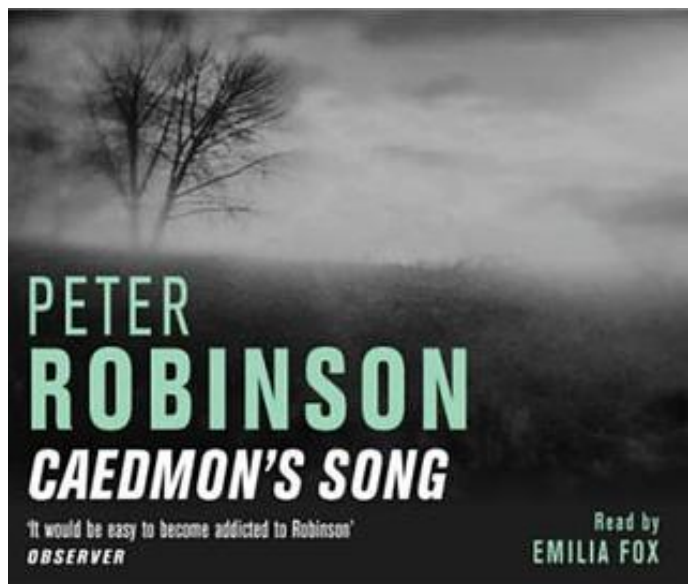


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**Peter Robinson**

**Caedmon's Song**



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## Description

On a balmy June night, Kirsten, a young university student, strolls home through a silent moonlit park. Suddenly her tranquil mood is shattered as she is viciously attacked. Slowly and painfully the details of her attack reveal themselves.

## Insightful reviews

Ashton: When I read the synopsis of *Caedmon's Song*, I thought it sounded exactly like the sort of book I'd enjoy. For one, I am a fan of Peter Robinson, and also, I liked the idea of a story centered around revenge.

However, I was so, so frustrated by the end of the novel (and, I hate to admit, with Peter Robinson's depiction of Kirsten), that I felt a bit disappointed. Obviously, I respect Peter Robinson's view of the book, and I understand that he had to fight to keep the ending the way it was, but I didn't feel fulfilled the way that I have with some of his other books. I wanted to hear why that awful man who hurt Kirsten did what he did. After all she'd been through, I wanted closure for her. And for me. And unfortunately, that never came.

However, on a more positive note, *Friend of the Devil* became absolutely unputdownable for me!

Nancy: This is one of Robinson's stand-alone novels and is an intriguing story about a brutal attack on a college student and the emotional and psychological effects of that attack. As I read it, I kept feeling I'd heard a variation of this in another book. Then I realized that this story is the "beginning" of part of what happens in the previous (and only other) Robinson book I've read, which is a police procedural he wrote 4 years after this one. It was serendipity that I read them so close together and I don't think it made any difference that I read them "backwards." This was fascinating, tho' disturbing. And Robinson is a literate writer. How many modern mystery writers could incorporate quotes from Caedmon (generally accepted as the first English poet/lyricist) and the Venerable Bede?

J.: UK Title *Caedmon's Song*.

Unlike most other of Robinson's crime novels, this doesn't feature his regular Inspector Banks.

That turns out to be a very good thing, as it frees up the narrative methods, and the characterizations, from the pretty standard *procedural* confines of the Banks books. (Not to say Banks titles are bad, but they are pretty confined fare.)

A kind of modulated back-&-forth --every other chapter is narrated by one of a pair of characters, each identified at the chapter's start---- takes you right into a relatively straight seeming 'pair' of parallel story-lines.

This is nothing new in Mystery novels. There are a myriad of victim-killer-victim-killer style shared-narratives out there. But Robinson does a neat trick with Time as the paths converge

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here..... I don't think I've ever seen the timeline reconstructed in other 'multi-path' narrations as it is, and cleverly so, done here... and the story flies.

Sorry to leave it at that, but any more would start to give it away... This has a lot going for it, not at all apparent in the early chapters. The pace and suspense are neatly turned as the story progresses, the characters are compelling, and the atmosphere is moody & complex--- the Yorkshire coast and the historic town of Whitby provide a singular backdrop for the proceedings.

Recommended.

Maggie: this is often the 1st Peter Robinson tale i've got learn that doesn't function DCI Alan Banks. i discovered the notes from the writer very attention-grabbing outlining the timeline and techniques approximately writing. i discovered the plot very good an exploration of the impact at the sufferer of a serial killer. I loved how the tale used to be informed from the viewpoint of the girl which was once compelling and harrowing with a shrewdpermanent twist. A relocating read-worth a look.

Tina: I may still pay greater realization whilst I order books. it is a novel through Peter Robinson, the Yorkshireman who writes the Inspector Banks series. This book, Caedemon's Song, didn't function Banks in any respect and i've to claim i used to be dissatisfied whilst i spotted this. But....my fault for now not rigorously interpreting the outline sooner than I clicked "buy", right?Robinson said he desired to take a holiday from the DCI Banks sequence and write from the victim's element of view, instead of the police procedural type. the basis of this tale revolves round a tender woman named Kirsten who used to be brutally attacked one night as she walks domestic on my own via a park. the injuries she suffers are horrific. She survived in basic terms simply because she used to be discovered by way of a guy jogging his dog, differently she may have bled out. Kirsten wakes up in health facility over every week later, blind to what occurred to her. She has no reminiscence of the attack. Her mom and dad are within the medical institution room with her, thinking about the wounds and the way they are going to have an effect on the remainder of her life. The police query her, eager to locate her attacker yet regardless of how demanding she attempts she has no recollection of that night. More ladies are attacked yet they don't survive. Kirsten undergoes hypnotic treatment and slowly, the nightmare of the assault and info surface. She presents the police with as a lot aspect as she cares to percentage with them yet comes to a decision she has her personal schedule so far as her attacker goes. I can't show to any extent further with no spoiling the storyline. I am an immense fan of Peter Robinson yet i'm going to say I favor the Inspector Banks sequence over this story. good written, stored me analyzing and the 1st clue confirming what I suspected didn't seem until eventually 30 pages earlier than the end. So that's good, the reader didn't have all of it discovered early on.

Boof: I enjoyed this – I listened to it on Audio CD on an extended paintings trip this week and drove previous a number of provider stations even proposal I desperately sought after a coffee, simply because i needed to hold on listening. The publication begins with a brutal assault (no image information because the sufferer can't truly have in mind what occurred to her). Kirsten is a school scholar on her manner domestic from a celebration to have fun the top in their checks while she is grabbed from at the back of and subjected to an attack that leaves her for dead. She wakes up in clinic 10 days later without reminiscence of what occurred to her.

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Meanwhile, a bit throughout country, Martha has arrived in Whitby on a mission. She is seeking a person and it really is as much as the reader to wager who and why and the way her tale can be associated with that of Kirsten's. The booklet switches again and forward, laying out Kirsten's restoration and Martha's seek facet via side. To be fair, the hyperlink does develop into apparant relatively early within the e-book and that i do ponder whether that wasn't truly the authors intention. However, even though I "guessed" early on, i used to be nonetheless enthralled with staring at Kirsten as a few of her reminiscence starts off again to her as she attempts to get on together with her life, and staring at Martha as she keeps on her more and more determined mission. Thumbs up for Mr Robinson again!

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