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Her eyes are wide open. Her lips parted as if to speak. Her dead body frozen in the ice...She is not the only one.

When a young boy discovers the body of a woman beneath a thick sheet of ice in a South London park, Detective Erika Foster is called in to lead the murder investigation.

The victim, a beautiful young socialite, appeared to have the perfect life. Yet when Erika begins to dig deeper, she starts to connect the dots between the murder and the killings of three prostitutes, all found strangled, hands bound and dumped in water around London.

What dark secrets is the girl in the ice hiding?

As Erika inches closer to uncovering the truth, the killer is closing in on Erika.

The last investigation Erika led went badly wrong... resulting in the death of her husband. With her career hanging by a thread, Erika must now battle her own personal demons as well as a killer more deadly than any she's faced before. But will she get to him before he strikes again?

The Girl in the Ice Details

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Alex is The Romance Fox says

I've rediscovered British crime writers!! And so glad I did, especially after reading the awesome debut novel, The Girl In The Ice, the 1st book in DCI Erika Foster Series by Robert Bryndza, an author unknown to me but not for long!!

What a great start to the series. The author has created an amazing cast of characters that are real and totally believable.

DCI Erika Foster, the main protagonist reminded me in some way of DCI Jane Tennison from Lynda La Plante's Prime Suspect Series. At first, Erika Forster comes across as a cold and gritty person but as we discover her back story, we get to see her vulnerability beneath that cold exterior. I admired her tenacity and her determination and her sense of what's right.

A few sections are from the killer's POV, which gives one a glimpse into their thoughts, which I really liked.

A great storyline, impressive writing, a fantastic sense of place and some clever twists and turns that had you truly guessing who the real killer was until the very end.

I'm really looking forward to reading the next book in this series.

Highly recommended.

I loved this.....Erika visiting her dead husband's grave.....hell, I had a knot in my chest...

“won't be far away for life goes on. And if you need me, call and I will come. Though you can't see or touch me, I will be near. And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear, All my love around you soft and clear. And then, when you come this way alone, I'll greet you with a smile and a “Welcome Home”.

Zoeytron says

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The prologue grabbed me right by the goozle and I would have loved to have read the book straight through. Life didn't allow for that this time, but the pacing was fantastic nevertheless.

Detective Inspector Erika Foster is a longtime veteran of rape and murder cases. She goes with her gut and she is not afraid to call bullshit when it is merited. Good strong character, trying to come to grips with the loss of her husband in an investigation gone wrong, and as a direct result of a bad call on her part. She has lost the ability to function like a normal person outside of work.

British mystery thrillers tend to call my name rather often, and this one was mighty fine. I appreciated the tip

o' the hat to the excellent British detective series, *Luther*.

Christine says

4.5 stars

I wish to thank Net Galley, Bookouture, and Robert Bryndza for an ARC of this book in exchange for an unbiased review.

Robert Bryndza writes chick lit. SAY WHAT??? I was paralyzed with confusion when I went to check out other books written by this author. Are there two Robert Bryndzas? No? Because the Robert Bryndza who wrote this magnificent police procedural is a terrific thriller writer! Turns out both these Robert Bryndzas are one and the same, which to me is pretty mind-blowing.

The Girl in the Ice is a superb genre-changing debut by Mr. Bryndza. The novel is what I consider my favorite type of book. It is not only an excellent police procedural with a kickass female protagonist, but it is a start of a wonderful character study of DCI Erika Foster. A few other reviewers have stated this book reminded them of the Kim Stone series by Angela Marsons, one of my very favorite authors. This is true in my case as well, though at this point Mr. Bryndza is not quite as polished as Ms. Marsons and his protagonist is not quite as well developed. I see huge potential in Mr. Bryndza's writing, however, and would be totally surprised if he does not end up being in my exclusive shrine of favorites after another book or two.

Gosh, there is so much to like in addition to the above. I was pulled in immediately by the prologue and was gripped to the end. The plot is intricate and the delivery is rapidly paced. Many of the supporting characters are very well developed—lots of personality going on in this book. The clues are dropped here and there and we are intermittently hit with plot surprises. The police procedural aspect is extremely well done and I would love to know how the author researched this. I want to make a special note that the reader gets an eye-opening look at how politics and crime solving strive to co-exist—I found this to be disturbing business. Oh, and I was blindsided by the ending. This was a book that I truly hated to put down and was sad to see end. I want more!! Now!!

What didn't I like? Nothing that won't come with experience and evolution of the series (more on Erika's backstory please).

Do I recommend The Girl in the Ice? Oh yes! Anyone who has any interest in police procedurals, especially those with vibrant characters, would be amiss to pass on this one. I haven't been as excited by a new thriller writer since, well, Ms. Marsons. Buy. This. Book. Now.

A note on my rating: I am giving this one 4.5 stars only because I know Mr. Bryndza is on an upward trajectory, and I feel compelled to save a little room for his future, even better, novels. Since the powers to be won't allow half stars, it is a no-brainer to round this up to 5 stars. While I await his next thriller, The Night Stalker, I am strolling over to his website to check out his chick lit selection! (-:

Shelby *trains flying monkeys* says

I had plans today. I was going to do some Stuff...and thangs. But then I started this book.

We had hotdogs for dinner and they were dang lucky to get them. I did not want to put this sucker down. A young, rich social type girl is found under the ice in the water in South London's less fortunate section. She has been brutally murdered and Daddy is having a fit wanting some one to pay. They call in Detective Erika Foster to lead the investigation, but every-time she starts to find out something her hands get smacked. The girl who died, Andrea may not have been the darling that the family wants her portrayed as.

Erica has a past also, she led a team that ended with her husband being killed so she is being watched from all angles. The thing is..Erica has nothing. No home to go home too, no one missing her. So she will not stop even when she is pulled from the case.

She discovers that Andrea is not the only woman that was killed in the same fashion and why has no one connected the dots before?

Oh yeah, that snotty family that keeps calling in favors from the big wigs. I wanted to punch them in the face. The author does a really good job of pulling the reader back and forth and feeling Erica's frustration with the politics that seem to take charge in any kind of investigation. Her determination to get to the truth also makes this character stand out. She gives no shits to what anyone thinks.

This was a really decent thriller and it's the authors first book, I'm excited to see where he takes Erica's character.

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Christine read this book and brought it to my attention. I swore to myself to not add another book to my TBR but I'm so glad I did. She was so very right. Thanks Christine.

Svetlana says

This may just become one of my favourite reads of the year because I was THAT impressed with Robert Bryndza's work!

"Now, DCI Sparks, you are in danger of contaminating the crime scene. If you wish to continue to observe, I'll ask that you follow proper procedure, suit up and shut up."

Yaassss!! You tell him!

I studied Forensics at uni, so naturally I'm more observant about these things. As much as I love watching crime shows, they aren't very realistic. I just sit there thinking. . . why aren't the detectives in a suit?? how are they so casually contaminating the crime scene?? I haven't seen it being mentioned before so I LOVED that it was!

I really grew to admire the characters in this book. Specifically Erika Foster, the lead detective investigating the murders. She was so fierce and so determined to catch the killer. She never cowered, nor felt intimidated by those above her in ranking or social status. And despite all this, she still had moments where she broke down and cried; and it made her that much more realistic to me.

What I also really liked was that the author tackled subjects that are very important and very relevant to our times - racism, prejudice against immigrants, human trafficking. He also gave an insight into how

establishments influence the way things are run, and not in a good way.

This entire book had this cold, dark atmosphere which I constantly felt throughout. With bodies turning up and people being afraid of a certain someone, it all felt so peculiar. Who was this person? Why were people so afraid? I felt compelled to keep reading because I HAD to know!

I really really enjoyed this book! A fantastic read.

Mandy says

I enjoyed this book and will be anxiously awaiting the arrival of his next book with Erika Foster. I really enjoyed her as a strong leading lady. Definitely a force to reckon with. Just when I thought this book was wrapping up the plot twists and takes me down another path.

Maxine (Booklover Catlady) says

Oh 2016 is looking SO darn good for books! I am so excited about those that I have read already.

Who is with me on that one? So, I had heard the fuss about this book, no way could I miss out on the action so it landed in my hands and off I went, into the world of words...

The book is brilliantly paced from the start, we kick off with some dramatic scenes which I love in a book, it makes it interesting from the start. A girl under the ice? Her face looking through what looks like thick glass, life drained and gone, her spirit elsewhere and she is all alone.

Murder.

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With a great plot that really digs into the depths of human nature and some fascinating characters that really were excessive shades of light and dark, the book really spits out some surprising realism that is somewhat disturbing. You might know one of these characters, they might live next door.

The book keeps you guessing and on edge, you will think you have it ALL worked out, but a good twisty reveal was very impressive, loved it. It hit my upside the head! I loved the police work, I loved all the behind the scenes moments, I just really, really enjoyed this book. Yes indeedy.

5 stars for The Girl In The Ice by Robert Bryndza, and did I hear this is his debut novel? Well Robert,

keep up the writing as I am keen for more books for you. An author to watch for sure! Yet again a BRILLIANT book from Bookouture, they are signing up some brilliant authors that's for sure.

Many thanks to Bookouture via NetGalley for my copy of this book to read and review.

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Virginia Ronan ♥ Herondale ♥ says

"I say that all because I want you to forget where these women stood in society. Don't do what we do in this country, day in, day out, and divide them into their social classes. They are all equals, all victims, and they deserve our equal attention."

It's been quite a while I last read a mystery thriller and it's usually not the kind of genre I like to indulge in. Why? Because I'm a little scaredy cat. *lol* Yes, I admit it!

There's no shame in being a little sensitive and let's face it, all those thrillers that hit the market are so damn realistic. I mean I can deal with a ghost story or zombies, but what I can't deal with is a woman that gets tortured by a serial killer or kids that are abducted. I just can't. *shudders*

Of course I already read such stories but those books tend to occupy my mind so much that I usually get nightmares from them and my already insomnia plagued existence gets even worse. *lol*

In short: I need my few hours of beauty sleep and therefore normally give those kinds of stories a wide berth! ;-P

So what or rather who caused me to actually take a look at this book?

It was my lovely Adam and I'm really thankful for her recommendation!!! =))) You were right, Erika is kickass and I fell in love with her too! XD

I mean how could you not end up loving her character and this book?! The main character DCI Erika Foster is a woman that has been through hell and back! She has to take a lot of shit and always tries to deal with it as best as she can and despite everything that happened throughout **"The Girl In The Ice"** she still stayed true to her convictions, principles and believes. Erika is a "no shit person" and I truly love her for it! *lol*

"No, sir, how dare we. This isn't about me. Yes, I'm out of order to show up on your doorstep; it's bang out of line. But I can live with being a cunt. What I can't live with is what happened to these girls. Can you really sleep tonight not knowing we tried? Think back when we first joined the force. We had no power. You can make this decision now, sir. You. Fuck it, you can bill me the search team, fire me at the tribunal. I honestly don't care right now – but look at these, take a look!" Erika held up the photos again.

If you think Bryndza's awesome heroine is the only reason to read this book you couldn't be more wrong though. There were so many things that surprised me about "TGITI" and looking at it in retrospective this was actually some sort of surprise egg! I mean we have a total of two LGBTQ side characters and instead of only mentioning them, Bryndza actually decided to give them a little space. My favourite two moments? (view spoiler)

Also can we appreciate that there was a poem in this book?! An actual poem that fit the scene so well that I couldn't help but feel moved! There were so many little details that gave "TGITI" a unique and special touch and I can genuinely say that I never ever read a thriller like that before. It was just the right mixture of ... everything. XD

And the suspense! The guessing game about the killer's true identity. I loved it! It felt like I was in a "Castle" episode, collecting all the many hints in order to find the murderer. In the end it got even so suspenseful that I actually found myself sitting at the edge of my seat! *lol*

All things considered this was an amazing read and I can really recommend it to everyone. Even to other scaredy cats like me. XD You won't regret it and don't worry, you won't have any troubles to fall asleep. Erika will always watch over you! ;-P

Norma * Traveling Sister says

Sister Read Review by Norma & Brenda

My sister, Brenda and I decided to read THE GIRL IN THE ICE at the same time so we could chat about it and get each others input. We both have really similar tastes and thoughts about books so you will probably notice a little bit of both of us in this review! :)

The Girl In The Ice is a gripping and suspenseful story that grabbed my attention from the very first few pages. The plot was extremely well executed which slowly reveals layers of clues that draws you into the suspense and tension. I found the title and cover of this book really appealing and I really enjoyed Robert Bryndza's writing style which was easy to follow along with the characters and storyline.

DCI Erika Foster is a likeable, interesting, entertaining, and strong character who is called in to lead the murder investigation of the girl that was found in the ice. She comes with an emotional backstory that motivates her to do whatever it takes to catch the killer which creates some ongoing conflict to the storyline.

I was introduced to this book from some of the reviews of my Goodreads friends! I am really looking forward to reading the next book in this series, Night Stalker.

It was an enjoyable, quick and easy fast-paced thriller with a satisfying ending. Would recommend!!

<http://www.twogirlslostinacouleereadi...>

Melissa ♥ Dog/Wolf Lover ♥ Martin says

99 cents on kindle right now!

First off, I think the cover of the book is amazing! It's what brought me to the book in the first place.

The girl in the ice was named Andrea Douglas-Brown. She was the daughter of a multi-millionaire, Lord Douglas-Brown. So that right there made this case very sensitive as we have to bow down to the rich. He

also owned a business called SamTech that made GPS and software for the government so there you go. Andrea had a brother and sister, Linda and David as well as her mother.

Andrea was found in the ice by some dude that heard her cell phone going off over and over. He was the lucky one to sort of stumble onto the body.

DCI Erika Foster was called in on the case by Chief Superintendent Marsh. Foster had not been on active duty for a bit for certain reasons and was happy to come on down and be in charge of the case. Foster was a brilliant DCI and Marsh knew she could get the job done if she was up to it. But, it all gets a little tricky because Marsh wants Foster to play by certain rules and get everything wrapped up nice and neat since we are talking bigwigs.

Due to some unfortunate events, Foster was kicked off the case and the idiot DCI Sparks was put back in charge. This was a major cock up as he messed things up left and right. BUT, ya know, can't keep an awesome copper down so Foster was brought back on the case. I loved Foster's character because she just did whatever to get the job done. It turns out there was a whole s*** ton of bad things going on and Foster busts the case wide open. She does eventually get justice for Andrea and several other woman that were killed by this person.

But there are three things I think everyone, even the coppers, needs to be aware of:

- 1. Don't go anywhere alone!**
- 2. DON'T go anywhere alone!**
- 3. DON'T GO ANYWHERE ALONE!**

I wanted to smack some people for this stupidity!

At any rate, I thoroughly enjoyed this book and I have the next one in the series on my Amazon wishlist waiting to buy as I want to continue with DCI Foster.

MY BLOG: Melissa Martin's Reading List

Maureen says

* 4.5 STARS*

Leaden skies and snowbound icy streets, set the sombre mood needed, for this excellent police procedural. I was gripped from the first page, when socialite Andrea Douglas Brown, is abducted, beaten to death, and dumped in a pond, in a South London park.

DCI Erika Foster is called in to lead the investigation. Erika's last case resulted in the death of her husband (a fellow police officer) and four of their colleagues. She is somewhat nervous initially, but soon takes the lead, and isn't afraid to tread on a few toes in her quest to find the killer (even if those toes DO belong to her senior officers). As the investigation gathers pace, Erika finds a link to four other murders, the only difference being, the other victims were all prostitutes. Where does Andrea Douglas Brown fit into all of this?

I loved that we have a strong character in DCI Foster - one who isn't afraid to shake things up a bit - the storyline was compelling - and the last chapter in particular is a case of - hold your breath for the ride of a lifetime!

* Thank you to Netgalley and Bookouture for my free copy*

Debra says

4.5 stars

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Wow...just Wow...

Honestly, I can tell you that this book is FANTASTIC! This book really took me by Surprise. From the very beginning, when a woman is walking alone and a car pulls up beside her, I was hooked. This book had a great build up from beginning to the end. I thought the pace of this book was perfect. Nothing felt rushed. I really dislike when I read a book and it is great and then the ending comes out of left field. There is no disappointment to this book. The investigation felt like it was moving at the right speed. I enjoyed this book from beginning to end.

The woman's body is found under the ice. Thus begins the investigation into her murder. She turns out to be a wealthy socialite. The investigator in charge, Erika, comes with understandable baggage. During her last investigation, her husband, as well as fellow officers, were killed. She is still recovering from her loss when she comes back to work as the officer in charge of this investigation. She is faced with red tape, bureaucracy, a killer hell bent of not being found, and the uncooperative family of the victim.

The story is smart. This book has layers and various plot twists. The story is very well thought out and comes together very nicely in the end. What doesn't make sense will in fact make sense in the end. Brilliant.

The victim count rises as does the suspense in this novel. I loved that I did not figure out who the killer was until the end. I figured out who was the killer when Erika did. I thought this was a great touch. Erika is a great character. A strong female protagonist. She has her issues but is dedicated to solving this case no matter what toes she has to step on or what she has to do to get to the truth.

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Meredith says

SO GOOD!

Addictive police procedural about a ballsy Detective Chief Inspector determined to take down a twisted killer.

Since there have been so many stellar reviews already written about *The Girl in the Ice*, I am going to write more about my reading experience vs. the plot.

Right from the start, this book grabbed me. It begins with the murder of a wealthy socialite and progresses to focus on DCI Erika Foster who is brought in to solve the case.

It only took me reading about 20% of this book before I knew that I was going to have to read all of the

books in the series. I really took to Erika's character--she's tough as nails but vulnerable at the same time and she doesn't always play by the rules (which often causes her to wind up in trouble). I also liked the supporting characters, and look forward to seeing how everyone develops.

What I didn't like: While the killer's POV added a layer of creepiness, it also annoyed me that they were referred to as "the figure." I don't know why I feel the need to harp on this, but it stuck out to me. There were a few moments that were hard to believe, and I wish at times that more subtlety had been applied.

The mystery surrounding the identity of the killer had some depth, although I suspected early on some of what was going on, I couldn't put the pieces together. Overall, this is a fast-paced, suspenseful read with some good twists led by a dynamic heroine. Erika's character is the reason why I will be reading all of the books in the series--I just wish I didn't have so much catching up to do!

I received a copy of this book from NetGalley and Grand Central Publishing in exchange for an honest review.

Jan says

Loved this! A fantastic debut police procedural by author Robert Bryndza.

I started this book and was hooked immediately. If I hadn't had a week from he--, I would have finished this a lot sooner. I snuck in reading time whenever I was able, and when I couldn't, this story played in my head.

Andrea, the socialite daughter of a high profile family turns up dead as the result of foul play. As Detective Ericka Foster gets her feet back under her after a personal tragedy, she is thrown into the investigation and soon finds out that Andrea isn't the only one with secrets to hide.

This was a well thought out, fast paced thriller with believable characters that had depth and memorable qualities. My favorite-Detective Foster. She's strong, smart, vulnerable but has a fire inside that others can't put out. I can't wait to see what is next in store for her and her team.

I highly recommend this debut thriller to all fans who love a good who-dun-it.

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Sue says

I wish to express a big Thank you to the author, Robert Bryndza, NetGalley and Bookouture for the Arc of THE GIRL IN THE ICE in exchange for an honest and unbiased review. What a marvelous debut police procedural, coming from my favourite publisher, Bookouture. A real winner for 2016!

I was gripped right from the beginning of the novel, and would have finished this book sooner had it not been for personal issues and surgery that delayed my finish date.

“Her body was found frozen in the ice. -that she’d been in the water for at least seventy-two hours. The temperature dropped below zero three days ago. Also, her phone was still working when she was found, a young guy who works here heard it ringing.”

Her name was Andrea Douglas-Brown, a twenty three year old daughter of a millionaire, who lived at home in West London. But what was the cause of death? Murder... Rape with strangulation... Or drowning?

DCI Foster has been assigned to take the lead role on the case, even though there is resentment within the ranks. Strong willed and smart, Detective Ericka Foster must approach this case in a methodical way, following the lines of enquiry, ID, Forensics, Autopsy and talking to the family. Did Andrea know her killer? But she isn't the only one with secrets to hide.

This book is a fast-paced thriller, packed with suspense and I am looking forward to the next in the series, Night Stalker. The characters are believable and the plot is strong. DCI Ericka Foster, flawed character, makes her more appealing to the readers.

I would rank this debut novel with British authors like Angela Marsons, and Kathryn Croft. This author is definitely on the way up!

I highly recommend this debut thriller to all fans who love a good who-dun-it.

Gary says

This is the first book in a new crime series by Robert Bryndza featuring DCI Erika Foster. I believe the author has agreed to write a three books in this series and if the other two are anything like this one, then I can't wait to read them.

I find it hard to believe that the author usually writes romantic comedies and this is in fact his first crime novel. I can't vouch for the other genre but this book was an excellent read and I couldn't read it quick enough in an attempt to find out what was going to happen next.

If you like strong female characters then this book is for you. DCI Erika Foster takes no prisoners and her no nonsense style makes entertaining reading.

The body of a young woman is found beneath ice and DCI Erika Foster is asked to lead the case. The woman is the daughter of a wealthy businessman and he makes life difficult for Erika who makes few friends in her attempts to solve the case. In her pursuit for the truth she battles with the family, her colleagues and superiors.

This book is full of action, suspense and some excellent characters that I am sure will get better as the series develops. This book gripped me from the start and very early into the book I knew I was going to be giving it a high rating. A must read for all Crime series fans.

I would like to thank Net Galley and Bookouture for supplying a copy of this novel in exchange for a honest review.

Chelsea Humphrey says

I would like to thank Netgalley and author Robert Bryndza for my copy in exchange for a fair and honest review.

I cannot stop gushing about this one! This is the debut in a new police procedural series starring DCI Erika Foster and once again I have found a brand new strong, female detective to love! I would compare this to the likes of S.J. Bolton's Lacey Flint series and Angela Marsons' DI Kim Stone. If you have enjoyed either of these series I HIGHLY recommend taking this up; you won't be sorry!

We are hooked from the first page by the telling of Andrea Douglas-Brown's kidnapping and murder. She is later found under a layer of ice and DCI Foster is called to the scene. We are vaguely made aware of Ericka's personal issues by references to a tragic event involving the death of her husband, Mark, and how this has kept her off the Met police force for the past 7 months. She throws herself completely into the mystery of this young lady's murder but immediately hits roadblocks by the victim's wealthy father and her bosses. What is the Douglas-Brown family trying to keep quiet? What could be so detrimental to their reputation that they would be willing to hinder an investigation into the murder of their favorite daughter?

We follow DCI Foster through many ups and downs which only caused me to love her more. I was completely surprised by the ending and did not see it coming. This book was a well constructed police procedural, but I also thoroughly enjoyed the story lines into the various characters personal lives as well. Each character came alive for me off the pages and I felt the development was deep and had me begging for more. I'm ready for #2, The Night Stalker, which the author is currently working on. I would LOVE to see more into Ericka's backstory in the next novel clearly, but I really enjoyed seeing Detective Moss' family life. I would really like to see more into them as well! Altogether this was a BRILLIANT read that I can see becoming a long term series that everyone will be talking about. Bravo, and write quickly please!! :)

Emma says

I'm going to have to go against the majority on this one, i'm not a fan.

DCI Erika Foster: an individual recovering from serious trauma, who probably shouldn't be at work and certainly shouldn't be a lead investigator, spends the entire book snapping at people or being physically violent, makes the most ridiculous choices, e.g. investigating places alone. Repeatedly. Surprise, surprise-she gets attacked by the killer. A strong female character is not made by simply having an attitude problem. Most of the time she had no cause to be rude to the people she was speaking to or working with. Why do we always get these supposedly intelligent, capable women having to be rescued because of gross incompetence and stupidity?

She's not the only one who spends the book angsty, almost all the conversations seem to involve someone having a bit of a strop. It's exhausting.

The whole thing felt off from the beginning, and didn't improve. The killer reveal was less than a shock, more of a relief that it was nearly over.

Linda says

I received The Girl in The Ice through NetGalley and Bookouture for an honest review. My sincere thanks to them for the opportunity. Thank you to Robert Bryndza for such a stellar book.

WoWzers! This was an exceptional mystery thriller that has lived up to all the hype preceding it. I've had my eye on it and haven't been able to take that same eye off of it until I finished the final page.

We are introduced to DCI Erika Foster who has been called in to investigate the death of Andrea Douglas-Brown in South London. Foster had previously been on professional leave after the death of her husband in a police stakeout that went hideously wrong. Robert Bryndza reveals just enough to allow the reader to see Foster as a strong, capable female officer and just enough to have us experience the toll of unspeakable grief that surrounds her still. Is she truly ready to hit the ground running at this juncture?

Andrea Douglas-Brown is the daughter of a rich and powerful man. Her fiancé runs a successful business which showcases his wealth. Who would want Andrea dead? And what was she doing in such a low-rent part of London? The title speaks to the fact that her death was a gross and a horrendous way to die. Now going in that this case is a heavy-duty one. No mercy for Andrea and no mercy for those in the shadows of this death.

You will be hitched to this storyline as it stampedes across the pages. It's my understanding that this is the first in a series by Bryndza involving Erika Foster and Superintendent Marsh. Believe me, the next book can't get here fast enough.

Frances says

3.5* Erika Foster is a brash, no nonsense Detective chief inspector assigned to a high profile murder case of a young woman found in a frozen pond. With road blocks constantly in her way from the victims' socialite family, government officials, and eventually her boss Superintendent Marsh, Erika forges ahead knowing her future and career are on the line. Rob Bryndza has written a suspenseful, chilling book as Foster starts to uncover secrets and cover-ups, eventually placing her in the cross-hairs of the deranged killer. A fast paced crime thriller will keep you mesmerized to the end when all the dots are finally connected and Foster comes face to face with the killer.

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