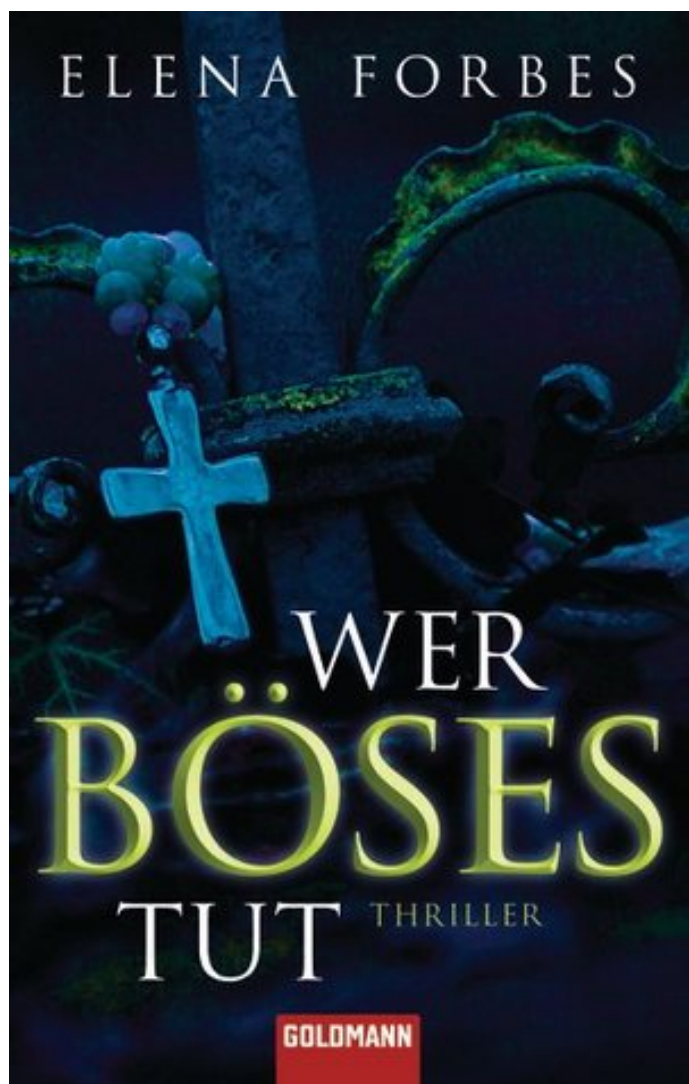


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**Wer Böses Tut (Mark Tartaglia #2)**



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## Description

On a snowy February morning, London art dealer Rachel Tenison goes for a jog through a dark and deserted Holland Park. Still giddy from the previous evening's adventures, her legs wobbly from too much drink and too little sleep, she trips and falls at the bottom of an icy hill. Lying on her back, enjoying the sensation of snowflakes melting on her skin, she savors the unexpected stillness of the moment. And then - the sharp crack of a tree branch close behind her, followed by a voice, softly calling her name.

Two days later, Rachel's naked, frozen body is discovered kneeling in an overgrown section of the park, her wrists and ankles bound with duct tape, her head touching the ground as if in prayer.

Still haunted by the Bridegroom - a chillingly seductive killer who insinuated his way into their personal lives - detectives Mark Tartaglia and Sam Donovan must put the past behind them as they work to uncover the identity of Rachel's murderer. They soon find, however, that as much mystery surrounds the young woman's life as attends her death. And when a tip from a journalist draws their attention to similarities between Rachel's death and an unsolved murder committed the year before the web becomes more tangled than ever.

## Insightful reviews

Emma Kaufmann: Second book in this mystery series finds a very kinky female art dealer murdered by a sexual pervert. A real page turner, very atmospheric and like taking a holiday to London - amazing characterisations and evocation of London life.

Sandie: Similar in style and cadence to the stories of Robert Goddard and P. D. James with a little bit of Ruth Rendell thrown in for good measure. *Our Lady of Pain* is a wonderful and literate murder mystery that engages the reader from the very first page.

While the plot is driven by the investigative team's probe into two brutal murders, the true beauty of the book lies in the author's meticulous development of the characters and their surroundings. The reader is allowed a voyeuristic look into the day to day existence of detectives Mark Tartaglia, Sam Donovan and Simon Turner from their work environment, to their co-workers and families as they work their case, scrutinizing every aspect of the lives of the victims and the suspected culprits. As they expose some unsavory aspects of the case to the light of day (a difficult task in rainy London) we follow the trail of scattered breadcrumb clues as the truth slowly emerges.

If I had one complaint about this book it is with the character of Sam Donovan whose previous faulty judgment (read gullibility) in the *Bridegroom* case was repeatedly referred to and made her appear less professional than her male counterpart. (I have not read Ms. Forbes previous book "*Die with Me*", but I got the impression that Tartaglia too was involved in that case, however the author did not carry the question of HIS character's acumen and perception forward into this book). Perhaps I am just nit-picking, since on the whole I sincerely enjoyed

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reading experience.

No Michael Connelly style roller coaster ride here, no Lee Child super hero either, just well drawn characters and great atmospheric writing.

Victoria Shepherd: A competently written mystery, with an excess of twists and turns in the last quarter.

Thomas Paul: There are numerous issues that i glance for in a mystery. the tale may still make me care in regards to the characters. There can be lots of clues. the answer might be an “of course” moment. it's going to be well-paced. “Our woman of Pain” has all of these. the writer does an excellent activity of warding off the “sophomore jinx” by means of writing a very good follow-up to the 1st booklet in her series. Rachel Tenison, a gorgeous paintings dealer, is located useless in a park one snowy wintry weather morning. Her physique is located in a fashion that means a sadistic killer. Who sought after her dead? used to be it her enterprise partner, Richard Greville? Her half-brother, MP Patrick Tenison? Her occasional lover, Jason Bourne? Her friend, Liz Volpe? And is that this homicide relating to the homicide of Catherine Watson? Detectives Mark Tartaglia and Sam Donovan need to sift throughout the clues and locate the killer. There are adequate suspects and clues in addition to red-herrings to maintain the tale moving. London is a used good as a backdrop during this “noir” secret the place it truly is regularly both snowing, raining, or evening time. the writer creates a dismal surroundings which permeates the tale and is helping creates a feeling of approaching evil. It's no longer the best secret ever written yet as an exciting learn it fills the requirements. while you're trying to find anything quickly and cleverly written, then you definately can do much worse than “Our woman of Pain”.

Susan Parker: The publication has potential. regrettably the author has just one kind of ending, that she makes use of in her first books.

Joanne: this is often one other riveting secret starring Mark Tartaglia of the London homicide Squad. Again, the descriptions of the London websites are so good drawn, i think like i am there. Forbes is a grasp at convincing the reader of the guilt of a character, basically to have the idea grew to become the wrong way up within the previous few pages: very skillful. If i've got one small criticism, i am hoping that during next books, Sara Donovan isn't continually going to be unsuspecting sufficient to back be victimized through the villain. She must get smarter and not more trusting, or her personality will devolve right into a perpetual damsel in misery that Mark Tartaglia will perpetually be having to rescue. which may get old. Otherwise, i cannot wait to take on the following books within the series.

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