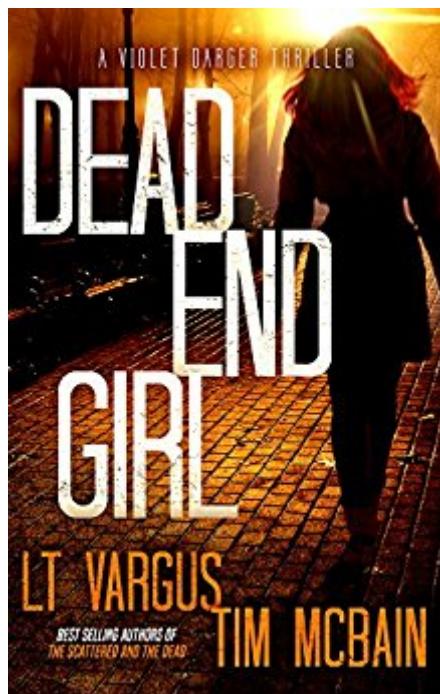


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Dead End Girl: A Gripping Serial Killer Thriller (Violet Darger FBI Thriller Book 1)



Synopsis

Her body is broken. Wrapped in plastic. Dumped on the side of the road. She is the first. There will be more. The serial killer thriller that "refuses to let go until you've read the last sentence." The most recent body was discovered in the grease dumpster behind a Burger King. Dismembered. Shoved into two garbage bags and lowered into the murky oil. Now rookie agent Violet Darger gets the most important assignment of her career. She travels to the Midwest to face a killer unlike anything she's seen. Aggressive. Territorial. Deranged and driven. Another mutilated corpse was found next to a roller rink. A third in the gutter in a residential neighborhood. These bold displays of violence shock the rural community and rattle local law enforcement. Who could carry out such brutality? And why? Unfortunately for Agent Darger, there's little physical evidence to work with, and the only witnesses prove to be unreliable. The case seems hopeless. If she fails, more will die. He will kill again and again. The victims harbor dark secrets. The clues twist and writhe and refuse to keep still. And the killer watches the investigation on the nightly news, gleeful to relive the violence, knowing that he can't be stopped. A page-turning thriller packed with heart-stopping suspense. Fans of John Sandford, Jeffery Deaver, Karin Slaughter, and Lisa Gardner should get to know Violet Darger. Praise for Dead End Girl: "Wow, just wow! If you like scare-you-half-to-death mystery books this is the one for you. It starts with a bang and just doesn't stop." -- Ada Lavin "Refuses to let go until you have read the last sentence." -- Bloodymummer "Violet Darger is a unique, incredible character, and I immensely enjoyed taking this journey with her." -- Cat "If you liked Silence of the Lambs, you'll love Dead End Girl... At the same time, there's so much attention to detail and organic storytelling that this could easily compete with any of Stephen King's longer works. I found myself completely invested in every character, from the authorities to the killer to the victims themselves." -- eden Hudson, author of Jubal Van Zandt & the Revenge of the Bloodslinger "A fantastic, twisted, full of suspense read." -- lady g "This book reminds me of some of my favorite books in the crime thriller genre - Dark Places by Gillian Flynn, The Collector by John Fowles, the Mr. Mercedes trilogy by Stephen King, and of course Silence of the Lambs. It's not a glimpse...it's a good long look inside the mind of a killer. It's fast paced, it's scary, and it's satisfying." -- Rain "Dead End Girl is nonstop action and intrigue that will keep you putting off everything until the story is over. This is a must read if you enjoy action & crime genre stories." -- David C. Taylor "If you are a fan of Silence of the Lambs, this book is a spiritual successor." -- customer "Vargas and McBain spin a fine tale with characters I want to climb inside--but not in a weird way." -- Jeanne Tarrants

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Customer Reviews

Dead End Girl is a tightly woven, fast-paced, tension-laced thrill ride. How do I know? Because it's 496 pages long and it felt like reading a novella. For pretty much two days I did nothing but read this book and wish it would never end. By the end of the first chapter, Violet felt like an old friend; I just wanted to hang out and watch her solve grisly serial murders forever. Because of the serial killer and the FBI trainee with the haunted past chasing him, the obvious comparison is *Silence of the Lambs* and don't get me wrong, if you liked *Silence of the Lambs*, you'll love *Dead End Girl*. But with the story taking an active interest in Violet Darger's life outside of the case, *Dead End Girl* and likely all of the *Violet Darger* series will also be a favorite among lovers of J.A. Konrath's *Jack Daniels* mysteries. At the same time, there's so much attention to detail and organic storytelling that this could easily compete with any of Stephen King's longer works. I found myself completely invested in every character, from the authorities to the killer to the victims themselves. Because blood and gore are great, and tracking down sickos is fun, but the living aren't the only characters who haunt the pages of *Dead End Girl* the victims come to life, too. The

authors have presented us with people, not Doll Parts, individuals who had names, families, flaws, senses of humor, and dreams before death turned them into front page fodder, clickbait, and short appositives that left more room for sensationalizing their grisly end. At its heart, that's what Dead End Girl is all about—forcing us to reevaluate our own voyeuristic interest in death, as well as the snap judgments about people that we make every day. Dead End Girl is an intriguing and entertaining start to what I hope is a long, long run of Violet Darger novels. If the whole series was available today, I'd buy them all and binge-read them straight through, but since it's not, I'm waiting on the edge of my favorite reading chair for the next one. If you love the serial killer genre, then this is a must-read for you.

I'm a fan of The Scattered & the Dead series and so was excited to see a new series from the authors. This is a pretty darn good read, although the ending wasn't too much of a surprise (if you pay attention) and my least favorite part was when the main character acts more like a petulant child than someone experienced in handling emotions. Overall, I liked it!

I really enjoyed this book! Could not put it down. While some parts were too detail ridden, the page turning suspense kept one longing for more! And, yes, it kept me guessing till the very end.

What a great story. These two authors hook you early have the chops to really create the best in character development. The story moves along and is not predictable. Can't wait for more.

I couldn't put the book down!! I loved the character of violet. She was very strong and independent. She was willing to take a risk to prove that a woman can handle herself. The writing was amazing, I loved how gritty the book was.

This is my first experience with this author, and it will probably be my last. Enjoyed the plot at first, but then it went downhill. The descriptive language was excessive, so much so that I skipped page after page. The same story could have been told in an interesting, thought-provoking manner using half the words. I felt like I was reading a college essay that had a 500 word requirement, so the student crammed in as many useless and redundant details as possible. I'll keep looking.

It was a little slow in the beginning but about 1/3 of the way through, the characters started to reveal themselves. I loved FBI agent Violet Darger, each of the characters had a little something going for

them. The Serial Killer was very creepy, the author write the first person perspective very well and it was completely believable (although, creepy).

Really excellent book. Changing perspectives keep the reader guessing right until the very end. Definitely a thriller, and a book that will grab you and not let go until you've gotten through it. I started it right around bedtime and ended up staying awake reading until 3 am. Fantastic storyline and enjoyable characters.

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