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THE WOMAN FROM THE BLUE LIAS - a murder mystery and psychological thriller with a difference...

Toby Turner didn't expect to stumble upon the remains of a human skeleton, washed down from the cliff top by a recent landslip.

He runs a small bookshop in the quiet seaside town of Lyme Regis in Dorset. His life's not quite on track; his bookshop's not doing too well, for one thing, and he's not sure his relationship with his girlfriend-cum-fiancé Trisha is going anywhere either – at least, nowhere she would like it to go.

Toby takes a walk along the Blue Lias cliffs on Monmouth Beach to think things through, and here he finds the body of a woman; a woman, it transpires, who was murdered in 1978.

The gruesome discovery and the resulting media attention he receives would have been hard enough to cope with, but he soon suspects the woman who keeps coming into his shop is the woman from the Blue Lias, that he is being haunted by the very woman he found on the beach.

What's more, he finds himself falling for her, eventually feeling he is unable to live without her. Is she real, or is he imagining things? His strange obsession starts to have a negative effect on his life and his health, which begins to deteriorate.

He decides to try and solve the mystery of her death and why she chose him, of all people, hoping by discovering what happened to her all those years ago they can both find peace. And so begins Toby Turner's bizarre journey of discovery that will lead him into very dark and dangerous territory.

His search leads him to a hotel that used to stand high on the cliff, lost to a landslide in the 1980s, and to an old musician called Steely Jacobs who appears to be linked to the dead woman. But events take an unexpectedly disturbing contemporary turn when Toby discovers his best friend Mark has been secretly amassing information on a number of missing young women going back a decade or more.

He learns about Mark's secret past and how he'd been implicated in the murder of his teenage girlfriend. Is this tragic death connected to the list of missing young women he's made? And what has their disappearance got to do with the body Toby discovered on the beach, a woman murdered thirty-five years ago? How is all this connected to the mysterious hotel called the Belle Vue, long ago collapsed into the sea, and the aged guitarist called Steely Jacobs?

Not only has he uncovered a body, Toby Turner had inadvertently scuffed away the thin covering of dirt from dark, long-held secrets that will lead him into a corrupt world of vice and murder. His life will never be the same again.

D. M. Mitchell pens yet another taut psychological thriller complete with supernatural chills, peopled with an array of larger-than-life characters, deliciously devious twists and turns, with every seemingly disparate thread coming neatly together in a trademark surprise ending that will leave you speechless...

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Dawn Davies says

An interesting read, an unusual book, which enjoyed.

Gary says

A mystery within a mystery

The story takes unexpected twists and turns while spinning a tale of love. The main character finds himself in one unusual and uncomfortable situation after another. You feel both sorry for him and frustrated by his inability to deal with life! And in the end he surprises everyone, including himself. The story is easy to read and very captivating.

Kara Edwards says

Great book!

I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book. I felt the plot was very well thought out and the characters were very much like real people with real emotions and feelings. If you like a thought provoking , well plotted mystery that is suspenseful and psychologically intense...this is the book for you. I'm pretty sure it will keep you reading and guessing like it did me.

Stephanie Collie says

took a while for the story to develop. almost quit reading this book.

Dina_s says

The usual D.M. Mitchell modern gothic suspense. Definitely one of the better quality indie writers on Kindle.

Alexa says

I used to live in Dorset, and knew the Lyme Regis area very well, so felt more drawn to this story than others by this author. I loved the attention to geographical detail, the emotional rollercoaster of the main character

and the imaginative plotline. In a little out of the way coastal town, you could believe something like that could actually happen. It certainly makes for a more exciting visit.

Mary says

Really different with twists I didn't expect. I enjoyed it

John Lee says

This is my first visit to this authors work. My wife came across him recently and has read several of his books and rates him highly.

With several of his novels available to me, I chose this one because of its local connection. We live within a few miles of Lyme Regis and visit regularly. This especially brought the novel alive for me as I could really follow and feel the places visited. The landslips, with which the story starts, are a real fact of life around here and after the heavy storms at the beginning of the year, much of the end of Monmouth beach has been destroyed.

But back to the book. I liked the 'first person' style in which it was written and the good pace of the story throughout. The characters are well described and I had no difficulty remembering who was who. Although part of the subject matter was a bit dark, the author didnt let this drag the story down.

The introduction of Madelaines ghost worried me a little as I am not really in to stories of the supernatural but I neednt have worried as she wasnt really part of the main story - or was she?

Two things that I will take from the story. Firstly, to wear extra warm clothes when I go into that little book shop on Main Street and secondly to give a certain hotel a very wide berth.

I look forward to my next book by this author.

Nicole S. Jorgensen says

Great mystery

Keeps you in suspense from start to finish. Wish the story had continued on where it left off...leaves you wanting more...which is a sign of a great book!

Dale says

Hello Toby Turner ...

You did it again Mitchell! Another great story that drew me in, took me through more time and cast me out with a smile on my face. This is the fifth book of yours I've read and my only complaint is this one was a

little short. I like long books and usually you pass 300 pages easily. Oh well there's more of your books out there so ill just have to go see what I choose next.. Thnx again....

Janet says

very good

Carol says

A slow beginning

The beginning of this book is a little slow for me. However I pushed through and am pleased with the last 2/3 of the book. It finale started to make sense and I was able to pull things together. It ended up much different than I had expected. It's a good story.
