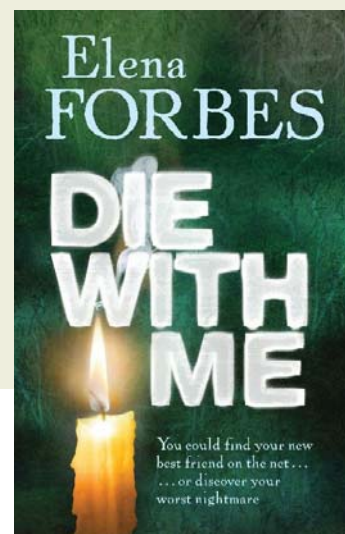


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Slowly she opened her eyes and he rewarded her with one of his softest smiles, brushing her wet, sticky hair off her face, using the edge of her coat sleeve to wipe away the slime around her nose and lips.

'I don't want to', she whispered, trembling as she gazed at him. 'I don't want to...' She couldn't finish the sentence. *Die. Die with me. Be with me forever he had said.*

Description

When a young girl's body is discovered in a church in west London, the first indications are that it is suicide. But for Detective Inspector Mark Tartaglia, a member of the Met murder team based at Barnes, it doesn't feel right. He suspects she has been murdered and that it is not the first time the killer has struck.

With his immediate boss out of action after a motorcycle accident, it is up to Mark to convince his superiors there is a potential serial murderer out there and to activate the investigative team. His problems start to multiply when a new officer, Detective Chief Inspector Carolyn Steel, is put in over him. She tries to stop his line of investigation, bringing in a profiler whom Mark does not rate and generally undermining his approach.

Meanwhile another young woman is found dead in a church...

Elena Forbes has created a set of characters and a world that is as convincing as it is gripping. Mark Tartaglia has the charisma and complexity of a Wexford, and his world, centred in West London, is as vivid as Rebus' Edinburgh.

Sales Points

- Shortlisted for the Crime Writers' Association 2005 Debut Dagger Award
- A talented new British female crime writer
- An intriguing protagonist surrounded by a likable ensemble of support characters will hook readers into this new series
- In the classic tradition of Ruth Rendell's Inspector Wexford novels

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