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Allie St Clair doesn't fit in at New Scotland Yard.

Hailing from a background of conspicuous wealth and privilege, she is gorgeous, Cambridge-educated and has just been fast-tracked to be the youngest woman promoted to acting Detective Chief Inspector in the history of the Metropolitan Police.

Her battle for acceptance at The Met is overshadowed by a bizarre and supernatural twist as a wave of sickening crimes sweeps London.

Dark forces older than time and family connections to The Archangel Michael, hurl her into a race from London to ancient Glastonbury to find the murderer and rescue a young police officer from a horrible death.

The ancient game of good versus evil is played out against the backdrop of the sinister Glastonbury Tor with devastating results for Allie and her family.

Her life is changed forever as she discovers why she alone has been chosen to partner with The Archangel to combat the satanic Mr Black.

Discover the gripping debut novel from Steven Bannister - the first in a series of tales that will explore the age-old mystery surrounding good versus evil from a number of perspectives.

Fade to Black Details

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Jain Ferdinand says

This was not a Police Procedural with a paranormal twist; it was a pure Paranormal Thriller with a police officer protagonist. That's fine if you know that going in. Once I realized what I was dealing with, I accepted it for that and got into it. Be advised that the demonic killings are extremely gory, as well as completely impossible to physically perform even with a demon-possessed human agent. We are told not once but twice that the crime scenes are exceptionally grisly, an apt description if only the author had not spelled the word as "grizzly". Twice. I did go on to complete the book and enjoyed it enough to order the next one (hey, it's free on Unlimited) as it reminded me of the kind of stuff I used to get on the paperback stands at the drugstore back in the 60's. At least now the world is being saved by a woman.

Hazey says

Good Read, a bit too weird at the end for my personal taste. That said i will read book 2 at some point.

Carly Compass says

Steven Bannister's Fade to Black is a very unique and original, well developed story line, taking you to the English country and the streets of London, England. I couldn't help but picture his Arch Angel Michael, as Tony Robbins, extremely tall, dark and handsome. I can't wait to read the rest of the series, Back to Black, and Black Net featuring his female protagonist, Allie St. Clair. A very well developed back story, giving credence to the story line which makes it very believable, exciting and original.

Sharon Kennedy says

Excellent start to a series of detective stories with a supernatural element.

Carol says

Well, I have to say that I did enjoy this book.

I know a couple of folk thought the characters were a bit wooden, but apart from some stumbling at the beginning (which I put down to being a new writer) the story did entertain.

The gory bits were very gory, and I did wish I could look away at places, and there were a couple of places that I didn't find believable, and a couple of clumsy 'tie ups', but all in all it was a good read.

I shall be interested to see what the author does in the next two books. I hope Mr Black isn't back, because that could maybe be a bit repetitive.

Julie Powell says

This story is part of a box set I am reading and feel I should review each one separately as I go. It is an unusual tale, this first of what has been described as one of eight thrillers from a variety of authors - it certainly is that!

Filled with horrific murders, a host of suspects and an unexpected fantasy element, it makes for great reading...even if I skated over the more detailed gory scenes.

A very well written book with excellent characters - both good and bad - with a no holds barred gritty realism mixed with an intriguing fantastical yet believable stance, adding up to an enjoyable read.

Recommended.

Sharon says

This is the classic good versus evil novel with a twist - the Archangel Michael plays a starring role. The book is fast paced and the humor in the midst of the tension, angst and gore is funny and appreciated.

Joanna Warrens says

I enjoyed this but I am not sure if I will read more. Its a good adventure story but I would have liked more detail about the mythology,parts.

Debbie says

This was a very interesting concept that combined murder mystery at New Scotland Yard with paranormal fantasy.

The first two thirds of the book were intriguing and I liked the balance between the two genres. I liked the dynamics between the different characters at NSY, and they were in turn likeable or loathesome and easy to relate to. The paranormal activity added to the excitement.

For the last third of the book, however, I thought the paranormal aspect far overshadowed the other elements in the storyline, making it completely unrealistic and the characters much harder to connect with. The climax and denouement were confusing and disjointed, with many different things happening at once. I found it a disappointing finish to a story that had started out so promising.

While at first being excited at the prospect of subsequent books, I don't think I will read any of the sequels now, due to the unsatisfactory ending and direction the story travelled in this one.

Merlyn Reid says

Very good. start of a Semi paranormal series where the newly DCI Alison St Clair meets her comrade in arms, Michael and starts the new partnership to rid the world of evil. OK a bit Kitch but nice easy read.

Sara says

This is a crime drama, set mainly in London with an unusual supernatural twist that takes the main characters (predictably) to Glastonbury. I enjoyed it and will probably read the next in the series but the characterisation is a bit thin and I was disproportionately annoyed by lazy editing that allowed someone to take a bite out of a shepherds pie!

Nikki says

Not sure I would have chosen this if I had realised the extent of the paranormal element. Not my usual choice of genre but it was good enough if a little OTT by the end.

Sally A. Mittl says

Good Read

Despite this being otherworldly I really enjoyed this book. It really held my interest til the end. The characters are either likeable or hateable. I was disappointed that there wasn't a conclusion. Guess I'll have to read more of these books.

Liane says

An excellent read, had me on the edge of my seat, a book which was very hard to put down.

Susan Mills says

CAPTIVATING STORY

FADE TO BLACK tells a perennial story of good versus evil with the highest stakes imaginable. The characters are likeable and memorable. The non-stop action keeps the reader eagerly engaged to the final

page. Mr. Banister's writing is polished and easy to follow and enjoy.
