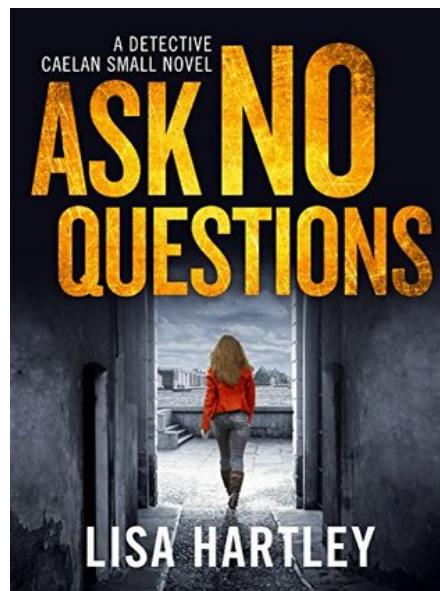




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After an operation goes badly wrong, undercover specialist **Detective Caelan Small** leaves the Metropolitan Police for good. Or so she thinks. Then the criminal responsible is seen back in the UK.

Soon Caelan is drawn back into a dangerous investigation. But when the main lead is suddenly murdered, all bets are off. Nothing is as it seems. Everyone is a suspect - even close colleagues.

Someone in the Met is involved and Caelan is being told to **Ask No Questions**.

That isn't an option: Caelan needs answers... whatever the cost.

The nerve-shredding new crime thriller from bestseller Lisa Hartley starts a must-read new series. Perfect for fans of Angela Marsons and Robert Bryndza, it will keep you guessing until the very end.

Ask No Questions Details

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From Reader Review Ask No Questions for online ebook

Katherine Hayward says

Review to come Thank you to Lisa Hartley and Canelo for my ARC in exchange for an honest review.

Jane Shambler says

OMG! I hate authors that do this to me. You can not just stop there. It's unfair and cruel. All I can say is there had better be a sequel or I'm going to have to..... oh I don't know. See how do you like it?

This is the first book I have read by this author and wow what a start. The start of the book is best described as explosive and the ending well I didn't expect that. You just don't see it coming.

Caelan Small resigned from the Metropolitan Police when an operation went from bad to worse. She believed that she was done with her old life. Little did she know was that the Metropolitan Police decides to reinstate her and compared to this operation the one that caused her to resign was in fact a cake walk.

Ask No Questions is a thriller of a frantic pace. Once you pick it up I dare you to put it down. Seriously it's 100 miles an hour and that's on a slow page. You think you have worked it out then suddenly it changes direction and a whole new set of questions are asked.

Small is an extremely likable character. There are many characters in this book that give you the impression that they are good trustworthy people. Wow I was so wrong.

Would I recommend it? Ohh yes without a doubt. If you love a mystery and a thriller you will love this. Enjoy!

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PS Its on Amazon for 99p

Alyce Hunt says

I'm reviewing *Ask No Questions* for my stop on the *Tell No Lies* blog tour, so my review of this will be up tomorrow, but I can say that it's a slow yet extremely promising start to a new crime series.

EDIT 07/03/2018:

'The blood haunted her. She saw it pool beneath her feet when she walked down the street, felt it spatter her skin as she showered.'

When we meet Detective Caelan Small, she's in Egypt trying to track down the one that got away. Seb Lambourne, the man who kidnapped and killed 10-year-old Charlie Flynn, and then murdered Caelan's colleague, Nicky, right in front of her, before mysteriously disappearing into the night.

Because of that case, Caelan retired. But now rumours are flying that Seb Lambourne is back in England, and Caelan is the only detective skilled enough to be able to find him...

Ask No Questions has **a plot which constantly changes direction**. At first, it seems simple: Caelan is going to shadow Lambourne's son, Ronnie Morgan, until she discovers enough information to find the man himself. But when Ronnie receives a mysterious phone call and boards a train to London - a completely out of character move for a guy who's never missed a university lecture before - **things spin rapidly out of control**.

If you like books **keeping you on the edge of your seat**, *Ask No Questions* certainly does that. People drop dead left, right and centre, and Caelan is always in the middle of the action. This causes her colleagues to point their fingers at her, and even though the reader knows she's completely innocent **it seems impossible that she'll get herself out of these sticky situations**.

However, because the focus of the story constantly shifts it makes the plot **disorienting and difficult to follow** (until the end of the novel, when the person behind it all is revealed and all of the pieces fall into place). That makes it **extremely rereadable**, because there are hints dropped throughout that don't seem relevant until the end. I was mad at myself for dismissing some of the more obvious ones. Keep your eyes open and you'll figure out what's going on much faster than I did!

All in all, this is **a great introduction to a strong female detective**. At times it feels slow and clunky, but at other points it's impossible to put down and the pages fly past. I'm excited to read *Tell No Lies*, because now Caelan has been introduced and her backstory has been explored things are bound to get cranked up a notch.

This review was originally posted on The Bumbling Blogger, as part of the *Tell No Lies* blog tour.

Vicki - I Love Reading says

"<http://amzn.to/2th5SwP>"

I actually started book 2 and felt i'd missed something, when I checked I realised there was a book 1. I put book 2 down and started this one.

I'm glad I did, I felt I had a better understanding of things for going forward to book 2.

The title of this book says it all. Is there really no one you can trust?

'After an operation goes badly wrong, undercover specialist Detective Caelan Small leaves the Metropolitan Police for good. Or so she thinks. Then the criminal responsible is seen back in the UK.'

It's been great getting to know Detective Caelan Small, what an interesting character she turned out to be. She's a woman that wants answers and will go the extra mile, no matter what the consequences are, to get her answers.

This is one of those books that from the first page, you are totally intrigued, and you know you can't wait to turn those pages. That is exactly what I did with this book, It really did get me involved.

What a great storyline, a read well worth reading. Plenty of twists, and at times I really didn't know who could be trusted. I did occasionally get lost with some of the names, there does seem to be an awful lot of characters. Once i'd gotten into my head who was who, I was fine.

The ending of this book leaves you wanting to read the next one, luckily for me I can. Sometimes being behind on a series does have its advantages.

Mandy White says

thank you to netgalley, the publisher and the author for a copy of this book to read and review. i this book...a fast paced story that keeps you hanging on for what comes next

Kaisha (The Writing Garnet) says

All reviews can be found on my blog at <https://thewritinggarnet.wordpress.com>

Have you ever finished reading a book and thought to yourself; ‘Hallelujah!! This is just the book I’ve been waiting for!’? I have..

Now even though I read a lot of books, I still expect each and every storyline to be unique. However, recently it feels like a lot of the thrillers/psychological thrillers I’ve read, whilst being a good enough read, haven’t made me go ‘wow!’. Until now.

Caelan Small resigned from her job in the Met after a police operation went from bad, to worse, in a matter of minutes. As far as Caelan was concerned, she had left her job permanently. However as far as the Met were concerned, Caelan was about to be reinstated and thrown in the deep end. If Caelan thought the operation last time was a mess, she has no idea what is about to come her way...

‘Ask No Questions’ is THE book I have been waiting for! Not only was the storyline extremely fast paced, it was also full of suspense and intrigue as I tried to work out what the hell was going on. In the simplest of terms, ‘Ask No Questions’ is an absolute mind-funk of a novel which, ironically enough, made me want to ask questions constantly. When each situation began to unfold I tried to piece everything together, attempting to come up with a name as to who was involved. Just when I had a name and a motive in mind, the entire plot changed tactic and everything was up in the air. Nobody was safe. Nothing was certain. There were a lot of characters with a ‘do not trust’ sign stuck to their heads and, because I was invested in each character throughout the book, I became quite shocked when a character who I believed to be trustworthy, ended up being ‘one to watch’.

From the very first page, ‘Ask No Questions’ held me hostage. My level of excitement for the novel itself was through the roof, I was eager to turn to the next page to find out what was going to happen next. Who was going to come out from the woodwork. Who might end up dead.

I cannot even begin to explain how much I absolutely LOVED Lisa Hartley’s novel. All I can say (once again), is how ‘Ask No Questions’ became THE book I have been waiting for. THE storyline I wanted to sink my teeth into and never let go. Being shocked by every turn of events the moment I turned the page. Lisa Hartley has written a phenomenal, intense, spine tingling and addictive read, I am already beyond excited about the next book in the series. ‘Ask No Questions’ ticked every single box for me, and then some.

For once the tag line at the end of the blurb is bang on; this book really will keep you guessing, and you will absolutely love that it does.

Thanks Canelo!

Loraine Philliban says

Wow fantastic thriller from Lisa Hartley a true page turner that will keep you burning the midnight oil.

Caelan is a retired undercover detective who comes out of retirement to help track down a known killer. Not knowing which of her fellow officers to trust she enlists the help of an ex army soldier now serving in the police security division.

As the story unfolds the twists and thrills mount steadily right to the very last page.

I thoroughly enjoyed this book and can't wait for the next in this new series.

Jo says

I was hooked from this title's evocative opening lines. *Ask No Questions* is the first of Lisa Hartley's novels I have read, but it will not be my last. Her writing style is strong and confident... the tension and suspense often palpable. **Read full review >>**

Elizabeth Moffat says

Three and a half stars from me!

First of all, a huge thank you to Faye Rogers for organising and inviting me to take part in this blog tour and to the publishers Canelo for sending me a complimentary copy of *Ask No Questions* in e-book format in exchange for an honest review. There was a time in my life when I pretty much used to read crime fiction exclusively before I branched out into reading other genres. However, I still love a good crime narrative and when I read the synopsis of this novel it sounded a bit different from the norm which is definitely something I am intrigued by so I was excited to give it a shot.

Our protagonist of the story is Detective Caelan Small, a police officer that specialises in undercover operations and is incredibly good at her job role - in fact, one of the best in the business. When we first meet her however, she is on hiatus after one of her past jobs went badly wrong. A small boy that she was attempting to save and a close colleague of hers was killed, the suspects managed to escape and are still at large and the repercussions of the events of that evening still haunt her. Even though she is on enforced leave, she is pulled back into the investigation when the suspect is seen once again in the UK. This time, Caelan is determined to complete the case, find out what went so horribly wrong previously and put the perps behind bars. It's not that easy though and Caelan finds herself embroiled in a dramatic web of corruption, violence and lies. Worse still, the bodies are starting to stack up again and the finger of blame is being pointed firmly at Caelan leading to her being either a suspect for murder or in terrible danger herself.

Ask No Questions was an action-packed, roller-coaster ride of a story that left me hardly able to draw breath, there was so much going on. The plot is intricate and complicated but what I enjoyed most is that you never knew exactly what was going on right up until the end of the novel. Caelan Small isn't your ordinary hard-boiled, bad ass female detective and this made her even more interesting to read about. She's brave and at times, obviously reckless but she also has a strong moral sense of what's right and wrong, a determination to see justice and a lot of heart which made her infinitely more human. If I had to criticise in any way, I might just say that it would have been nice to see a bit more of other characters which I didn't think were fleshed

out as much as Caelan was herself. Generally though, this was an exciting read with a strong plot and I'd be intrigued to find out more about Caelan as a character in future novels.

For my full review and many more please visit my blog at <http://www.bibliobeth.com>

Marina says

Caelan Small is an undercover specialist. She can be anyone, anytime, anywhere. Her last mission goes bad and she loses the boy she supposed to save and she loses the love of her life. So she decides to take a break. But her bosses do not leave her to grieve too long. They want her back to find a person who might be connected with her last mission. She isn't very happy about it, but she agrees. And from the very beginning, everything goes wrong. People die everywhere, people she is connected with, people involved in her last mission. Where ever she appears, somebody dies. And her fingerprints are all over the place. Someone is setting her up. Someone she trusts.

But Caelan isn't a puppet! She is not just a soldier who blindly follows orders and asks no questions. She feels responsible for the death of a missing child and the love of her life. And she won't calm down until she finds who is responsible for the mission going wrong and who is setting her up for all those murders. There is someone corrupted in the agency and she is going to find out who!

If she survives!

This is my first book from this author and I must say I am impressed. The story is full of action and turnovers on every corner. Caelan's fight for justice is full of fights, lies, adrenalin rushed chases, it has everything. I loved the rush and the main character. It is a good read for those who love action thrillers.

Debbie Littlely says

Some secrets were meant to stay hidden... Trust no-one

What an absolutely brilliant start to a new series by Lisa Hartley.

Meet Detective Caelan Small, an undercover policewoman with the Met police force. She is a very highly rated officer who is brilliant at her job, smart, intelligent and a little bit reckless in regards to her own safety.

Except at the moment she is no longer working in the police force and had vowed never to return to the job due to her previous case. It was a really bad case that went drastically wrong ending in a loss that still haunts her and the main suspect evading capture and disappearing into the wind.

But now it seems that the suspect is back and back with a vengeance. That is what brings her back to the force as she tries to hunt down the killer and maybe try to make right the wrongs from before.

You get a real feel for Caelan with her no-nonsense and tough attitude and her other side that is still reeling and being haunted from the case that made her walk away from the job, a case she keeps getting flashbacks to.

As the hunt for the killer heats up and with the body count growing the dramatic web of corruption, violence

and lies brings her colleagues come under suspicion and even Caelan herself becomes a suspect!

Not knowing who she can trust, Ewan is brought in as her new partner, he is ex army and has been working security. He instantly becomes a lovable character and one of the lead characters in the book.

There are a lot of characters in this book and at times i found it a bit hard to keep track of them all.

This is an extremely fast paced book packed full of twists, turns and red herrings that will keep you guessing and then re guessing wanting to race ahead to find the answers to all the questions this book throws at you.

The flashbacks are really relevant to the story as they reveal the details of the case that made her walk away from the job. The ending of the book brings together the past and present with a final twist that I really did not see coming at all.

I loved this book and my only negative would be the wait for the second book!

This is 1 book that i will 100% recommend to friends and family as well as everyone else!

Rhonda Lomazow says

This was my first Lisa Hartley book. I was drawn in from the first pages. A twisty turning thriller kept me racing through the pages. I will be reading the rest of her books love to discover a new to me author. Thanks to Net Galley.

Charlotte Burns says

Review also on my blog charlottesomewhere.wordpress.com

” Excuse Me. No. No, it cannot end like that. WHERE ARE THE REST OF THE PAGES? There better be a sequel.”

These were my thoughts as I finished the last pages of this book.

Ask No Questions, the new book from Lisa Hartley opens with a really strong, graphic image and we find ourselves immediately thrown into two stories that we know link together, but it takes until the very end of the novel to work out how and why. It took me a while to get into this, but once I did, I was hooked.

Caelan Small was involved in an operation which went wrong. Badly wrong. A young boy died and no-one seems to know what happened. Caelan lost someone she cared about, and retired from the force. Now, their main suspect is back and Caelan is ordered out of retirement to track him down. She takes her eye off the target for a minute and disaster strikes. Caelan becomes a suspect and as the story unfolds, so does everyone around her. It is impossible to know who to trust.

Caelan is a really strong character. At times, she reminded me of an early Lisbet Salander. She is something of a loner, she is extremely clever, can pull off any disguise, likes to be in control, and manages to outsmart most of the people around her. And yet, she also ends up as one of the main suspects in both cases. Everyone is a suspect. No one can be trusted.

The novel has been described as a “nerve-shredding crime thriller” that “keeps you guessing until the very end” and I could not agree more. I had no idea where this was going and I loved that no matter how many times I thought I knew how it would end, no matter how obscure my own theories, I was always wrong. There are so many twists in the story that are unpredictable, but never unbelievable and this made the book for me. I like to be kept on my toes and surprised. This is one of those books that has you sitting up until the early hours whilst you read “just one more chapter”.

Joanne Robertson says

This is the first book in the Detective Caelen Small series and what a gripping and rather breathtaking start it is! And I guarantee you won't see that ending coming! It will leave you gobsmacked, flicking back through the pages to see how you missed it but more importantly, you will want to read the next book in the series NOW!!

Now, Caelen Small isn't the easiest of characters to like as when we meet her she has retreated into herself, away from others. It's obvious that sometimes very distressing had happened to her but we have to wait to find out the full extent of the horrors she has seen as we are drip fed snippets throughout the book. There were a few major surprises along the way that I hadn't been expecting but they added an edge to the storyline that worked really well! Once Caelen herself gradually opens up, I found I had to reexamine my initial reaction to her and felt I understood what made her tick so much better once the pieces started to fall into place. In fact the more I discovered about her, the more I liked her which is the exact opposite of how I felt about other characters. It's probably best to mention here that it did take me a while to get used to the authors writing style as I felt there was so many characters to get to know very quickly and I had to concentrate quite heavily sometimes with much flicking back to check facts and who characters were. But once engrossed in the fast paced narrative, I found myself swept away by the action taking place right up until that jaw dropping conclusion.

This has the potential to be a great series with its intelligent and intricate plotting and darkly atmospheric settings. It has a convoluted storyline that means you have no idea who to trust because around every corner lurked another shocking development. I found myself thinking it would make one of those crime dramas that the BBC do so well. In fact, if you have enjoyed such dramas as *Between the Lines* and *Line of Duty* then this book should be right up your street.

Sarah says

Note: This book was received from the publisher in return for an honest review

I wasn't planning on or looking to take part in any blog tours when Faye asked if I would be interested in taking part in a blog tour for Ask No Questions, I was already behind in writing up my reviews and I knew I had an exam coming up that I needed to study for but I had a quick look at the blurb and decided it sounded like just my sort of book, and the date was far enough in the future that I'd be able to fit everything in, less than 48 hours later I'd requested, downloaded and finished the book!

Lisa Hartley is a completely new author to me and Ask No Questions is the first book in a series (although not the first book Lisa has published). Now I was in a bit of a slump when I first this on my Kindle app, I normally don't really like reading more than one book at once but I was struggling with my current read, something I really loved the idea of but wasn't quite connecting with me. I had no such problems with Ask

No Questions, I started reading quite late on a Saturday night and by the time I finished the first chapter I was hooked!

The lead character in this new series is Detective Caelan Small Caelan works for the Metropolitan Police and specialises in undercover work, Ask No Questions takes place some time after an operation has gone badly wrong and Caelan has quit the force, suddenly there are reports that the main suspect from their previous case is back in the country and Caelan is convinced to come back and track him down.

Ask No Questions is most definitely a page turner! Looking back at the comments I put on Goodreads as I was reading I can see that by 22% I was completely hooked and full of questions I NEEDED answers to.

I really enjoyed the different characters throughout the book, obviously Caelan is the lead and we find out little bits of information about her as the book goes on but I definitely want to know more! She's obviously very good at her job, but she's still young and I'd love to explore in future books what spending so much time undercover, living as another person does to you as your own person, do you end up losing part of yourself?

Ewan Davies is an ex-soldier now working as part of the protection unit who is sent to collect Caelan at the beginning of the story - I really liked him, I think there's a lot of potential and I hope he sticks around!

Lisa introduces a number of other characters as well, from superior officers like DAC Nasenby, Commander Penrith, and Assistant Commissioner Elizabeth Beckett, to her former colleague Sam Clifton and other supporting characters. Lisa does a wonderful job of building suspense and making you question everyone and everything. The writing is fast paced, with twists and turns to keep you guessing and surprises right from the beginning. I have to admit that I didn't really see the ending coming, despite spending most of the book trying to guess, but I didn't feel cheated either which is the sign of a great book, enough clues, real and false, to keep you guessing but enough laid down that you don't feel the author's just randomly decided something right at the end and you never had a chance to work it out.

Would I Recommend?

Absolutely I would recommend this to any of my readers who love a good crime thriller! Lisa has written a wonderfully paced and clever novel that was full of things that kept be second guessing all that had gone before. I am so pleased Faye asked me to be part of this book tour and introduced me to this fabulous book - and that epilogue?! You'll know what I mean when you get to it! Can I have book two already please?
