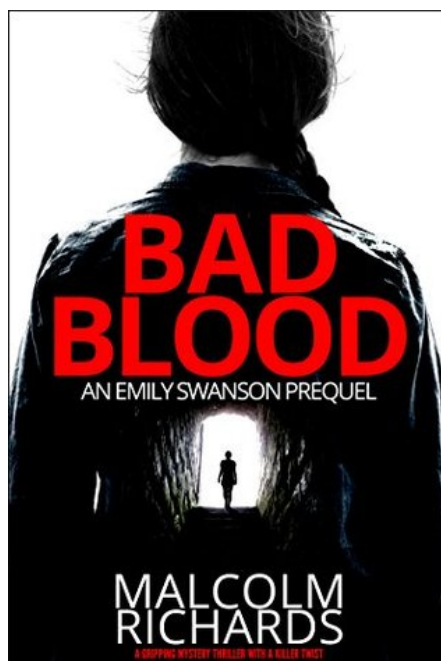




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**She was going to die down here. Alone. In the dark. It would be a horrible, drawn out death.**

With just weeks until her final exams and with difficult life choices up ahead, gifted student teacher Emily is determined to stay focused. Then her wayward housemate disappears.

Despite Emily's concerns, no one seems to care about Becky Briar—her bluntness and lack of empathy have earned her few real friends. And when an initial police inquiry fails to take her disappearance seriously, Emily puts studying aside to start her own investigation.

Tracing Becky's last known movements, she makes a shocking discovery: her housemate has been leading a worrying double life—one that may have had terrible consequences.

Suddenly caught in a dangerous web of deceit, and pursued by those who want the truth to stay buried, Emily may be Becky's only hope.

But with time running out and her own future hanging in the balance, can Emily find Becky before it's too late?

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## From Reader Review Bad Blood for online ebook

### Bonnie Dale Keck says

Actually read this yesterday but wasn't available for review at least not on goodreads.

0 Bad Blood  
1 Lost Lives  
2 Cruel Minds  
3 Cold Hearts

3 pack Available Kindle Unlimited, don't know if individually they are, seem to remember the first was a freebie, this one as the 3 set which of course is helpful in filling just 1 of the 10 kindle 'unlimited' spots. The stories were interesting, but too detailed for me at first because had been reading cozies, so even the massive to me amount of pages was probably due to the cozy reading. Obviously a lot went in to writing each story.

Available 3 pack, 2 pack, individually

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### June says

Very well written. I especially liked the word pictures that the author used as I could really feel how the characters were feeling at the time. This is the first book I have read by this author and I look forward to others in the series. The characters are well developed for the most part and I really liked Emily as she struggled with doing the right thing all the time. I could feel her angst and frustration while she search for her missing friend.

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### Cheryl says

I've had this little gem hidden away in the Kindle app on my Smartphone for a while now & I'm so glad I "dusted it off" for a read. This novel, a prequel to the Emily Swanson series, was an exciting read with a plot that was full of reveals and twists and left you pondering the choices a person makes. I'm familiar with the author's work and this story is another masterfully written piece of prose that cements what quality writing he does.

It's an interesting way to start a mystery series with an everyday student cum teacher searching for the truth, so I'm quite interested into how that will pan out for future novels in the series. Emily is going to be an interesting character to watch develop. I don't know whether I really understand the choices she makes at the moment so I'll have to wait until the author reveals what he is doing to the character in later books.

I've found the first book in the series hidden away in the Kindle - I can't wait to see what happens next!

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### Neera Sawhney says

Bad Blood is another great book by Malcolm Richards. This prequel brings home the fact that one should definitely have an Emily Swanson in one's life. A friend who will have your back no matter what the cost to herself. The unfolding story will keep you on edge, and the ending is just fabulous. What a twist!! I look

forward to his next book.

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### **Lu Etchells says**

In an attempt to spend less money on books in 2019 (sigh) I've been trawling through the free titles available on Kobo, and discovered this (amongst many others).

Bad Blood is a prequel to the Emily Swanson Mysteries, of which there are three books, none of which I have read. In fact, I'd never heard of Malcolm Richards, or Emily Swanson, before.

I'm not sure if this book answers some questions readers may have had about Emily, or if writing it served some other purpose for Richards; however, one thing I found was that it didn't make me care enough about the character to want to read the rest.

The writing itself is fine, if a little YA for my liking. The story was OK, but there was nothing remotely riveting, and nothing kept me reading in desperation to find out what happened next. The characters were all blah (including Emily) and the end was just so ridiculous.

Sorry, I can only assume this was free for a reason.

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### **betty.gradneysbcglobal.net says**

A very good read, but it did not leave me wanting more. The characters were believable.

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### **Leanne Kendall says**

What a great character Emily is and so determined. She brings a fresh new line of detective that is fun to read, you feel like you se in the story itself going along for the ride (bumpy and exciting).

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### **Janet says**

very good

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### **Marla Madison says**

Started out okay, but the scene at the end was just ridiculous. Did not make me want to read the other books.

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## **Christine says**

### **A gripping page turner of a book**

Although this is the first book in the Emily Swanson series, it was the second one I read because Lost Lives was advertised as the first book in the series. Reading this one second didn't spoil anything though. The story is quite tense in places and was generally a good read. My only complaint really is that Malcolm Richard constantly refers to the police officer as Officer Andrews when in Britain we wouldn't do that. He would have been PC Andrews, or maybe DC or DI Andrews. These books are clearly aimed at the American market, hence the translations of common words in the back of the book, and this is something I find annoying. The books almost feel as though they are written by an American, even though Malcolm Richards is British. Notwithstanding that though, the stories are well written and keep the reader absorbed in the story and glued to the book till the very end.

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## **Gillian says**

A nice prequel to the Emily Swanson stories. A believable plot and plausible characters.

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