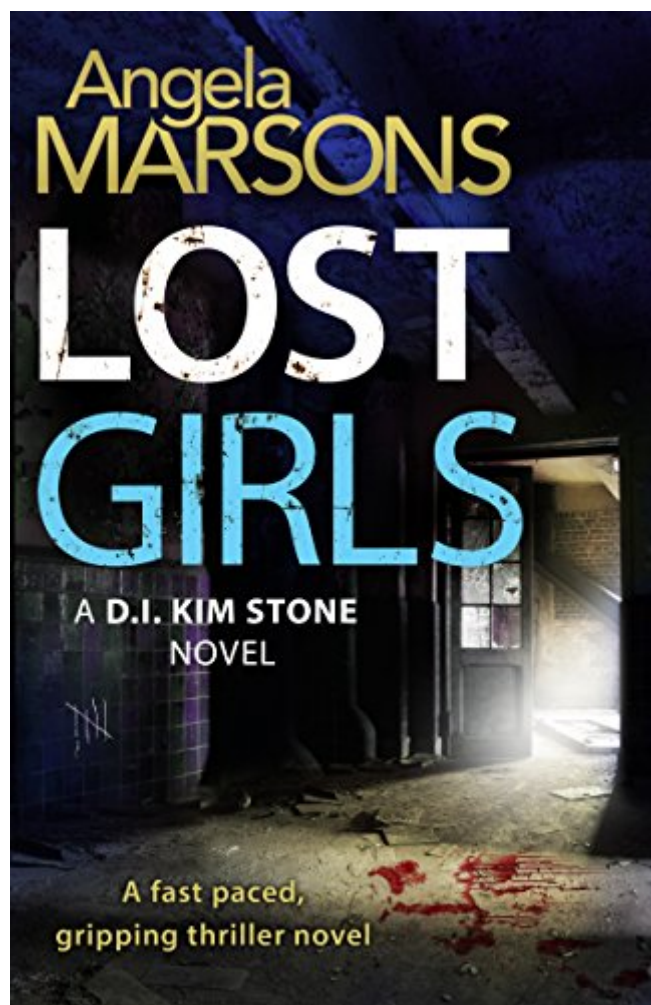


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# Lost Girls: A Fast Paced, Gripping Thriller Novel (Detective Kim Stone Crime Thriller Series Book 3)



## Synopsis

Two girls go missing. Only one will return. The couple that offers the highest amount will see their daughter again. The losing couple will not. Make no mistake. One child will die. When nine-year-old best friends Charlie and Amy disappear, two families are plunged into a living nightmare. A text message confirms the unthinkable; that the girls are the victims of a terrifying kidnapping. And when a second text message pits the two families against each other for the life of their children, the clock starts ticking for D.I. Kim Stone and the squad. Seemingly outwitted at every turn, as they uncover a trail of bodies, Stone realises that these ruthless killers might be the most deadly she has ever faced. And that their chances of bringing the girls home alive, are getting smaller by the hour.

Untangling a dark web of secrets from the families' past might hold the key to solving this case. But can Kim stay alive long enough to do so? Or will someone's child pay the ultimate price?

The latest utterly addictive thriller from the No.1 bestseller Angela Marsons. A detective hiding dark secrets, Kim Stone will stop at nothing to protect the innocent. Watch out for more from D.I. Kim Stone: 1. SILENT SCREAM 2. EVIL GAMES 3. LOST GIRLS 4. PLAY DEAD

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started I could not put it down until the last page had been turned â | I don't give books a 5 star rating unless they have that special something that blows me away, but 'Lost Girls' was a very easy 5 stars for me.â™ Cal Turnerâ™s Book Reviewsâ ^Lost Girls kept me up late into the night as I just couldn't bear to put it down. Angela Marsons has written a tightly woven thriller, that will keep the reader riveted to the last page.â™ The Book Review CafÃ©

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## Customer Reviews

This is the third in what is now one of my top 5 series of books. As with all series books, it is best to read in order from the start to get the best of character development but the main story contained within this book is self-contained. In a bit of a change from her usual murder inquiries, Kim Stone heads a kidnap task force having been requested by the mother of one of the kidnapped girls. This mother having shared some of the same past as Kim and, through her, we also learn a bit more about Kim's past and that helps us to understand more about her and her strained relationships with other people. The kidnap itself is also a little different to the norm (is there a norm with kidnappings?) and, through text messages from kidnappers to parents, we learn that there is a dark twist involved which literally pits the two sets of parents against each other. Throw into the mix a

previous kidnapping case that went wrong along with secrets and lies hidden by the parents and we have got ourselves one heck of a roller-coaster ride all the way to the end. As with Ms Marsons' previous books, the subject matter is dark, very dark, and the book could so easily become too hard to read but this author is very very clever in the way that she manages to keep the balance by some of the best banter, especially between Kim and Bryant. I also love the "relationship" between these two. Bryant knows exactly where the line is drawn and how far he can go with Kim, especially when in the long run, it's for her own good. Some of their interactions had me in tears, sometimes with laughter and, in the latter stages of the book, with raw emotion. I don't know what else I can say about this book that won't turn this review into a love-fest for the author!

• Do you want to play? • I absolutely loved the first two Detective Kim Stone novels by Angela Marsons and I am delighted to say that this third instalment is "if possible" even better. This series has fast become a must read for crime fans and I eagerly anticipate the novel featuring the prickly and determined Detective Inspector. When Kim Stone is called in to see her boss, she half anticipates having her knuckles rapped over some unremembered misdemeanour. What she discovers though, is that two young girls have been snatched. A similar crime happened some months before; when one of the girls was found wandering in the road some time after the abduction and another is still missing and presumed dead. With a press blackout, Kim is not only struggling with an emotive and difficult crime, but also with local journalist, Tracy Frost, who Kim blames for the death of a local ex-gang member and who is on the trail of this story. The two girls that have been snatched are Charlie Timmins and Amy Hanson, who should have been collected from swimming by one of the mothers. Charlie's mother, Karen Timmins, knew Kim as a troubled child, when they were both in the foster care system, and has asked for her to lead the investigation. The two sets of parents start out as close friends, united by their daughter's friendship. However, this will be torn apart when they are forced to compete for the life of their child. [This crime novel takes us on a non-stop, breathtaking ride, as Kim is determined to locate both girls. Her team have to set up base within the home of one of the girls and she is forced to take both a profiler and a trained negotiator on board.

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