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**From the bestselling author of *Never Coming Back* and the chart-topping *Missing* podcast, comes the latest David Raker missing persons investigation.**

**'Weaver has become one of this country's most respected, bestselling crime writers, and he fully deserves to be. Written with elegance, care and craft, *What Remains* is a luminous example of what a considerable talent Weaver has become. Catch him at once' *Daily Mail***

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Missing persons investigator David Raker specializes in finding the lost. Whether dead or alive, he brings home the truth to the families left behind. But there's one person he's never been able to save.

Colm Healy was one of the Met's best detectives - until the unsolved murders of a mother and her twin daughters consumed his career, his family and his life. For him, there can be no redemption without justice.

Re-opening the case together, Raker soon learns the hard way how this puzzle breeds obsession. But the worst is yet to come.

Because, at the end of this trail of tragedy and darkness, an elusive killer watches, waits - and prepares to bury the truth forever...

**'Impressive ... a lacerating investigation, which takes readers into the furthest reaches of obsession. A dark, complex and visceral read' *Financial Times***

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## Praise for Tim Weaver:

**'Weaver's books get better each time - tense, complex, sometimes horrific, written with flair as well as care' *Guardian***

**'I couldn't put it down' *Sun***

**'Weaver has delivered another cracking crime thriller' *Daily Mail***

**'Weaver knows how to construct a complex plot ... you will be kept guessing until the last few pages. David Raker has joined a select band of fictional characters whose return in a new book excites existing fans and collects new ones with every publication' *Crime Fiction Lover***

## What Remains Details

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## From Reader Review What Remains for online ebook

### Best Crime Books & More says

I've not read any previous Tim Weaver books and although you can read this on its own I think I would have preferred to have read the previous books in the series to get a better feel for David Raker. That said, I certainly enjoyed this book and will almost certainly be looking out for future books by Tim Weaver. David Raker is a Missing Persons Investigator and in the early stages we see him help his old friend Colm Healy. Healy used to be one of the Met's best Detectives but he has had a fall from grace and is now homeless, penniless and obsessed with his last unsolved case.

The writing is absolutely fabulous and I was instantly drawn into their world seamlessly and effortlessly. Although I hadn't read any previous Raker books there is enough background given that you have an idea of his history and it certainly didn't detract from my enjoyment of the story. Raker's past seems very tragic and complicated and he is currently learning how to adjust to having a daughter in his life. It made Raker an altogether more endearing character as we see him battle with keeping everyone happy.

The plot line is very intricately weaved and extremely well thought out. There were avenues that surprised me as they were not immediately obvious and whether this was the characters strengths coming through or just superb plotting I couldn't tell. What I did know was that I thoroughly enjoyed this and will definitely be reading more in the future. Maybe not reading the first few books put me at a slight disadvantage but if anything it just makes me more determined to go back and read them all in order now. I can see now why Tim Weaver has such a loyal following, looks like ANOTHER series I need to keep up with.

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### Rob Twinem says

David Raker Missing Persons Investigator is hoping to help an ex London Met detective Colm Healy find redemption and solve a case that has haunted him for 4 years and ruined his life, his work, and his marriage. That is the basis of this brilliant 500+ page thriller/mystery by up and coming author Tim Weaver and makes for complex yet very rewarding reading. The author had my attention from page one and held me spellbound for just over 2 days with many intelligent twists and changes in the storyline all adding to the tension and concluding in magnificient fashion. I particularly loved the London setting with the imagery and use of old wooden piers and the thrill and sound of victorian amusement arcades. Mr Weaver as an author writes with a great confidence and turns a complex plot into a thrilling ride, I look forward to David Raker's next outing....

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### Book Addict Shaun says

To say I was excited about the release of Tim Weaver's What Remains would be something of an understatement. It was one of my most anticipated books of 2015 and so I was beyond thrilled when I received an early review copy. Tim's David Raker series is one of my favourites, and I always finish each installment saying that it was the best one so far and I'm saying that very same thing with What Remains as it really is his best book so far and one of the best I've read this year.

Missing persons investigator David Raker is finishing up on a case when he meets up with Colm Healy, for

those new to the series they have a complicated history that I can't go into without spoilers but they do have an interesting relationship which could be loosely described as a friendship (sometimes). Colm Healy used to be one of the Met's best detectives until his failure to solve a case ruined both his life and his career. Healy is determined to find out who killed a mother and her two daughters and knows that if anyone can help him with that, it's Raker. Healy is an extremely damaged individual and in *What Remains* (and the books that came before) we really see the effect that a failure to solve such a brutal case can have on a police officer. It is a powerful and poignant story.

David Raker in the first few books had nothing to live for after the death of his wife. He found solace in the lives of the missing, seeing it as his calling to bring them home. Recently however he discovered that he fathered a child some years ago. Ordinarily Raker has no qualms about putting his own life in danger whilst on a case, however now that he has an adult daughter it adds a new dynamic to the story and it's intriguing to witness how this has an effect on his life and 'job'. No sooner does Raker sit down to talk through the case with Healy than his daughter calls about an accident her younger sister has been involved in. Raker heads down to the hospital leaving behind an extremely angry and agitated Healy, and that's the last time Raker would see him for nine months.

I found myself once again completely consumed by this story and that's what I love most about Tim's books. It is so easy to just lose yourself in them (no pun intended). They are always so well researched and plotted that they are just a joy to read. In fact they are so intricately plotted that I would love to know how Tim sets about writing them, and how much of the story even he knows beforehand. He knows exactly how to hook a reader in, not giving too much of the story away in the beginning and making sure that there's enough red herrings and twists to throw most of us off the scent. I've said before not to bother trying to guess where the story will go, just sit back and enjoy the ride. There are some incredible developments in *What Remains*, some that well and truly slapped me in the face and left me reeling.

*What Remains* is a gripping read from start to finish and is a book that Tim Weaver fans old and new will love too. This is one of my favourite series and I have reviews of the previous books in the series on my blog for those that have missed them. If you already have this book and series on your TBR then do yourself a favour and pick them up right now. If you don't, then why not? Incredible fiction from a born storyteller and I can't wait to read what he writes next.

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### **Míša Rubášová says**

Díky bohu za ten famózní konec, ale i tak dávám jen t?i hv?zdy. P?lka knihy mi p?išla vleklá a dokola se ?ešilo to samé a vesm?s tém?? nic. Knížka by klidn? mohla postrádat minimáln? 150 stran. Podle m? nejslabší díl.

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### **Cleo Bannister says**

In this book Raker meets an old friend Colm Healy who has been haunted by the murder of Gail Clark and her twin daughters Abigail and April back in 2010, the case hadn't been solved and Colm's life had gone into freefall. First his job went, then his marriage, his house and his friends all disappeared, all except Raker. While the Missing Persons Private Investigator takes a little convincing, he eventually agrees and starts to

investigate, but this time he has little to go on as the murdered woman has few social contacts to give him a lead. Still he still has some friends in useful places to assist should he find any corner to peel back, and of course he does, this is investigator extraordinaire, David Raker.

This is a complicated, and long story at over 550 pages, and several times I thought that the end was in sight only for the plot to twist in a different direction often seemingly back on itself as Raker doesn't only want to find out how the shadowy villains are connected but why they murdered two innocent eight year olds. The somewhat convoluted storyline is compensated for by the excellent writing, Tim Weaver captures a wide range of emotions better than any other crime writer I can think of, and although the pace was patchy in places I was engaged in the hunt for the perpetrator. As with the other two books in this series, there is a depth to the investigation with parts of London brought to life albeit with a dark shadow falling across the familiar and less known landmarks. With an almost ghostly feel to the investigation the setting on a disused pier in Wapping seemed perfectly suited as was the labyrinth of Camden market when a lead took the men to an antique shop.

This book contained far more violence than the previous two, partly I suspect because of the nature of the fact that the investigation was into a murder rather than a missing person, but overall it didn't feel gratuitous and the skill of the author had me genuinely concerned about the suffering inflicted on some of the characters.

The real lynch-pin to the story is will Raker become as consumed by finding out what happened to Gail Clark and those two innocent girls as Healy was. Will he be able to live with himself, continue to build his life with his recently discovered daughter and maybe even a relationship if he doesn't get a complete answer? What will remain indeed!

I'd like to thank Penguin UK for allowing me to read *What Remains* which was published on 16 July 2015 in return for my honest opinion.

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### **Lisa Hall says**

There are a handful of authors who, when they release a new book, I just go out and buy it. I don't read the blurb and I don't check out any reviews because I am 99% confident that they won't let me down and Tim Weaver is one of those authors. *What Remains* absolutely DID NOT let me down. I am a big Raker fan and was hoping that Tim Weaver could create another brilliant scenario for David Raker to fix.

A brilliant plot takes hold straight away - it's hard to review without giving away any spoilers! - but there are plenty of twists and turns. If, like me, you've followed Raker and Healy from the beginning I've no doubt you will be shrieking and gasping as much as I was, but if you haven't its no bother - *What Remains* is written in such a way that you don't need to have read the previous books in the series (although I guarantee that if this is your first Raker novel, you'll want to go back and read them all).

I had absolutely NO clue who was behind everything that goes on in the novel, and the final plot twist was FANTASTIC - surely no one could ever see it coming?

An amazingly twisty-turny 5 star read, if you haven't discovered David Raker yet then I think it's time you did.

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## **Lis says**

I found this one over-long (I was skipping paragraphs) and the plot was rather bizarre.

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## **Bookread2day says**

A failed investigation is the heart of the story *What Remains*. On the 16th July 2010 Detective Inspector Colm Healy failed to find the killer that killed the 29 year-old mother Gail Clark and her eight-year old twin daughters Abigail and April. The family lived in Searle House a twenty-storey block of flats in New Cross, south London. Colm Healy's life was left in ruins as he was haunted by the unsolved murders. Missing persons investigator David Raker and Colm Healy open up the case again together. Every reader can count on Tim Weaver to produce a Nail biting tension thriller.

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## **Siobhan says**

Those of you who have seen my review of the short story *Disconnected* will understand how difficult it was for me to get hold of *What Remains* when it came out in paperback a few days ago. For those of you who are not aware, let me share a rather lengthy story with you so that you can appreciate how desperate I was to read this.

On Thursday, *What Remains* came out in paperback. David Raker number six has been sitting on my to-read list since it was announced. Unfortunately, due to my OCD issues I refused to buy it in hardback because it would ruin my bookshelf. Ergo, I had to wait for it to come out in paperback. The wait almost killed me, yet I somehow managed it. On the day of the release I planned to head straight into town to pick up a copy – yet I had lectures from nine onwards, meaning I was unable to head into town to buy the book until the afternoon. This is where things get all kinds of fun. I searched almost every store in Aberdeen to find a copy of the book. Do you think anywhere had any? No. Everywhere had sold out. Thanks to having lectures in the morning, I missed out on my chance of buying it in almost all the shops. I can assure you, I am not exaggerating when I say I walked miles to find the book. I went into town. I went to the stores on the beach. I kept walking north until I was moving towards the airport and completely away from the city centre. Finally, I found a Sainsbury's with two copies hidden away in the corner. I grabbed a copy and ran for the checkout as though the devil was on my tail.

Anyone who follows Tim Weaver on Twitter will be aware that there were two version of the paperback copy of *What Remains*: there is the red tinted pages version and then the short story version. Due to finding a copy in Sainsbury's, I received the latter. Therefore, I came into possession of *Disconnected*. I've known about it for a while, since it appeared in the #Youdunnit collection of short stories (if you count three stories as a collection, that is), and I've been meaning to read it. After all, Tim Weaver has made it onto my list of favourite authors meaning I have to pick up everything he writes even if it is merely a short story. As I was heading out that night, I read *Disconnected* before starting *What Remains*, and enjoyed the short story (go read it Weaver fans, if you have yet to). The next day, I was able to start *What Remains*.

Let me tell you, the wait and trouble of finding a copy was more than worth it.

I love it when stories fail to head in the direction I expect them to, the surprises keeping me reading until the

early hours of the morning, and such is what happened with What Remains. Based upon what I had read regarding the book (reviews and blogposts by Tim Weaver), I had a couple of ideas of where the story was heading. Some had me believing it would be a search for the missing Colm. Some had me believing it would be a mission between the two to solve the case that killed Colm's career. It was both of these things. It was neither of these things.

It was so much more than I possibly imagined.

We have multiple stories going on, countless questions that needed answering. As I said, nothing went in the direction I was expecting it to. Every time I convinced myself that I knew where things were heading I would be surprised by another twist, another layer of the mystery being unwoven. Everything is brought together wonderfully, the multiple storylines being part of one overarching story. Whilst at times it may seem like a lot is going on, know it will all make sense in the end.

Why didn't I give it five stars, if I loved it so much?

Whilst it was action packed, it took a while for the action to really get going. It was a wonderful read – one of my favourites in the Raker series – but it wasn't quite on par with Vanished (my favourite Raker novel, and an easy five stars). There is also the fact that some aspects of the characters annoyed me a bit this time around – although that just plays back into the story and isn't really much of an issue (just a personal view that added to the fact it wasn't quite a full five stars).

Overall, another wonderful Raker story. I cannot wait to see what comes next!

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### **Lee says**

I love Tim Waever books and his main character Raker, a missing persons investigator. You can always look forward to a strong plot, believable characters and many edge of your seat moments. This is the sixth book in the series and it continues to make me want to read more, only problem is having to wait for another to be written. If you are looking for a new author, give Tim Weaver a try. I don't think he will disappoint you.

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### **Liz Barnsley says**

OH MY GOD THIS BOOK! Emotional overload or what. I'm really wrung out! Anyway, I shall be joint reviewing this with Christine (Northern Crime) at a later date in the form of a conversation as we've been buddy reading it with much shrieking today. In the meantime though if you HAVEN'T read the Raker series what are you waiting for? GO GO

Collapses.

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## **Emma says**

Oh Mr. Weaver you got me good with a few of those twisty moments!

It's rare that I have to admit that I did not see that coming. But that is precisely number one Weaver's talent: he writes stories that make sense in retrospect, but during that first read put you right into the thick of it with the protagonist, squeezing meaning out of every clue and desperately looking for connections. While this may seem like a simple description of crime fiction in general, it doesn't usually work out quite like that. Anyone who reads a lot of these kinds of books comes to feel the pattern within them, Chekhov's gun is in every character, offhand comment, piece of evidence... In most cases, I'm pretty sure what's going to happen or whodidit. Tv shows and films are even easier by the very nature of their medium. But Weaver writes outside these boxes. He doesn't even show us the gun. We investigate. It's exciting, and added to the detailed but pacey writing style, these books are a winner of a choice.

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## **sue says**

So why haven't I read one of Tim Weavers books before? That's going to change!

I have been so enthralled and so deeply enmeshed in this book it would have been hard pressed to move me in an earthquake.

This really did grab me right from the start.

The storyline in this is so good, its nothing that I expected and much more, very much more.

I thought it was going to be all about this detective who couldn't pull away from an unsolved crime [see authors blurb description] but its more detailed than this and included the detective himself.

This has so much **RAW** emotion inside it, its unreal, I didn't expect to feel anything like the emotions I felt, not at all.

The detective becomes a missing person and you are on the edge of this for its entirety so, turn your phone off, don't answer the door, put up a DO NOT BE DISTURBED sign on your location. You really need to read this from start to finish. My kindle said 11 hours.....so either get someone else to cook dinner, throw something in the slow cooker and get them to help themselves or get them to phone for take out.

Did I love this? You bet.

If you've not read a book by this author can I urge you to read this.

I so want to read the rest of the Rake series.

*Let me thank the author for bringing such a fab book my way and to Penguin UK - Michael Joseph via Net Galley as without this, I may have missed a superb enthralling rememerable book.*

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### **David Reviews says**

What Remains by Tim Weaver is an enthralling thriller with a well written twisty plot. It's his sixth novel involving missing persons investigator David Raker. This excellent story is very readable as a stand-alone with some of the back history slipped into this book to assist new readers to this acclaimed series. I haven't read any of his previous work but it was clear from the start that the author writes good prose with interesting characters involved in layers of side stories running alongside the main plot.

David Raker decides to help an old friend in now ex-detective Colm Healy. A cold case from back in 2010, which Healy had failed to solve, is opened again. This case was responsible for breaking Healy and involved the awful murder of Gail Clark and her twin eight year old daughters Abigail and April. This was a difficult case and the tension quickly mounts as Healy goes missing and things get complicated for Raker. There is a lot of action and unexpected turns along the way to the finale of the book, which again took me by surprise. The last half of the book is completely gripping as Raker finds it all consuming and becomes as obsessed with concluding this case as Healy had.

I can happily recommend this book to you and would have no doubt given it 5 stars if I was a reader of the series and had a closer attachment to main character Raker. Even so I think you will find it an excellent read which deals with powerful emotions, tragic events and is a story intricately told that will quickly have you in its grip. This is a book and a series well worth exploring further. (ARC Received)

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### **Christine says**

Tim Weaver returns with another wonderful instalment of his David Raker series. I would go as far as saying this is his best ever.

What do we get? Twisted plots, creepy piers, emotional turmoil, missing best friends and wonderful historical links. A totally gripping story. Your heart is guaranteed to stop at least once, during this read.

I just LOVED it. This is a must read series, for anyone who loves a good thriller.

Absolutely recommended!

Please check out <http://lizlovesbooks.com/lizlovesbook...> and <https://northerncrime.wordpress.com/2...> where we happily talk about our love for Tim Weaver, this book and this series!

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