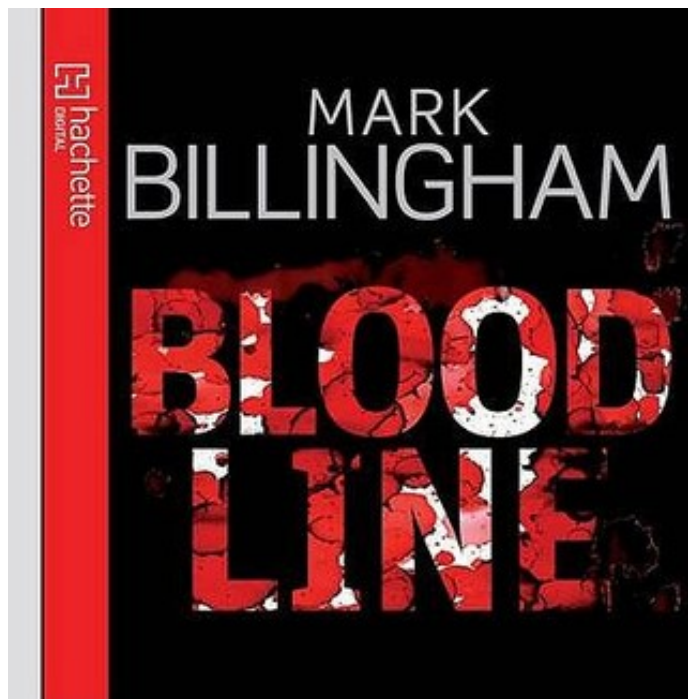

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Bloodline (Tom Thorne #8)



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Description

When a dead body is found in a North London flat, it seems like a straightforward domestic murder until a bloodstained sliver of X-ray is found clutched in the dead woman's fist - and it quickly becomes clear that this case is anything but ordinary.

Insightful reviews

Stan Usher: I cannot say enough great things about this book. This is the 6th book I have read in the Tom Thorne series, and every one is better than the previous. Excellent storyline, fast paced plot with great twists and turns that you won't see coming. I have said in previous reviews I have posted of other books that Jack Reacher is my favorite literary character of the moment, well Tom Thorne runs him a very close second!

READ THIS BOOK NOW!!!!

Craig Sisterson: British comedian Mark Billingham burst onto the crime-writing scene in late 2001 with one of the most exceptional debuts in recent memory. *Sleepyhead* featured a chilling serial 'killer' putting people into persistent vegetative states, and introduced gritty yet layered Detective Inspector Tom Thorne and his investigative adventures set amongst the seamy world of greater London.

After taking an impressive detour in 2008 with standalone thriller *In The Dark*, Billingham returns with the eighth instalment in his award-winning DI Thorne series. And what a return it is.

In *Blood Line*, a seemingly unremarkable domestic killing becomes far murkier when a bloodstained X-ray sliver is found in the victim's hand - a dead woman whose mother was murdered by a notorious serial killer years before. As the body count rises and more slivers appear, Thorne tries to hunt a twisted psychopath and prevent further deaths, while stumbling over his own feelings in the aftermath of unexpected personal tragedy.

Once again Billingham delivers crime fiction of paramount quality. In a genre where some writers focus on breathtaking plots, others create fascinating characters, while still others shine with great dialogue or well-evoked settings, the best of the best, such as Billingham, consistently deliver across all fronts.

Populated with a rich cast of authentic, layered, characters, *Blood Line* is an exciting, well-constructed tale filled with texture and an undercurrent of social commentary bubbling beneath. The dialogue is natural, packed with subtext. Dark crime is peppered with dark humour. The twists are surprising but realistic, never forced or gimmicky.

DI Thorne continues to evolve as a character, and Billingham's continuing excellence makes his creation arguably the best-written detective in British crime fiction today. Put simply: *Blood Line* is a taut tour de force, from a true master

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Sam Woodfield: I really loved this book!! Most crime novels take the same basic plot and tweak it slightly - super brained detective follows the clues and saves the final victim at the lat minute. Thats nothing like this novel. Billingham has created Thorne as a slightly flawed man fighting his demons and being outwitted by a serial killer. Does Thirne get there in time? - I wont ruin the ending, but it certainly kept me gripped from beginning to end. I als loved the premise - son of a serial killer killing all the children of his fathers victims - and the twists this takes as the novel progresses means I really couldnt put this down. The more I read the more I wanted and Billingham subtly creates this pull for his readers. There was nothing overly tense about this novel, not like others where every chapter ends in a cliff hanger, but there is something about Billinghams style which really drew me along!

I will be tramping the pavements to find other offerings by Billingham as if his other offerings are even half as good as this one, I think I may hvae found myself a new favourite crime writer!

Superb!!

Jennifer: 4.5/5"Bloodline through Mark Billingham is a secret mystery carrying on with with the Detective Inspector Tom Thorne sequence and isn't one secret lovers may want to miss. As a brand new reader of Billingham's work, i discovered the plot and backstory have been coated good adequate to leap in, in the course of the sequence with no feeling uninformed."...my complete evaluate could be learn on my e-book evaluate weblog Rundpinne.

Maggie: This booklet begins out on emotional observe with DI Tom Thorn in health facility with female friend Louise looking ahead to D and C to be performed after the lack of their child.He will get name a few younger women who was once murdered. there's a fragment of x-ray present in her fist.The our bodies begin to mount all with fragments of x-ray of their hands.It seems those are all teenagers of 7 girls who have been murdered 15 years formerly through serial killer Raymond Carvey.You can see in begin of this example how Thorn is distracted with deliberating female friend and baby they've got lost, as we all know no longer a simple guy to specific himself. He finally after beverages with Carol Chamberlain who's assisting on case breaks down.He is feeling accountable reason while first mentioned having baby with Louise, he used to be no longer thoroughly on board, yet having misplaced it, he sees how a lot he sought after it.The finishing of booklet is frantic while Carol detect a few surprising information approximately who there killer is, and Thorn dashing to save lots of lives blaming himself for his and police incompetence.Again a truly stress-free e-book via Mark Billingham. the start and finish to me very emotional yet nonetheless had loads of humour in it

Luanne Ollivier: For the longest time Mark Billingham was once my little secret. I had came upon a wonderful writer from around the pond and thrilled in letting my crime/thriller aficionados on the library find out about this remarkable author. Billingham is well no longer a mystery any longer.Bloodline is the 8th e-book to add homicide Squad Detective Tom Thorne. Thorne is a perfectly conflicted, stubborn, smart guy who occasionally makes the incorrect choices...Thorne is termed out on what appears a family murder. It appears like the husband is the offender and Thorne is excited to have a brief open and close case. but if a section of x-ray is located within

the victim's fist, the case is not as straightforward as he thought. one other crime sufferer is usually discovered with a section of x-ray that jigsaws the 1st piece. With these clues, Thorne items jointly what the 2 sufferers have in universal - and it's not pretty. i do not are looking to damage the plot - so i am not going to inform you what it is!Thorne has his palms complete this time, dealing with a killer who's awfully clever...and has his eye on Thorne.I love this character. Billingham has slowly published an increasing number of of him each book. His own existence seems coming jointly at last, yet with Thorne you by no means know. I get pleasure from his flavor in song as well!The plot is very, very clever. As is the killer. Billingham had me guessing till the very end.If you've got stuck up on all the Michael Connelly or John Sandford series, start on Mark Billingham - hugely recommended.

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