arousal didn't really seem to come into play until the end. I guess another growth spurt of a serial killer?

The story seems to mainly jump between the perspectives of the media, police, the killer and his wife (who is the main character). There are a few minor crisis to keep the story going, break-ins, assaults, etc. Yet at times there seemed to be brief drags. Mofina does have a knack for introducing new information in neat if not surprising ways and counters the monotony quickly. I did enjoy the irony in that not only did the psychiatrist (wife) not know she was living with a serial killer, but also everyone around her seemed to think she was too sensitive to handle information... Why is this person a psychiatrist? Oh man. The ending seemed shortened and anti-climatic. I remember this being the same situation in the other book I had read as well. It really surprises me though as I just have a feeling that there was supposed to be more there. I guess we will never know, we will?

I don't think this is one of Mofina's best works. It definitely won't stick out beyond "Oh yeah, I read that." but for those seeking a quick thrill/suspense/mystery for a LazyDay this summer then I would point you in this

direction. I think Mofina has the potential to be something great but may just not wish to stray far from what he knows sells.

-Fatman

If you liked the review and want to see more comments on this title which we don't put on other sites such as Goodreads and Amazon click here! <http://lazyday.ca/into-the-dark-by-ri...>

Amy Lignor says

'Page-Turner' is not just an adjective where this book is concerned; every page seems to have a new shot of suspense so that no reader will ever find the time to get off the sofa and do anything else. In other words, this one will keep people reading until the very last word.

Claire Bowen is a psychologist whose life has been dedicated to helping troubled women learn how to rebuild their lives. She has a new husband, Robert Bowen, who is both a pilot and a local hero. The hero part of the story comes from Robert's courage, when he saved a woman and her baby from an accident on the freeway.

Claire wants very badly to start a family with Robert but has been dealing with her own health issues. And just when things start to go Claire's way, she stumbles upon some very disturbing things hidden in Robert's past.

Detective Joe Tanner has recently lost his wife and is valiantly trying to raise his little girl all by himself. Tanner has become the head of a task force that's hunting a monster that's reappeared on the police radar - a monster who's about to start killing women. Detective Tanner and his men have been studying five cold-case murders that occurred in Los Angeles when one of Claire's patients suddenly vanishes. Tanner is sure that this new 'lead' will help him bring down the murderer once and for all.

Claire runs on guilt and fear as she tries desperately to find a way to save her patient, and finally comes to realize that she will have to confront the "Dark Wind Killer" face-to-face.

This is a one-day read (most likely a two to four hour read, depending on how fast your eyes can soak all this in); but with the exciting plot and a conclusion that is a true surprise to one and all, this is one book that has to be seen ASAP.
