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**The next gripping thriller in the DI Sally Parker thriller series from New York Times and USA Today bestselling author of the Justice series M. A. Comley**

## **Murderer or a victim of a corrupt system?**

Fifteen years after her deadly encounter, Anne Gillan's remains are finally found. Her husband, who has maintained his innocence, has spent those fifteen years in prison--and the case's investigating officer has been found guilty of corruption. Could Anne's murderer still be free?

DI Sally Parker has just been chosen to lead a cold-case squad--and Anne Gillan's murder is their first case. The case brings Sally face to face with a criminal from her own past, who has set out to destroy Sally's relationship with her soon-to-be husband.

Will Sally and her team solve the case before Sally has a deadly encounter of her own?

**Other reads available in this series are:**

**Wrong Place - #1 Women Sleuths reached Top #25 in the UK top 100**

**No Hiding Place - #1 Women Sleuths**

**Web of Deceit - a novella co-written by Tara Lyons**

**Cold Case**

**DI Sally Parker also helps solve a mystery alongside DI Lorne Warner in Twisted Justice.**

## **Deadly Encounter Details**

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## **From Reader Review Deadly Encounter for online ebook**

### **Teresa says**

DI Sally Parker and her team are back in the latest instalment in this series, I really enjoyed all the other books in the series and when I started this one it was like finding your favourite blanket in the back of the wardrobe and wrapping it round you.

Sally has been asked to head up a new Cold Case department and decides to take her team along with her to assist. The first case they are given is a murder which happened 15 years previously and the husband was found guilty even though there was no body, he has protested his innocence ever since. When Sally visits him she is also convinced he's innocent and decides to move heaven and earth to prove it and to right the wrong that the investigating officer at the time made.

This is another great book in the Sally Parker series and I have to admit it made me cry at the end, I look forward to the next one. I will post my review on Goodreads and Amazon.

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### **Donna Maguire says**

<https://donnasbookblog.wordpress.com/...>

When I saw that this book was being released I jumped at the chance to get a copy and I am so pleased that I did, it really is a brilliant story and I loved every page!!

I flew through the book and started reading it as soon as it arrived on my Kindle and I barely came up from breath and stopped until it was finished. It really did grip me right to the end and there were plenty of twists and turns to keep me guessing - just what I love in this kind of book!

The characters were great and the plot was absolutely spot on as was the writing style which was excellent as normal. This is most definitely a book that I would recommend and not hesitation in giving it a 5 star rating from me - absolutely loved it!!

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### **Kathi Defranc says**

DI Sally Parker is back with her team, only she is called by the Chief and asked to head a Cold Case Team! With the great results her team obtained in the last case, finding a person innocent due to one officers lack of investigation, she believes this will work well. Will her team want to be involved in this new division, she hopes all will but it is up to each member.

New case is 15 years after the death of a wife, her husband found guilty of her murder and in jail. Her skeleton has just shown up in the last week, now friends and family know she is not alive. When investigating the husband, Sally finds herself sure of his innocence. DI Falkirk, found so wrong on Sally's last case, also brought this one forward.

From visiting the husband in jail, where her past threatens to destroy her, to searching for the missing brother of the husband, Sally works to find the truth in all situations. Wonderful characters with memorable scenes

and belief that good can win in the end, the Sally Parker series keeps you turning pages until the very end! Wonderful fourth book in the series with each one better than the last!!

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### **Joann says**

This is the 4th in the DI Sally Parker series. I love Sally. She's a brilliant cop both in her powers of investigation and also, as a team member. The way she works with and interacts with her colleagues just feels so right. She has her maverick moments but always with the backing of her team. Sally and her team are working on cold cases and this is the case of a wife and mother who was killed 15 years ago and her body was just found. Her husband has spent 15 years in prison for her murder. Did he actually do the crime? These days, there are a few authors I feel I can rely on and this is one of them. Any new books by her are put to the top of the list along with a few select others.

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### **Sarah says**

Deadly Encounter is the fourth book in the DI Sally Parker series. I do think it would be beneficial for readers to have at least read the first book in the series just to give you a bit of knowledge of Sally's personal life.

I have to say I love a good cold case. It always fascinates me how a case left unsolved years before can hope to be solved years later. The work for the police must be even more painstakingly harder. Witnesses could be dead or their memory not as good as it was. I felt quite sorry for Sally and her team as they are really working against the odds.

What I love about Sally is her compassion. A lot of detectives in crime series' are so hardened but Sally truly cares about the people she works with as well as the victim and the people involved. It makes the hunt for the murderer even more personal and I was backing them all the way.

Deadly Encounter is yet another gripping read that I read in one sitting. The author has a way of hooking you from the very first page right up until the very last. I really hope there is more to do with cold cases in future books in the series as I loved seeing how Sally and her team work in trying to solve it. A highly recommended series.

My thanks to the author for an advanced readers copy of this book. All opinions are my own and not biased in anyway.

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## **Annette says**

Another great book in the Sally Parker series. A new team is set up to reinvestigate crimes where the previous investigations could have been carried out incorrectly and evidence not handled in the way it should have, leading to false imprisonment. I love the banter and loyalty within the team and their dogged determination to get to the truth.

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## **Pat says**

It was a toss up between 2 and 3 stars so 2.5.

Oh dear, I'm the lone voice of dissent again, everyone else seems to have loved this book. I must have missed something. DI Sally Parker is a nice enough character but that's about the nicest thing I can say about it. It was obvious where the story was going, no surprises therefore no suspense. There was no drama or tension, I found it quite dull and plodding. At this point in the proceedings I am done with M.A. Comley.

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## **Julie Simon says**

I truly loved reading this book, great to have Sally and her team back investigating a 15 year old cold case. Craig Gillan was found guilty of the murder of his wife and has been in prison for the last 15 years. Did he commit the crime or not? Sally and her team investigate and we get to know him and his family and the effects his imprisonment has had on them all. Great characters and interaction between the team members, these feel like people you have known for years.

Fabulous story which takes the reader through a range of emotions. Yes I did cry!

Another brilliant book from one of my favourite authors, cannot wait for more cold cases for Sally and her team to get stuck into.

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## **Tom Elder says**

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Book four in the Sally Parker series. It's been fifteen years since the disappearance of Ann Gillan now her body is found and the case gets opened her husband Colin was sentenced to prison despite his cries of innocence. Sally has been tasked to cold cases and looking at the cases of DI Falkirk in particular. This in my opinion is the best book in this series.

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## **Linda Prather says**

I became a DI Sally Parker fan when Book 1 was published. Book 2 pulled me in even further and Book 3 totally hooked me. It's amazing to watch a character grow and follow them through their trials and errors.

Book 4 in my opinion is definitely the best one yet. A real trigger for me is being able to remember every scene and the book stays with me for days after finishing it. Deadly Encounter was one of those books and will top my list for best read of 2017.

Sally and her team are offered a special unit to investigate cases that a former DI may have taken the easy way out on his investigation and convicted the wrong person. Emotions run high as their challenge is to free those wrongly convicted. But what if they're wrong? What if they make a mistake and release a killer back on the streets to kill again? Those thoughts plague them as they go through a mountain of files to choose the right cold case to reopen.

Sally follows her gut instincts and reopens a case involving a missing woman whose husband was convicted of killing fifteen years ago and whose body has just now been recovered from the river. Craig Gillan is a broken man and not just from fifteen years in prison. It only takes one interview for Sally to grasp the deep abiding love this man had for his wife and the fact that he would never have harmed her. The evidence against him was circumstantial and the former DI interviewed only a few people. Sally and her team are faced with the task of finding witnesses and uncovering the true story of what happened to Anne Gillan. Was Anne really the sweet, loving, innocent woman everyone described...or was there something hidden, something that would result in the brutal murder conducted with passion.

The characters in this story feel like real people, and if you love character driven fiction you don't want to miss this one. Highly recommended!

I was given an ARC for an honest review, but this should also say verified purchase as I purchased my own copy to read again. Like a really good movie you can watch over and over, this book is one of those I know I'll enjoy just as much the second time around.

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### **Tara Lyons says**

Fierce, fiery and family-orientated describes DI Sally Parker ideally, and this book highlights her character more than ever.

I do like the cold-case turn this series has taken and it's so interesting to read about old investigations, how they were handled and the possibility that innocent people may have been arrested.

But, is Craig truly innocent? That's the burning question for Sally and her team in Deadly Encounter!

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### **Audrey Gibson says**

I always get excited when this author has a new book published and this one did not disappoint. I'm a huge fan of Sally, her team and her personal life. Its great to catch up with them.

Craig Gillan has already served 15 years in prison for the murder of his wife. He has tried to prove his innocence over the years ..... Is he innocent or very clever?

Huge 5 stars.

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### **Joanne Robertson says**

I recently named the Justice series by Mel Comley one of my favourite series but I do have to say that I also really love her Sally Parker series! I think due to the fact it's set in Norfolk (and being a Norfolk girl myself I love to visit my home county in books) I have a soft spot for both the setting and for all the characters who live there as well. And in this, DI Sally Parkers fourth outing, I have found my favourite of the series so far.

Sally has been asked to head up a team investigating cold cases and coincidentally, a recent discovery of a body leads to their first investigation. Craig Gillan has spent the last 15 years in prison for his wife's murder although he swears his innocence. His family has been torn apart with his children going to live with their grandparents, and he has missed them growing up, eventually becoming estranged from one of them. Upon meeting him, Sally is convinced there has been a miscarriage of justice and sets out to find the real murderer.

What I love most about Sally is that she's like a dog with a bone when she's presented with a case to solve. Which is remarkable considering she has her own problems to deal with as well! I do think you need to read the first three books in the series before tackling this one just so you know exactly what she's up against!! And it's lovely to see that her relationship seems to be going well.....so why am I getting a very weird feeling that something wicked this way comes?! I just hope her parents (love that couple!!) keep an eye out for her!!

As usual, you can trust Mel Comley to deliver a well written, perfectly plotted suspense. It's like cuddling up with a hot chocolate, warming and comforting in its familiarity. I absolutely loved Deadly Encounter and read it cuddled up on the sofa on a stormy afternoon where it added a ray of sunshine in the cold darkness of the day. And I do hope Sally Parker is back to solve another cold case very soon!

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### **Linda Strong says**

Anne Gillan disappeared 15 years ago. Her remain have just been found. Her husband had been charged and imprisoned all these years.

DI Sally Parker is losing her job.. sort of. She has just been chosen to lead a cold-case squad and she's taking her entire team with her. The first case they choose is that of Anne Gillan's. Her husband has always expressed his innocence and the investigating officer back then was later found corrupt. All of his cases must be reviewed.

Is her husband actually innocent of his wife's murder? Or is he the actual murderer? Parker and her team will do whatever it takes to unearth the truth... and that means starting at the very beginning.

While visiting the husband in prison, who does Sally see? Her ex-husband, the one that Sally turned in and testified against. Isn't it strange that shortly after that encounter, anonymous notes are left, roses are found on her doorstep?

Between trying to solve a cold case and possibly righting a wrong and trying to keep her ex at bay, Sally will

have to muster up all her fearlessness and hope she doesn't have a deadly encounter of her own.

Many thanks to the author for the advance digital copy of this crime thriller. Opinions expressed here are unsolicited, unbiased, and entirely my own.

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### **Sue McQuaide Kitt says**

In Deadly Encounter, Sally Parker is now head of a cold case unit and thankfully, her team has chosen to follow her. Their first case is a fifteen year old one, Anne Gillan, disappeared and her remains have only just been found. Her husband has been in jailed for the murder, but is he guilty? While investigating a previous case, Sally found DI Falkirk's investigating skills shockingly shoddy, and is this murder going to be the same and will she find another innocent man incarcerated and his family ripped apart for no reason.

Once again, I loved Sally and her team, her parents, the wonderful Simon and of course Dex. I just adore the relationship between Sally and her parents and the personal side to all of this wonderful authors books, which make them so realistic.

Deadly Encounter is fast paced and full of surprises, a real page turner that kept me up all night reading.

In my opinion this is the best to date and I am really looking forward to more in this Sally Parker series. Highly recommended.

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