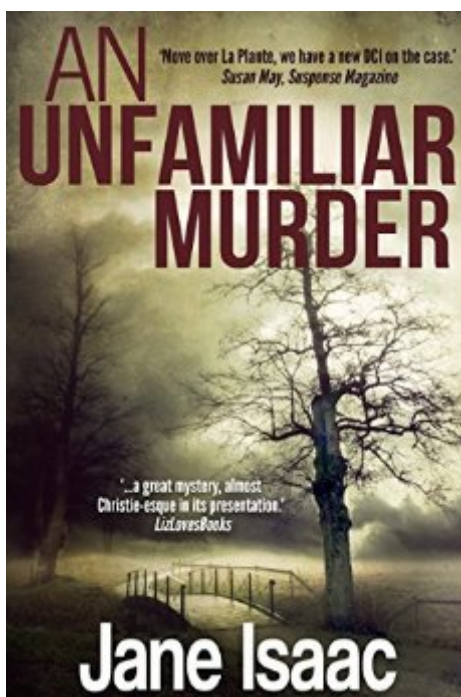


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# An Unfamiliar Murder (DCI Helen Lavery Book 1)



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Some secrets just won't stay buried. Arriving home from a routine day at work, Anna Cottrell has no idea that her life is about to change forever. But discovering the stabbed body of a stranger in her flat, then becoming prime suspect in a murder inquiry is only the beginning. Her persistent claims of innocence start to crumble when new evidence links her irrevocably with the victim... Leading her first murder investigation, DCI Helen Lavery unravels a trail of deception, family secrets and betrayal. When people close to the Cottrell family start to disappear, Lavery is forced into a race against time. Can she catch the killer before he executes his ultimate victim? What readers are saying • beautifully and confidently written and impossible to put down once you start. • Christine, NorthernCrimeReviews • Move over La Plante. We have a new DCI on the case. • Susan May, Suspense Magazine • A great mystery, almost Christie-esque in its presentation. • Liz Loves Books ( Top 500 reviewer) • It's a true • keep them guessing until the end • great mystery thriller that I think even Hitchcock would have liked. • Joanna Lee Doster, Author of Maximum Speed, Pushing the Limit • An Unfamiliar Murder holds a raw narrative power and moves at an indefatigable pace with a satisfying ending. An engaging thriller that falls into the • can't put it down • bracket. • Umbreen Ali, Fusion Lifestyle Magazine

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## Customer Reviews

Jane Isaac's book - 'An Unfamiliar Murder', is as fast paced as it is full of twists and turns.

Unfortunately, I am one of those readers, that if a book doesn't grab my attention from the beginning I don't usually persevere with it for too long. 'An Unfamiliar Murder' however, did grab my attention and I found myself eagerly turning the pages so I could find out what would happen to Anna next? Anna Cottrell is a young woman who inadvertently finds herself thrown into a web of murder and intrigue when she comes home one day to find a dead body in her flat. As more and more details of her life unfold, details that Anna herself did not know, you cannot help but wonder what she will find out next and where it all leads? Who is this person watching her and is it who I think it may be? The other leading lady in this novel, DCI Helen Lavery is portrayed as a hard working, ambitious woman, with an enormous task on her hands - that of solving the murder. As the reader I attempted to solve the crime myself many times, only to find out I was wrong and to absolutely feel Helen's frustration. All the characters of the book are really well written, the plot is brilliant and the story totally believable. When I started reading 'An Unfamiliar Murder' I was reminded of another non-fiction British crime author by the name of Mark Billingham. Ms Isaac's writing and the pace of her novel is to me, comparable to Mr Billingham's novels as DCI Helen Lavery reminded me very much of the main character in most of his books and for all readers who enjoy the pace and style of Mr Billingham, will not be disappointed by this new 'up and coming'. I often recommend him to friends and I will certainly be doing the same for Ms Isaac. I am pleased that the author is writing a sequel.

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