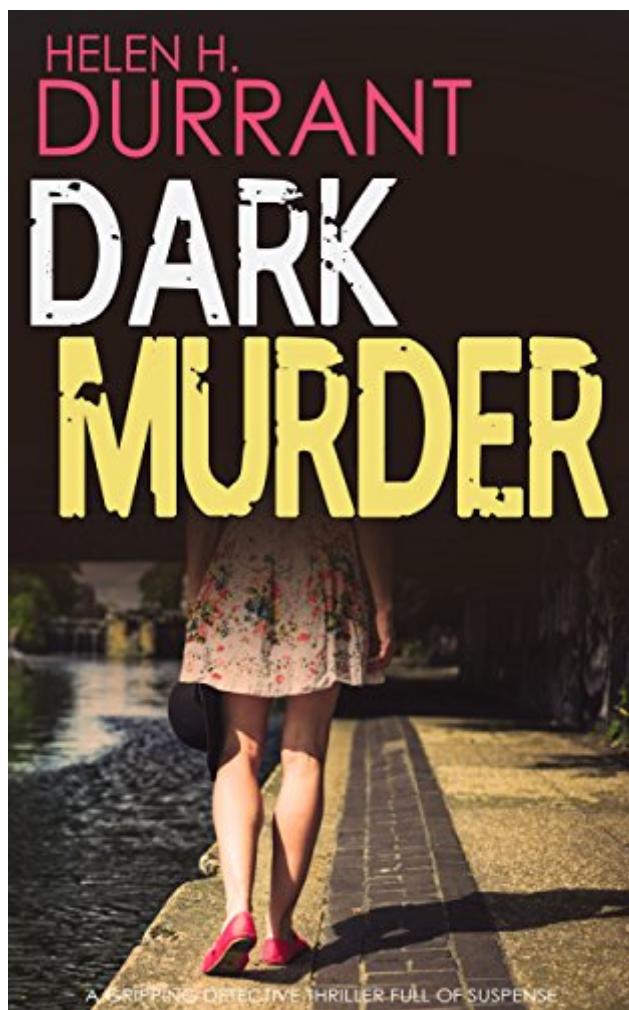


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# **DARK MURDER A Gripping Detective Thriller Full Of Suspense**



## **Synopsis**

A gripping new detective series from a best-selling crime writer A woman is found dead by a canal . . . why have her eyes have been viciously poked out? Detective Stephen Greco has just started a new job at Oldston CID and now he faces a series of murders with seemingly no connection but the brutal disfigurement of the victims. Grecoâ™s team is falling apart under the pressure and he doesn't know who he can trust. Then they discover a link to a local drug dealer, but maybe itâ™s not all that it seems. Can Greco get control of his chaotic team and stop the murders? If you like Angela Marsons, Rachel Abbott, Mel Sherratt, Ruth Rendell, or Mark Billingham you will be gripped by this exciting new crime fiction writer. DARK MURDER is the first book in a new series of detective thrillers featuring D.I. Greco. Stephen Greco has moved to Oldston after his wife divorced him. He doesn't like the place much but he wants to stay close to their daughter, Matilda. He is a meticulous policeman with a touch of O.C.D. Easy to admire, but sometimes difficult to like. The series is set in the fictional industrial northern English town of Oldston. THE DCI GRECO BOOKS Book 1: DARK MURDER Book 2: DARK HOUSES Book 3: DARK TRADE THE CALLADINE & BAYLISS MYSTERY SERIES Book 1: DEAD WRONG Book 2: DEAD SILENT Book 3: DEAD LIST Book 4: DEAD LOST Book 5: DEAD & BURIED Book 6: DEAD NASTY

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## Customer Reviews

Good mystery. I've gotten attached to this team of detectives and will read other books in the series.

loved it

Great read from start to finish

Excellent winter reading Page turner

Gripping story.

The descriptions in this book were too upsetting for me and I didn't finish it.

Northern England, and crime is rampant in this area on the economic downturn. Detective Inspector Stephen Greco is new to this ex-mill town near Manchester. Formerly from Norfolk, he has moved here to be near his ex-wife and daughter. dark-murder Stephen Greco, though easy on the eyes, is socially inept. He suffers from OCD and prefers his own company after a long day's work. Although he is not a 'people person', he is VERY good at what he does. His only hobby, other than his work, is genealogy. In particular, he is interested in finding out how his Italian name came to be in England. He didn't want to move here, he finds the town depressing and brutal. To make matters worse, his new 'team' are not exactly team players. Jed Quickenden (Speedy), his second in command, is a local man who still associates with the undesirables of the area. He is unkempt and work-shy. He arrives to work hungover, disheveled, and inattentive. A local criminal has a hold over Speedy which threatens his career. DC Grace Harper is ambitious, 'sharp', and has the potential to be a great copper. Now though, she is the single mother to a young child so she is not able to devote as many hours to her job as she would like. DC Craig Merrick's reputation as an upstanding policeman is suffering. This is exacerbated by the fact that he follows Speedy around and is highly influenced by him. police-uk-tape A woman's body has been found, murdered and horribly mutilated. It is up to Greco and his ragtag band of CID to discover who murdered her. They are also tasked

with putting a clamp on the growing illegal tobacco and drug trade that is pervading their patch. AND... there is another missing woman!peelerWhen Greco's ex-wife's father falls ill, she leaves him with his five-year-old daughter, Matilda. With his hands completely full, Greco must somehow take care of Matilda, find a serial murderer, and create a tight working unit out of his team. The new female pathologist wants to be a part of Greco's life, but with his full plate at work and his lingering feelings for his ex-wife, he is reluctant to take her up on her offer. This well rendered British police procedural's story is divided equally between the cases the team are working on, and the team itself. This is something I appreciate as a reader. Especially when the team dynamic is needed to be fully fleshed out due to the fact that this is the first novel in a new series. "Dark murder", as the title implies, has many dark themes running throughout. Drug trafficking, terrorism, gambling, greed, revenge, child abuse, and, torture. That being said, it was a well plotted mystery with good characterization and vivid atmosphere. I liked the author's writing style and will definitely be following this series as time allows. "Dark murder" marks the debut of a new police-procedural mystery series featuring D.I. Greco. The second novel in the series, "Dark houses" is available now.

I had never read a Helen H Durrant novel before, decided to buy this as it was a kindle daily deal and am so pleased I did as she writes a cracking crime novel with her style of writing my favourite - crisp, punchy and no wasted words. Detective Inspector Greco, has been yanked from his beloved English countryside to lead a team in a gritty city. Greco is a great detective, but his "loner" personality and singular focus on solving crimes leaves him little time or tolerance for bonding, small talk of his team. He's supposed to bring them together, but how do you do that if you don't really get the "team" thing? The book provides a good balance of personal and work information to help us understand him. Dark Murder opens with the body of a woman found in a canal. Who killed her -- and why? And what, if anything does it have to do with another woman who's missing? As Greco and his team follow the trail of clues, they have to deal with drug turf wars, a terrorism threat, a 20-year old secret, and a killer with an agenda all his own. This goes along at such a good pace that I came to the end too quickly. It is a good plot and from the clues I was able to work out the murderer. I thoroughly recommend it and will be reading more from this author. (I am a verified purchaser in Australia - this was posted March 13, 2016)

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