

Dark Game by Rachel Lynch

4 stars

How is the death of a 10-year-old girl and a sex trafficker connected?

Kelly Porter returns to her home town in Cumbria after a stint in London which did not end well. She wants to impress her new bosses and sets out to solve the three-year-old murder of a 10-year-old girl. She is also investigating the death of a well-respected business man who dies while having sex with a Polish prostitute. How are the two crimes connected?

This book is good but there is nothing new about the plot or the characters which have not been written a hundred times already. Kelly returns home after working in London. She lives with her mother and is hated by her sister. Throw in a child murder, sex trafficking and blackmail and it is clone of many criminal fiction stories.

I did enjoy it as a book, which is written well and obviously well researched. The description of the Cumbrian area was superb, but not a page-turner. I think the author would be very good if she could come up with an original concept.

Overall a good book and worth a read if you are new to crime stories.

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