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Everyone is searching for Billy Brogan and his sister, Marianne. Marianne's ex-husband, Kenneth Scott, is gunned down in his home and Billy is on the run to Spain, with the money that was meant to pay the hit man who killed Kenneth. Now the hit man remains in Glasgow, seeking not just his fee for his job but the elusive Marianne.

Sleep Like The Dead Details

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From Reader Review Sleep Like The Dead for online ebook

Wendy Jakob says

Not really a who dunnit? but more of a how and why and how the police put together the evidence and bring the culprits to justice. If you're after a thriller that keeps you guessing this wouldn't be it but if you enjoy a gritty read with rounded characters and are a fan of police detective stories you'll probably enjoy it.

Jenifer Mohammed says

This was an intriguing mystery that contained interesting and sympathetic characters. The storyline did seem to go off on tangents but then the threads were carefully pulled back together. A lot of people had a lot of secrets in this story and there was a definite poignancy to some of them. Great whodunit with lots of red herrings!

books are love says

Enjoyed that there were plots within the plots. The characters are very complex.

Favorite character: DCI Lorimer and Detective Constable Frothy. Solly comes in close as well. Why? They have drive and compassion. Are smart and kind. Empathize and are fair. They want to get justice no matter where it leads and are blind to any prejudices that may be there. It is about getting justice for the victim and finding the truth.

Lorimer and his staff are on the hunt for a killer. But it seems that there are multiple murders that seem unrelated but killed by the same person. While trying to figure out why they stumble on clues that bring in a past and Solly unwittingly. While this is going on we get some personal situations as well such as the notes to Frothy, Lorimer and his wife's relationship and what she is going through and the Hundi.

the story is fast paced and really keeps you on the edge of your seat. You try to figure it all out and the clues drive you batty because they are just enough to whet the appetite but not quite give you the whole picture for they slowly reveal everything. the personal aspect of the characters makes this more real and a great way to distract your mind and tease you about what you know. Those little nuggets of clues drive you to want more. And even after this one is solved there is still a wee bit of a mystery hanging around and it has you wanting to get the next book that has Lorimer in it. The writing is fluid and grabs you with likeable characters, a mystery that captivates you and has you play detective and a story that is complex with the multiple plots and storylines that weave together effortlessly and beautifully.

Elizabeth Findlay says

Excellent from beginning to end

Charlotte says

A somewhat slow- moving but more personal instalment in the DCI Lorimer series. Moving life events in opposition to each other occur in the lives of Lorimer and Brightman and are juxtaposed to great effect.

Simon Gosden says

Another DCI Lorimer case set in the city of Glasgow. A hitman kills his target and then finds the man who is supposed to make the payment has vanished. DCI Lorimer finds himself and a team in a race against time to halt the killer and avert the day.

Suzanne says

DCI William Lorimer works the streets of Glasgow in a hard hitting Series. With his now friend, and profiler, Solomon Brightman, they try to solve the grizzly murders found in the Scottish city .. Really strong characterisation and the storylines are all different and well paced. The personal lives of these two men are also really well developed, and their continuum comes across as 'thought out' and not just as an afterthought. Only a few more and I'll be up to date on the whole Series.

Rog Harrison says

I realised when I started to read this that I had read it before. However I must not have noted it in goodreads. Alex Gray is a good story teller but for me her characters just do not come to life. This is an interesting story but I am afraid Chief Inspector Lorimer seems like a cardboard cutout.

Bev Taylor says

this author is now top of my list!

cannot wait to meet lorimer again

just one question - why did the not check the reason for the divorce? they might have got to a conclusion more quickly

go for it!

bev

Wendy says

Sounds like Glasgow is a chilling place to live! (I've been there and love it). Alex Gray, a woman, has written a series of books which are to Glasgow as Ian Rankin is to Edinburgh. Well thought out story. As it says on the back cover: "There is a hitman on the streets of Glasgow: unpaid and angry, he's decided to settle his own debts. As the hitman plans a bloody ransom to get his fee, the race is on to find out just who hired him - and who's next on the list." This is my first book by this author. I have others given to me by a friend.

Lizzie Hayes says

‘Sleep like the Dead’ by Alex Gray

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The shooting of thirty-seven year-old Kenneth Scott divorced, no children living in a quiet suburb of Glasgow, seems motiveless – even the victim has a surprised look on his face. And disbelief from those who knew him, ‘such an ordinary bloke’ seems to be the census of opinion - it must have been a mistake!

Investigating is Detective Chief Inspector William Lorimer’s team and his new Detective Constable Omar Adel Fathy. And so they begin the interviews of those closest to Kenneth Scott with the exception of his ex-wife who they cannot locate.

Across the city, a hit-man is keen to collect his fee and be on his way. But matters don’t go smoothly and this makes him angry and bent on revenge.

Meanwhile in Spain wee toerag Billy is living royally on 10K that isn’t his, but wee Billy is not that savey away from his native Glasgow.

Further professional killings has DCI Lorimer struggling to find any evidence, and following budget cut-backs he cannot call on criminal psychologist Solomon Brightman, to give him a profile of the killer. Although saddened that he is no longer able to be involved, Solomon and his wife Dr Rosie Ferguson, the forensic pathologist is pregnant with their first child, so they have much to occupy them, but Solomon is closer to the case than he knows.

An intriguing mystery, rich is characters that initially seem unrelated until the author skilfully draws the threads together and the story unfolds to reveal the full picture. The strands of the story are satisfyingly tied-up, with a twist at the end that for this reader ejects into the story a note of sadness. Very highly recommended.

Lizzie Hayes

Alison Cairns says

I felt this was a better read than the last few - through them all I want to keep up with the Lorimers and their friends Rosie and Solomon, and this story brought more of the wow factor back with the story involving the characters. Working my way through Alex Gray's books, as I've missed them until now.

Gary Van Cott says

3.5 stars

Richard Thompson says

An enjoyable enough read-aloud. Billy Brogan hires a hit man (a former army sniper he met during his own army days) to kill his sister's abuse stalker husband, and things start to go spectacularly wrong from there. Hard to know who the hero is in this one...

Suzanne says

This is a re-issue of a book published in 2011, now as an ebook, and one in a series of DCI Lorimer tales. It is my first with the series and with the author, Alex Gray. I was surprised at the spare writing style and short chapters. I had expected something a bit more descriptive, as I have come to expect of British police procedurals. Perhaps the Scottish nature caused the shift in style of this series. While the story itself was fine, it didn't pull me in enough. I wasn't fully engaged with any of the characters or the setting, although I would have really enjoyed the opportunity. I read the book on a 100 degree day in the desert Southwest. A book set in rainy Scotland seemed just the ticket for a weekend afternoon. But I couldn't quite get there, try as I might. I received my copy from the publisher through edelweiss.
