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## **The Victim Details**

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# **From Reader Review The Victim for online ebook**

## **Christine says**

Five Dinlo Stars!!!!

Loved this series so much.

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## **Miriam Smith says**

I have loved reading the Mitchell's / O'Hara books and this is the 3rd instalment. Kimberly writes very hard hitting gritty novels and this was no exception. I thoroughly enjoyed it and would seriously recommend!

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## **Tanya says**

Wow! The final part to the Mitchells and O'Hara's story and so gutted it's finished now. I was anxious reading parts of this as I was literally on the edge of my seat with nerves at what was happening. I kinda didn't want it to end as I wanted to know more. Definitely a series to recommend absolutely loved it.

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## **Miki says**

4 stars. Left me wanting another installment of the series.

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## **Mo says**

4.5 "Go Fuck Your Grandmother" Stars!

## **Life is looking bleak for Frankie Mitchell**

Ain't that the truth. Jeez.

What a fucking pickle ya got yourself into, Frankie!

Jed. Seriously, such a wanker.

**"Who do these two-bob Irish tinkers think they are, eh?  
They ain't fit to clean the boots of us O'Haras."**

Yeah, Jed, you and your family are the fucking pillars of society.

**The O'Haras might be capable of breaking his arms and legs, but they would never break his spirit.**

**EDDIE**

I really have to be very vague in my review as to say anything might give something away and you are better off not knowing anything. Ya hear me, dilnos??

**STANLEY AND JOYCE**

What a hoot they were. How Stanley didn't clock her over the head with a bottle of Bailey's was beyond me.

**"If only you'd have listened to me, Joycie. If only you'd have bloody listened to me, woman."**

I had to drop half a star as the ending was just too rushed ... and there were still some unanswered questions. And some of the aspects of the ending were a bit too implausible for me. I can suspend the reality a lot but one or two things just didn't work for me.

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**Elaine says**

**Another 5 Star Read from Kimberley Chambers**

Absolutely brilliant and a rightly deserved **6 Stars** for this series.

This series for me had everything I look for in a crime book.  
It was exciting, moving, funny and a roller coaster read from start to finish.

Loved it

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## Best Crime Books & More says

\*If you plan on reading the first two parts of this trilogy please do not read this review as it will inevitably contain spoilers, as the story is so much further along now\*

Every now and then as a reader you come along a new author that blows you away. You wonder how you had never picked up one of their books and if anybody else can match up to them. This is how I felt when I started reading Martina Cole in the early days. Don't get me wrong, she is still a great author but I found myself becoming more and more disappointed with her books. When I picked up my first Kimberley Chambers book I was transported back to what I fondly call the Martina Cole 'early days'. Kimberley Chambers has written three excellent stand-alone books and has now finished and released the final part of the O'Hara/Mitchell trilogy.

Having read the first two parts I had a good idea of the characters and what they had been through to get to the stages they were at now. The Mitchell and O'Hara family are still battling, only this time Eddie Mitchell's daughter Frankie is in prison and there are new additions to the family such as Eddie's partner Gina. The characters themselves are first class and they are rough around the edges and frighteningly real. Because this was part 3, I was itching to know what would become of the two families and boy was I unprepared for the rollercoaster I was taken on. The book is a hefty 432 pages and we are thrown straight in at the deep end with both families from page 1.

The wonderful thing about reading her books is the sheer speed at which you are catapulted into the characters worlds. I worry about writing too much involving the characters and storyline as it is easy to give away spoilers but I will say this. You will be on the edge of your seat and will not want to put the book down. This book was read in just over a day and it didn't leave my side for too long.

The last quarter of the book is full of suspense and what if's and I found myself jiggling up and down because I was so eager to get to the end. I wasn't disappointed at all and thought that Kimberley Chambers has written her best work yet. The book was wrapped up nicely, but not perfectly which again adds that touch of realism to it. The only disappointing thing for me is that as usual I have been impatient and will now have the job of counting the months until her next release.

People tend to read the same type of books and I have seen many comments saying that she is as good as Martina Cole. That statement is in my opinion incorrect, she is better than Martina Cole. For all you people that are on the lookout for a new author, if you haven't tried KC yet, maybe now is the time to start!

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## Book Addict Shaun says

I was about 54% through this book on my Kindle at midnight last night, I reached 100% before I realised it was 3am. I could not put my Kindle down without finishing this book. Despite how frustrating it was at times, I really enjoyed it. The only problem is the amount of unanswered questions because of the poor ending. An epilogue would have been great but instead it was left on a cliffhanger. I love a good cliffhanger between books but as this is the last in the series it's just annoying to end on a cliffhanger (although her website does say she will return to the series 'one day' which doesn't sound like it'll be anytime soon). That

said Kimberley Chambers is a fantastic author and one I am so pleased to have discovered.

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### **Georgia Caddy says**

On to the third book Stanley and Joyce are still thoroughly entertaining. Frankie is still having a shit time. I still really despise Jed. The ending was how I imagined it hardly a hea but that life. All in all a great trilogy and completely unputdownable .

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### **♥Sharon♥ says**

#### **Wowza!**

Another amazing series by **Kimberley Chambers**. I often wonder how authors come up with the things they write about. Was it a place they visited that prompted them to write their story? Was it a lovely or not so lovely memory from their past? Was it something they daydreamed about? As much as I have tried I cannot grasp where this brilliant lady would come up with these storylines.

My first exposure to Ms. Chambers was with her Butler's series that I read just about a year ago. At the time I wasn't sure I would like it. Her writing was a style I hadn't read before. But I kept an open mind while reading and I ended up absolutely loving it. Well, this series was fabulous too. This lady can write some pretty crazy and suspenseful stuff. Storylines that will hook you from page one and keep you turning the pages like crazy.

I know many of my friends haven't read her books but I have to say she is **VERY MUCH WORTH** your time. Check out her stuff!!!

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### **~ Cariad ~ says**

Stunning job again KC.

Perfectly narrated by Annie Aldington - honestly she's the best narrator in the business, how she plays that many characters so faultlessly is beyond me.

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### **Lisa \*-\* GiViNg It To YoU \* LoCk StOcK & TwO SmOkIng BaRrELs says**

Review to Come!!

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### **Lainy says**

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## My Review

If you haven't read the previous two books, stop and go and pick them up, to really get the full story you need to go back to the beginning. So, Frankie Mitchell is in the jail, her kids are on the missing list, Eddie is out for justice and doesn't even know the full extent of Frankie's imprisonment.

Oooh, we found out the real reason Frankie attacked in the last book and Frankie isn't for telling anyone the truth, she knows the retribution that will follow if the truth is exposed. As long as her ex sticks to their deal, but Jed isn't a man to be trusted and Frankie isn't just a Mitchell in name. This book sees a lot of the past actions catching up with our characters, cause and effect and things will never be the same for the O'Hara's or the Mitchell's.

This book makes for tough reading in some parts, abuse, violence, drugs, sex, betrayal, brutality particularly in the initial scenes in the woman's prison. The tense relationship between father and daughter may also evoke strong emotions in some readers, despite it being an accident Frankie can't get over her father killing her mother. In her time of need she can't help but turn to her father, it is an emotive ride for Frankie, trying to do right by her family whilst trying to protect her kids.

Chambers weaves a web of dark characters, giving them depth and dimensions that you can't help but love some and loathe others. I have always said if you like the Kray style stories and timelines you will enjoy these books but you have to start at the beginning, 4/5 for me this time.

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**Jane Long says**

What a corker! Didn't want to put it down, couldn't wait to pick it up. Loved it from the minute I started reading it. I'm definitely going to look at other books by Kimberly Chambers. It was such a good read and totally gripping. You've GOT to give it a go, especially if you enjoy reading Martina Cole.

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**Jacki says**

Best book I have read in a long time just wished there was another to this story .

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