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For millions of Londoners, the morning of 16 December is just like any other. But not for Sam Wren. An hour after leaving home, he gets on a Tube train - and never gets off again. No witnesses. No trace of him on security cameras. Six months later, he's still missing.

Out of options and desperate for answers, Sam's wife Julia hires David Raker to track him down. Raker has made a career out of finding the lost. He knows how they think. And in missing person cases, the only certainty is that everyone has something to hide.

But in this case the secrets go deeper than anyone imagined.

For, as Raker starts to suspect that even the police are lying to him, someone is watching. Someone who knows what happened on the Tube that day. And with Raker in his sights, he'll do anything to keep Sam's secrets to himself.

## **Vanished Details**

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## From Reader Review Vanished for online ebook

### Bev Taylor says

no life is perfect. everyone has secrets

david raker is a missing persons investigator who can read people. he is asked by julia to try and find her husband sam who just disappeared one day, for no reason. no marital problems - that she knows of - and the only monetary one is a hefty mortgage. the only clue being that he did not seem to be himself in the last few weeks

the last sighting on cctv is of sam getting on a tube train and then just disappearing - not leaving the carriage. this is 6 months ago

his 'friend' healy is also back on the force after a problem involving his daughter. they r searching the snatcher, who aims at homosexuals, shaves their heads and then leaves no bodies

as their paths cross, raker discovers that the police r lying, amongst others. r the 2 cases linked and if so, how?

lines r crossed more than once and raker is relentless, but will he have to pay the ultimate price, along with healy who has his own agenda?

a thrilling read that the author plotted very well. great characterisation - even if he did have a penchant for men's fashion!

just a few holes - no way he could have immediately gone from the warehouse to a meeting w/o cleaning up; ordered a glass of water in the restaurant and was then drinking coffee (proof reader error); no follow up on material on sam's computer - how did it get there?

4.5 stars

bev

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### Míša Rubášová says

Je to prost? Tim Weaver! Nem?že zklamat!

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### Ching-Bing-Ping says

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5 stars

Tim Weaver is a name I had never heard before, but now that I have finished reading VANISHED its hard to make his name vanish from my mind, because he weaves great tales of crime and he writes then in a way which makes them fast and entertaining. David Raker, a London based P.I. specialising in finding missing person takes up a case where he is asked to find a missing husband.

The basic plot wasn't anything new, but the writing style, the suspense created and the smooth flow of the plot made the reading experience something to cherish. Weaver's creation David Raker, though a widower, is not gloomy and grumpy and has a social life. A breath of fresh air among the many and clichéd gloomy protagonists.

The plot if anything was simple, but the presentation and the ending with a twist that would go down as one of my most favourite twist, is a real pleasure. He keeps the book fast and literally turns this book into a page turner. Though this is my first Tim Weaver book, I am sure it won't be the last one.

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### **Bookread2day says**

Another great novel by Tim Weaver. Vanished is totally unput downable.

Sam Wren gets on his tube on the circle line on the 17th December to go to work just like any other day. But this time Sam gets on his tube and he does not get off.

Sam has no money with him and he has not taken any money out from his bank account since the day he disappeared.

Julia is questioned by police who Sam's friends are and relative's. Sam's tooth-brush is taken away for a DNA sample to help find Sam. Will Sam be found?

I highly recommend Vanished to all readers who like psychological suspense.

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### **Siobhan says**

The David Raker series is highly addictive and if the truth is to be known Vanished is my favourite of the books (to date, as more are to come at the time of writing this).

This time we're dealt a different bag as we're not only watching the story unfold from David's perspective but we're also viewing things through the eyes of Colm, giving us an insight into what is going on with him following on from the last story rather than it being simple word of mouth from David. At first I was slightly unsure if I would enjoy the change but I certainly enjoyed it, coming to really enjoy the reappearance of Colm in this second book.

Once again we're offered an interesting story: this time the mystery of Sam Wren. He gets on the tube train only to never get off. The police have been looking – or at least, did a quick look – but cannot find anything.

Enter David and his methods of finding missing people. Sure enough, Sam has secrets that he has no wish for his wife to find out about. Yet in searching for Sam it appears as though David has entered a dangerous game and is soon finding out there is much more to Sam's disappearance than the mere mystery surrounding the events.

Honestly, I cannot begin to explain how much I enjoyed this one. In fact, I finished it in one sitting as I was unable to put it down. Were it not for the fact that there are more books I would have been saddened by the ending but in no way would I have been disappointed – and that, in all honesty, is the closest thing to a criticism I have (and it isn't even a criticism if we're to be truthful). Of course, to explain my emotions would be to spoil things for the reader, but believe me when I say any fan of David Raker will certainly enjoy this great read – and if you're not a David Raker fan I suggest you pick up Chasing the Dead and get up to date!

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### **Lynda Kelly says**

Third time's the charm !! The first 2 in this series I gave 4\* but this one I liked the most so it's a 5\* at last for Mr Weaver. Even though he left us with an "Eastenders moment"....dum, dum, dum, right at the end ! I think if you've read the first 3 you're clearly a fan, as I am, so would be buying the 4th anyway. No doubt when I check reviews people will be bleating, however.....

Some of David's escapades in the past have left me wondering how on earth he gets out of such scrapes, let alone how he keeps getting into them in the first place. With this one, I didn't find it was so unbelievable, though. I enjoyed the parts featuring the London Underground. I've heard about ghost stations before and it has to be pretty fascinating down there. He mentions, however, that Westminster was the deepest one but I thought that accolade went to London Bridge ??

The story was full of twists 'n' turns and I made guesses in notations the whole way through, all wrong as per usual !! This is why I read and leave others to the writing part !! I couldn't even picture homes where the steps led down to the front doors, however much I tried (that aren't basements). I did wonder about Julia's reason for hiring Raker, as he did....she was an odd bird. I hope Raker will be working with Healy in the next stories as well. He has the most filthy temper but I can't help but like him. I liked his boss lady as well. The portion where Jonathan invites a friend round was really cleverly done in being so sinister. I also liked his description of a tear falling and of a heart beating fast. I underlined both.

And yes, he persists in sticking to spelling the American way. There were odd mistakes....Mc Gregor not needing a space (and yes, despite myself, I muttered 'Mind the Gap'), a couple of sentences lost words, such as "Werr said, smile on his face" and "...I wouldn't have change lines on the journey home" Then he wrote born and not borne a couple of times and I'd have capitalised Magic Circle. Nothing truly appalling, though. I'm looking forward to the next one for sure.

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### **Linda Lpp says**

Book ended much too soon. Packed with action, mystery, tension ongoing between police and Raker. Old heartbreaks were opened up once again There were scenes that would take your breath away. What is going to be the outcome here? As time passes, will there be enough time to.....

Excellent read.

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### **Chris says**

It started off promisingly. I thought it was going to be different from "police investigation" crime, but a quarter of the way through, that's what it became. To me, it confused what it started out as and i felt the book didn't know what it was supposed to be.

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### **Mary says**

A fast paced who 'dunnit' which goes off in many varied tangents, making the initial premise barely unrecognisable at story's end.

A gruesome, gritty and dark read, not for the faint hearted.

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### **Christine says**

This is the third book in the excellent Raker series, *Vanished*. Raker is on the trail of a man who has literally vanished on the tube. One day Sam Wren took the tube and he never got to his destination. He is hired by Julia, Sam's wife, to find out what happened. Raker using his various contacts, starts to work out what is going on and finds out that Sam is a man of many secrets.

I absolutely loved this book. It is such a pleasure to read a book, where you can imagine the events clearly playing out in your head and they have a strong element of realism. I loved the idea of someone just vanishing from a busy train. The London underground is just perfect as a setting for disappearance, intrigue and fear.

I'm hoping that Raker survived the book. The ending is slightly ambiguous. I also want Healy and Raker to become partners.

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### **Rob Twinem says**

"All of his novels were so fast-paced that the reader was compelled to turn the pages in a non-stop effort to reach the end of the book. The final page often produced a totally unexpected plot twist that would invariably leave even his most die-hard fans surprised. His early books contained some violence that matched the era in which they were written, though this was considerably toned down as plots centred more on circumstantial situations to create the high degree of tension that was the hallmark of his writing. Sex was never explicit and, though often hinted at, seldom happened" This is a Wikipedia description of James Hadley Chase, a prolific quaintly English crime writer of the 1950's, 60's 70's His novels were always tightly constructed, intricate without being overly complicated but at the same time fast and exciting reads. I do hope Tim

Weaver will not mind when I compare his style of writing to that of Chase but with very modern twists and themes. From the opening paragraphs- of "Vanished" we the reader are immediately drawn in...."Healy looked down at the temperature readout as he pulled up outside the estate. Almost twenty degrees. It felt hotter than that. He'd had the air conditioning on all the way from the station but, on the journey over, nothing had cooled His sleeves were rolled up, his top button undone, but the car was still stifling. Even in the middle of the night, under cover of darkness, the heat continued to cling on....." And so we ask...who is Healy and why is he out in the middle of a hot and sultry English summer night?

There are no wasted words in Vanished every page is readable and exciting drawing you in and inviting you to stay. The central character in all Weaver's books is David Raker an ex journalist who now uses his inquisitive skills hiring himself out as a kind of private detective to search for those individuals who have disappeared, desperately sought by loved ones who really only want to know why? Julia Wren hires Raker to find her husband Sam who disappeared some months ago, took an early morning London tube ride and was never seen again. Layer by layer, like the peeling of an onion, the twists and turns of this excellent thriller proceed at a terrific pace. The London underground/railway is used to great effect for the action scenes; the police are searching for The Snatcher and as his name suggests he removes his victims with stealth and cunning, is there any connection between this killer and the disappearance of Sam Wren? In the final chapters just when we the reader thought the killer had been successfully identified there is a Hadley Chase moment and a "totally unexpected plot twist." My favourite character and one who demands greatest sympathy is ex London met detective Colm Healy, he 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. Healy's world finally collapses when his own daughter Leanne disappears, soon to be the subject of a murder enquiry. Raker and Healy have a tenuous relationship and one can never be sure if the broken and distraught detective will finally succumb to suicidal thoughts.

As an ardent reviewer and keen blogger I awarded this book with four stars simply because the early David Raker lacked a little of the oomph, vitality and sparkle of later adventures (What remains;David Raker 6 and Broken Heart;David Raker 7 are exceptional) Tim Weaver is an extraordinary talent whose love of writing and his wonderful storytelling ability is beyond reproach and I look forward with great anticipation the new Raker adventure due for release at the end of July 2017.

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### **Talei Loto says**

SPOILER ALERT: Do not read further, if you have not read the book and want to be 'surprised.'

In a nutshell. Enjoyed the setting - could pinpoint places in London, which I liked. My only criticism on the setting, is that working in the city, you have security guards so you can't just waltz into buildings as this story alluded to several times.

On the characters and plot - I felt there was one too many characters in the story and I didn't have time to really empathise with all of them. Also - and \*spoiler alert here\* I couldn't understand why you would 'knock off' your main guy at the end - that really annoyed me. Overall, I thought the story was promising, some nice gritty stuff in there but you know, I just felt let down with the bloody ending.

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### **June says**

I had never heard of this author, but picked up *Vanished* in the supermarket and will certainly be looking for more of his books. It's a crime novel with a difference that keeps you guessing until the very end. Loved it.

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### **Seda ?endenel says**

Bu tarz? seviyorum

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### **Esra Nur says**

Konusu: David Raker kay?plar? bulmas?yla ünlenmi?tir. 6 ay önce Samuel Wren metroya inmi?tir ve bir daha inmemi?tir. Böyle olunca e?i Julia Wren David Raker'a ba?vurur. David Raker kamera kay?tlar?n? inceler ancak hiçbir iey gözükmüyordur. David Raker Samuel'i bulabilecek midir?

Yorumum: Tim Weaver harika bir yazar. Yazd??? tüm kitaplar beni heyecanland?r?p ?a??rt?yor do?rusu. Çok uzun bir sürede okudum evet ama bunun sebebi kesinlikle kitap de?ildi aksine kitap çok h?zl?yd?. David Raker karakteri kadar Colm Healy karakterini de seviyorum do?rusu. Polisiye kitaplara tam uyacak iki karakter. Kitapta katilin kim oldu?unu tahmin ettim tabiki ama olaylar?n gidi?at?n? kesinlikle tahmin edememi?tim Tim Weaver'?n bu özelli?ini bir kez daha alk??l?yorum.  
K?sacas? yine her zamanki gibi harika bir kitapt?. Ayn? zamanda merak uyand?r?c? bir yerde bitti. Dönü? Yok'u da en k?sa zamanda okuyaca??m.  
Puan?m: 5/5...

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