

## The Murder Bag by Tony Parsons

5 stars

This review might be late, but nonetheless, still hugely crucial as this is Tony Parsons's first murder mystery book (he's better known for writing *Man and Boy* and *Catching the Sun*).

DC Max Wolfe has recently been transferred to London's Homicide division. He's barely been introduced to his new colleagues and superior, DCI Mallory, when they are called out to a disconcerting murder scene. The victim's throat had been cut but the knife used remains a complete mystery. Then a tramp is murdered, with the same cut throat and knife wounds. At first, there is nothing to tie the two murders together, but upon investigation, the team discovers that they went to the same school, Potter's Field, a very exclusive boarding school. More murders follow and to confound the police even more in their investigations, there is now someone called Bob the Butcher using the internet to claim that he is the killer.

I'm so pleased that Tony Parsons has decided to try his hand at writing a crime novel. It's a very slick, well thought out book. Max Wolfe is one of the nicest detectives I've met. He is stubborn but determined to see the bigger picture and not be a "sheep" with the investigation. He is also a loving father and manages to balance his work/home as he is a single parent to a young daughter. Some of his colleagues have quite aggressive natures, (especially his DCS Elizabeth Swire!) but then there's his immediate superior, DCI Mallory, and you're grateful that such men/women exist in the police knowing that they will work tirelessly to find the killer.

Tony Parsons, I hope this isn't the last we hear of DC Max Wolfe and his career!

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