

Killing Time by Mark Roberts

4 stars

A chilling story of bigotry and hatred

This is the fourth book in the Liverpool-based DCI Eve Clay, and the Prologue, which details her early life in 'care', gives us a very clear picture of the clear and steadfast – dogged maybe? – woman she turns out to be. It also enables the book to be a 'standalone' read.

A young Czech girl has been found after being missing for eight days, and as DCI Eve is on her way to talk to her, news comes in of the deaths of two Polish men in what looks like an arson attack. Could the two crimes be connected? If so, how? And what does the graffiti – 'Killing Time Is Here Embrace It' - at the scene of the arson attack mean?

This was an enjoyable read which embraced some uncomfortable subjects. These were handled cleverly and with some care. The plot mainly centres on Liverpool but also has a link to the USA.

All in all this was good reading and I commend Mark Roberts for 'Killing Time'.

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