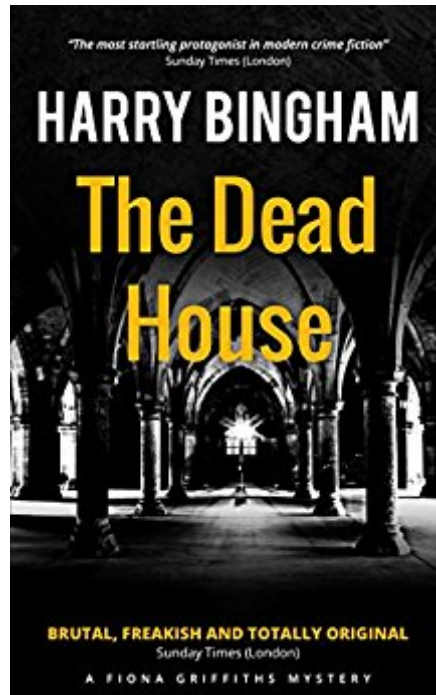


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Synopsis

Midnight in a country churchyard. A corpse lying at peace. The dead woman looks totally peaceful and there are no marks of violence. But why is she here, in this remote spot? Why does no one come forward to identify her? And why is she wearing a thin white dress on this howling October night? When young Welsh police sergeant Fiona Griffiths starts to investigate, her enquiries take her to a quiet monastery buried deep in the Welsh hills. And when she finds that a young teenager from the area went missing a few years earlier, her anxieties start to deepen. In a terrifying denouement - with echoes of Edgar Allan Poe - Fiona discovers the true horror of this crime . . . and she risks becoming its very next victim. The Fiona Griffiths crime thriller series has won countless admirers round the world. If you're looking for a gripping thriller led by a strong female protagonist, then look no further. THE DEAD HOUSE is your kind of book.

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Customer Reviews

I find Harry Bingham's latest Fiona Griffiths, "The Dead House" a somewhat difficult book to review. This is the fifth book in the series, one of the best series I have read (in the company of Ian Rankin,

John Lawton, and Len Deighton) and perhaps the best book in Bingham's series. Yet it has a few flaws, or annoyances if you will. But it's 5 stars all the way and a great read and you'll learn a lot about spe.....well, never mind. Its plot is somewhat unusual, but then that may be said of the four other Fiona books as well. Fiona describes this situation as a "corpse without a crime and a crime without a corpse". It begins with her investigation of the sudden and unexplained appearance of the remains of an attractive, young woman in a country-side church grounds, specifically in what was termed a "dead house" in days of olde. Fi's investigation brings her and friend Cesca to a nearby monastery where they spend the better part of a day in prayer! and Fiona returns subsequently in pursuit of answers re 'Carlotta's' death. Along the way a kidnap and ransom plot are uncovered and once again Fiona engages in a very strenuous activity in pursuit of a possible witness (readers with claustrophobia issues may have some difficulties with these chapters). But they are incredibly tense, and the writing is some of the best I have read all year. Now the above occur at about the 50% point in the book and if you've read other Fiona stories you just know that the bad guys will likely capture her before the end and once again it will seem that Fiona's days (or years in this case) are numbered. But, rest assured, Fi makes an incredible escape as all 5'2" of her overcomes her muscular jailer (think "better living through chemistry").

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