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A career man, Edwin Murphy has always put more effort into his work than his family. Everything changes for Edwin when his wife files for divorce. On the brink of losing his home, his job and his little girl, Edwin orchestrates an intricate plan to eliminate his wife and regain his former lifestyle.

The police are baffled when bodies begin to appear all over London with no apparent connection between them. Inspector David Morton must think outside the box as he investigates the deadly web of deceit behind the murders.

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Bert says

Set in London, our story involves an aging police detective who is nearing retirement, something he dreads. He hopes to close a high profile murder case to facilitate his request to stay on the job. Then we shift to a man who is also a workaholic, and whose wife has filed for a divorce. Not ready to lose his access to his 4 year old daughter as wife plans to take a lawyer position in Vancouver, he recalls his university research paper. U.S. government technology has been converted into civilian use, and internet networks are out there to buy and sell contraband or commit crimes, all with complete anonymity. A plan emerges to have another person kill his wife, and in exchange he will reciprocate, murder for murder. But then more victims emerge, as he feels he needs to cover his tracks, and take out revenge on a participant who betrayed him. The police inspector gets his big chance, and we get lots of computer forensics, crime scene technology, psychological profiling, and our share of plausible twists and turns. I'm tempted to read the other offerings by the same authors, as this was quite a good page-turner.

Rebecca says

I thought the book was slow to get started, but the last quarter picked up nicely and I was hooked. At times I had a bit of difficulty keeping all the stories straight, but eventually figured out who was who. The end of the book had a nice twist. All in all, a good read!

Cinta says

When I first heard about a novel that was going to be written in a maximum of 90 days, I thought that I definitely would need to read that book. My curiosity is huge, especially if the mystery and suspense deal with books. For those people who may think that a novel written in 2 months must be very bad and not worthy of reading I say, you are all wrong. Sean and Daniel Campbell have proved that it is possible to write a very clever, thrilling, and gripping thriller in such a short notice. Written by two different writers, you don't notice the change of writer. The language and style used are professional and very accurate for the kind of novel chosen. The story flows so easily that it is impossible to put the book down. I read it in 3 days (or 3 nights).

About the plot, it is quite original and clever. The main protagonist, Edwin Murphy, has the kind of perfect life that everybody could dream, till he discovers his wife wants to divorce him and leave the country with their daughter. He will plan a very complex plan to kill his wife and, in that way, recover the control of his life. But becoming a murderer is not that easy, and that's how his plan becomes more and more complicated. Is it possible to be a serial killer in the distance? How can the police, with David Morton on the lead, discover what is going on in the streets of London, where they are finding more and more dead bodies? Read this book and follow the steps the police follows to try to solve the mystery.

Lots of different characters in this novel, but every one of them has a very well developed personality, so you feel them quite real. You can pity them, be angry at them, and even take sides. This book will take you in a gripping journey throughout the darkest side of London and its inhabitants.

Highly recommendable. The perfect read for every occasion.

B.E. says

Twisty, turny suspense of epic proportions. And I loved how the authors pieced it all together by the end. I especially loved the twist at the end. Awesome. And so perfect.

In a way, it reminded me of 'Unforgotten on Masterpiece', a UK series with a lot of twists and turns, told in a totally untypical way. Sometimes hard to follow, but definitely worth the ride.

Lynda Kelly says

Deleted this one. There is a flagrant disregard for proper punctuation that wore me down.

The story itself sounded really intriguing and I was fascinated by it but couldn't carry on. Such a bloody shame. I'm sure there are others like me out there that pack in badly edited books.....is it worth it, I wonder, not to get one who does a great job ?

Things like photos frames, dropping an a in a sentence, no apostrophes where needed or capital letters, lost commas, loathed used when they meant loath.....just awful. I packed in at 19%.

Jenny Worstall says

This is a really super read that will have you tearing through your kindle to keep up with the pace of Edwin's wickedness - just how low will this man stoop and how high will the body count be by the end of the story?

Not for the faint hearted, Sean and Dan Campbell's prose is gritty and realistic. The gruesome description of the dissection of a woman's corpse in the morgue still haunts my mind and the final chilling twist will leave you gasping.

Hats off to these talented and driven authors - an amazing story in only 90 days from start to finish - incredible and admirable in equal measure. More, gentlemen, please!

Jack says

Edward Murphy is served with divorce papers, fired from his job as a newspaper editor, and told his soon-to-be-ex wife wants to move out of the country with their only daughter whom he will be able to see once a year. If only his wife were dead....

Thus begins a tale of murder (lots), intrigue, and a bit of confusion (ok, more than a bit). The chapters are pretty short; new characters seem to be introduced every few pages. And more new characters. Frankly, there were too many characters for me to keep track, and I got to the point of thinking, "Doesn't matter, they'll either die or be irrelevant soon." Maybe that's indicative of Edward's state of mind, maybe not. Some things

are explored more in depth (view spoiler) with minimal-to-no payoff.

This was an ambitious endeavor attempting to pull all these disparate pieces together. But it doesn't seem it's fully baked. It's an okay story, an easy read, and one you can get to when you feel like it, not an immediate read. It's free on Amazon right now, so you can just pop it in your library, if you wish.

Addendum: I liked the DCI Morton character. I definitely want to read more of his stories.

Zane says

Twisted

I have never before read a book that had so much going on. The authors will have you twisting and turning while pulling you in multiple directions. You're gonna love this book.

Y.I. Washington says

This was a fun book to read. With my warped sense of humor, I found it quite an interesting read. Think "Strangers On A Train" on steroids and you have a great plot.

My only reason for not giving this 5 stars, is that this book could do with a serious proofreading and continuity editor. Once that is accomplished, I can see this novel doing really well.

Lewis Birchon says

An interesting premise let down by too many characters, poorly drawn characters, an over-complicated (yet repetitive) plot and poor editing.

Tony Parsons says

London, England. Belgravia townhouse (51 Belgrave Square).

Edwin Murphy (editor, The Impartial newspaper, Cambridge) legal staff was supposed to take care of any of his law suits.

But this time the court documents were addressed to him personally.

It was from Eleanor Murphy's (wife, Cambridge, corporate lawyer) attorney, a divorce was in the makings.

Chelsea (daughter) was to be determined which parent she would live with. She attends Grosvenor Young Ladies Academy.

Edwin no longer worked for the newspaper.

He now had a devious plan that might work.

Vanhi (prostitute, druggie) is the name Edwin had in mind.

Eleanor loved to jog in Battersea Park.

DCI David Morton (Metropolitan PD, Murder Investigation Team) was on the case of the corpse aka Jane Bloggs.

Stuart (Metropolitan PD, Forensics) did the DNA & the body appears to be that of Eleanor Murphy.

DCI Morton would let Edwin know what the department found out about the deceased & he in turn would have to let Chelsea know.

What was Barry doing in Brixton?

Emanuel Richard had been murdered.

Jaison (Vanhi's BF, druggie, cleaning job) was informed by DCI Morton that Vanhi Deepak body was found outside the One Eyed Dog.

Barry Fitzgerald prints had been found on her body.

DI Charles Rosenberg (Metropolitan PD) had now been put on the murder case loads.

Another body found at Creekmouth (Breckton dock).

WPC Hayley Lancaster came to visit with Mrs. Sugden.

It seems Mr. Peter K. Sugden-Jones (Broker, fund mgr.) was found floating in the Thames River.

What did the letter from HR state to David (Sarah's husband)?

Barry Fitzgerald body was found aboard the Nordic Giant (ferry).

WPC Debra Stevenson was shot while trying to arrest Antonio Milano (serial killer).

Rushed to the hospital she did not survive.

Will the murder mysteries be solved & someone brought to justice?

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A very awesome book cover, great font & writing style. A very well written murder mystery book. It was very easy for me to read/follow from start/finish & never a dull moment. There were no grammar/typo errors, nor any repetitive or out of line sequence sentences. Lots of exciting scenarios, with several twists/turns & a large set of unique characters to keep track of. This could also make another great who's-doing-it murder mystery movie, or a mini TV series. There is no doubt in my mind this is a very easy rating of 5 stars.

Thank you for the free Smashwords; De Minimis; PDF book

Tony Parsons MSW (Washburn)

Pete Loveday says

This was not an easy book to read.

Whilst I commend the Campbell brothers for writing and marketing a book in 90 days, it would seem to me that more time was required to get the book right.

This is an extremely complex and confusing plot and could benefit from a professional editing and proof read. The violence whilst explicit and descriptive, at times seemed irrelevant to the story, however the research information was outstanding. The description of the 'darknet' and it's use was intriguing and

complemented the story line. The characterisation appeared shallow and I found it difficult to empathise with any of the cast of hundreds. For instance, Chief Inspector David Morton at first was a professional and competent senior law officer, however as the book progressed he became a bumbling incompetent who lost his way. Strange.

A good effort for a debut author, however I could not recommend this book.

Kitty says

This is a great read, I was gripped from the start. highly recommended. If this book had taken a year to write, it would still be brilliant, the fact it was written in 90 days only makes it more impressive. Would have been a five but for a couple of important name mix ups in crucial parts of the story. I'm sure they will be fixed in future editions, but it did slow the action down a bit as I tried to figure out why x had said something he clearly wouldn't!

Diana says

This was a very hard book to read. I finally got through it but the story was convoluted, I had no sympathy for any of the characters and I couldn't wait to finish it. It only picked up at the end when they finally figured out who did it. Frankly, I was bored.

AngryGreyCat says

Dead on Demand was a free kindle book, that I decided to try. The sleuth is DCI Morton and the murders involve an entire host of suspects connected in a web of deceit on the dark web. The plot was intriguing as one murder led to the next with one "hand" not really knowing what the other was doing. The initial trigger for all the crimes was the breakdown of Edwin and Eleanor's marriage. Their divorce has far-reaching consequences even beyond London. DCI Morton is a capable investigator and there is enough of his personal life included to make him a fully fleshed out character. I did find that with so much going on, the story felt a little rushed. I also found that the post-resolution piece didn't really ring true with what we had heard from Edwin throughout the book. I think that could have been left off. Overall, an okay mystery read.
