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**Oppression. Despair. Rebellion.**

What pushes a teenager from the toughest sink estate in East London to join The Met?

## **Reader Reviews**

*"Cracking read easy to follow full of action couldn't put it down..."*

*"If you haven't read this book then you don't know what your missing, couldn't put it down once I had started it."*

*"Absolutely brilliant lots of twists and turns."*

*"Found all 3 of D.S.Connolly by chance but boy am I glad I did ...read them you won't be sorry"*

*"From the very first page onward I was hooked and could not drag myself away..."*

*"Another cracking read from Natalie Hames"*

## **Book Description**

The Towers is the first book in the East End Noir Series by Natalie Hames and introduces the young DS Matthew Connolly. Set against the dismal backdrop of 90's social housing, The Towers will plunge you into the fight for survival in a community ruled by gangs. Connolly soon discovers even the pure of heart can unwittingly slide into the world of organised crime when a loved one hits crisis point. Will he stay beneath the gang's radar, or fight fire with fire, alone?

Lovers of crime fiction and noir will find The Towers will satisfy their hunger for a fast-paced, hard hitting story with unexpected twists and turns.

Download The Towers today and absorb yourself into a terrifying world where gangs and corruption rule.

## **The Towers: DS Connolly - Book One (East End Noir Series) Details**

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## **From Reader Review The Towers: DS Connolly - Book One (East End Noir Series) for online ebook**

### **David says**

Not too bad for a first in the series will follow this one.

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### **Angela says**

A very well written book about gangsters and their shady goings on . I loved it

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### **Ann says**

An excellent book. Once I started I had to keep turning the pages.

Real life drama of life on an inner city estate. After circumstances force a mother and three sons to move from a nice area to a very different rough area. It doesn't take long for the local gang to make themselves known demanding protection money.

We then see how the two older boys handle this new life. How, starting with the best of intentions they make their own choices. One taking what at first appears to be the easy route, the other taking the harder route - the one he knows to be right.

A very good read.

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### **emma says**

#### **Brilliant!**

Honestly couldn't put it down! Can't wait to download the next book tomorrow and carry it on! Never read one of her books before but I can promise it won't be the last! Outstanding

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### **Lillian Cummings says**

Can you make a difference? Matthew knows that his mother had no choice but this place is awful and the gangs will stop at nothing to muscle their way in. Matt is trying to keep his brother Mark out of trouble and he worries that he is going to get in with the wrong crowd. Mark tries to keep his nose clean and he needs the extra money to help his mother pay the gangs. But he never signed on to get involved with drugs but he doesn't see a way out now. Can Matt get his revenge, they killed his dog and he will do anything to bring them down so he is happy to help the police with their case but he needs to know that his brother Mark will

be able to walk away?

Will Mark take this chance and walk away to start a new life with his girlfriend before they come after him?

Can Matt move on and make a difference to others?

A good read.

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### **Gillian says**

I love when I go to read a new author (to me) book no expectation so with an open mind I started reading The Towers.

It's a story of a middle class family who are betrayed by their father and end up on an estate where let's just say you wouldn't want to visit let alone stay. There's Sandra the mother Mark, Matthew and Sam the sons and Major the dog.

Things get off to a bad start while unloading their belongings the local bully boys torment Major who is guarding the van. Matthew very protective of Major launches at RATS so it begins.

RATS and Bozz turn out to be the collectors of Protection money while Matthew stays away Mark for unwittingly becomes involved with the boys and what he didn't realise it wasn't only a protection racket they were running.

Once involved Mark finds he's in too deep doesn't know how to get out. While still managing to wind RATS up Matthew realises the trouble his brother is in. Can he help him or will he be dragged further into the underworld?

I loved this book it brings back memories of a place that were near where I lived as a child so was kinda real to me.

The Towers is the first of a series of books think there are 4 so far with another one coming out early next year.

Definitely recommend this book. Loved it so much I put it down to get some sleep an hour later I had to finish the book in one night.

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### **Sharron Machin (booksbehindthetitle) says**

#### **Great read couldn't put it down**

An amazing book, gritty , realistic and gripping to the end. Looking forward to starting book two to see how the characters develop but it's a great standalone book but it draws you in and makes you want to know more. A must for all those who enjoy a great crime thriller.

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### **Maxine (Booklover Catlady) says**

Devoured on a flight home from Gran Canaria to the UK. What a surprise book this was! I had bought it ages ago and so glad I did. Full review to follow.

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## **Helen Christmas says**

### **A Great Depiction of London Social Housing**

From the moment I started reading this I got straight into it the plot. It was fast, gripping with some really compelling characters. The main storyline involves two brothers, one who is easily led, the other more feisty and determined to stand up against bullies. This novel depicts the true predator and prey environment of people forced to live in high rise tower blocks; a story of conflict, organised crime and fighting for the underdog. I really enjoyed it and having discovered a thrilling new series, I have immediately downloaded book two.

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## **Tom Elder says**

Natalie Hames

The Towers.

1st book in the series. A family split up and must sell their nice home, the council then move them into the towers, then the action begins with gangs etc. Follow the family's actions through to a very good ending.

Highly recommended read.

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## **Book Addict Shaun says**

Book three of 2018 and I am on a bit of a roll with some great reads. The Towers is the first in a series and introduces us to brothers Mark and Matthew as they move onto the notorious estate. Natalie Hames portrays a brutal and realistic setting here with The Towers, the fear felt by the family at moving to the area being palpable. Despite being set in the 90s this unfortunately could all too easily be a story set in the present day because not much has changed for some of these tower blocks around inner city London. Danger comes from a number of places and each chapter left me wondering just what else could go wrong and what was about to happen for these characters.

The two brothers both make some risky choices throughout the story. One taking what he thinks to be the right path, and the other not so much. At the start I thought it'd be a story where we had one brother who turned to the police and one who was just an out and out criminal but surprisingly that wasn't the case at all. Both brothers actually act with the best of intentions and, usually, to protect the people that they love. I found that they were both likeable however for the sake of drama I am excited to see how things will progress for them in future books. The cast of characters is eclectic with your typical villains alongside some female characters who despite only playing small roles in the story, helped me to understand the actions of the brothers at times.

The story itself is gritty and Natalie doesn't hold back with her portrayal of the area or some of the things that the characters involved do. It's a gripping story that I had read in just a few short hours. It had that Top Boy (seriously if you missed it first time round get on Netflix now...) feel to it and the setting was brought to life and easily imagined in my mind. It is full of hateful characters but also some who are just trying to make the best of the hand that they have been dealt. Natalie doesn't shy away from making things as brutal as possible so there won't be any cliched happy endings here because whilst some things were tied up neatly for

some of the characters, I imagine the decisions made by some of them in this first novel will only come back to haunt them in the future.

I highly recommend this book if you are looking for a gangland type thriller which is able to be read over the course of one afternoon. Hopefully the rest of this series is just as good as I can't wait to read them and continue the story of Matthew and Mark and the characters that they have met along the way so far.

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### **Miss Dizzy Read says**

3.5 stars, it was free and a quick read, not brilliant but not terrible either!

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### **Ted Tayler says**

"Harsh story of life on the streets"

Dark and depressing from the outset. An accurate account of what life is like on the sink estates in many British cities, and the futile attempts of the authorities to bring some order and most of all, hope. It doesn't make for a fun read. It could also have benefited from a more stringent proofread.

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### **Anne says**

I really enjoyed this book-lots of twists and turns. The characters were so believable and easy to like, I can't wait to continue the saga.

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### **Peter says**

#### **Good opener to the series.**

Enjoyable read and unusual in its approach. It was good to be introduced to the future DS Connolly as a teenager an approach that I've not come across before.

Believable characters and good descriptions of life on a sink estate. Look forward to book 2

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