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In the early hours of the morning DI Mark Tartaglia is called out to a London hotel to investigate the murder of a young woman. It turns out to be the same hotel he has just left after a drunken one-night stand. And when he recognises the victim, the case takes a dark and personal turn.

At the same time, another case — the body of a homeless man found in a burnt out car — ramps up when tests reveal that the body has been assembled from the parts of four different people.

Under mounting pressure from the media and unsure where his loyalties lie, Tartaglia must solve this macabre new puzzle before the Jigsaw Killer strikes again.

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Stephanie Snyder says

well constructed plot line with some great characters.

a terrific read

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Lucy Balgobin says

never got into nit never enjoyed at all

Book Addict Shaun says

I like to think that I know every crime fiction series set in London until every so often I find one lurking in the corner waiting to prove me wrong, and Elena Forbes's DI Mark Tartaglia series is that latest find. I was very excited to read Jigsaw Man after a rather intriguing blurb. I wasn't disappointed, and have definitely been left with the desire to go back and read the previous books in the series.

Blurb (not spoiler!) time: DI Mark Tartaglia has not long returned home from spending the night with a random woman in a West London hotel before his partner is at his door telling him the body of a woman has been found in one of the rooms. A little bit worried to say the least, but relieved that it cannot be his woman, Tartaglia arrives at the hotel and is thrown when he realises that he does in fact recognise the murdered woman lying on the hotel room bed. Not only that but another case he is working on has taken a bit of a sinister turn, the body found in a burnt-out car believed to be that of a homeless man, has in fact been assembled from the body parts of four different people.

I do like it when the author comes up with inventive, or different ways for their characters to be murdered or wind up dead, and the assembling of four different people before setting them alight in a car is something I personally haven't seen done before. Straightaway the police have their work cut out for them (no pun intended!), identifying each of the victims, which is nigh on impossible but until the puzzle is solved, the aptly named Jigsaw Killer could strike again. I have to say that I really enjoyed this book, with no idea who the killer could be, I was eager to find out how the four victims were connected and why they had been killed. The book moves at a nice pace, and this was a book that I read in just a few sittings. Jigsaw Man contains more than enough red herrings to keep the reader interested in both of the book's cases, both of the book's threads having satisfying conclusions. Tartaglia is certainly kept busy during this book, as he and his old partner have a personal connection to the case of the murdered woman in the hotel, and there's definitely some interesting developments here.

Jigsaw Man can be read as a standalone, but given that a number of events in the book have a massive effect on the regular characters, I might have enjoyed the story more had I already known these characters, and felt a connection to them. I found myself thinking about some of my favourite crime fiction series, and imagining

these events happening to those characters and my reaction then would definitely have been more extreme. That said, this is brilliant crime fiction and Elena Forbes engaged me as a reader very early on in the book, and I became a fan of the main characters very quickly and returning readers, familiar with the relationship between Tartaglia and his old partner will definitely be gripped by this part of the story. The cast of characters are brilliantly created, I say this a lot but it's hard for authors to create characters that are original and stand out, but Tartaglia, his ex-partner Sam Donovan, new partner Nick Minderedes and his boss Carolyn Steele definitely did for me.

For crime fans like me, yet to discover Elena Forbes, I definitely recommend that you do so right away.

Dezel Marie Ocampo says

“What matters is that people are going missing. They leave home one day and don't come back. Loved ones are left waiting, hoping... Hoping that the ring of a phone or the sound of a key in the lock is the person they're desperately missing. But they're not coming back, are they? There's a nutter on the loose and he needs to be stopped. How many more victims do you think are going to be taken off the streets, killed and set on fire? How many?”

I decided to read this book even though I was aware that it was already the fourth in the Mark Tartaglia series and well, it was a book I got on sale last month. The title intrigued me so much when I first saw it and the blurb surely is interesting. I haven't read a lot of police procedural books but I love watching them! I enjoy it more when I watch people solve mysteries and they go around asking this and that, trying to make sense of what's happening. I'm not saying I didn't enjoy this book, I did, I'm just saying that I feel like I'll enjoy it more if it's a tv show or something. But that's just me!

I've also read that you can read this book even if you haven't read the previous ones since this can be a standalone but of course there were mentions of past incidents from the previous books and after all it's a series. And I might've enjoyed it a little more if I've read the first three books since I've probably made connection with the characters already but I have to be fine by meeting the characters for the first time in the fourth book.

Jigsaw Man has great characters, I liked DI Mark Tartaglia right away and almost everyone else. I was a bit unsure about Sam Donovan at first, maybe because I don't know her story yet since I haven't read the first three books, but I came to understand her character towards the end. The flow of the story was smooth and I was excited all throughout to find out why the victims were killed, how they were connected and especially who the killer was. Like everyone else, I tried guessing every time but ended up just reading on and waiting until it was revealed. And to make things more interesting, we have two different cases in this book which means two different killers.

It was just a little disappointing to find out that there was no real significance in sewing together of the bodies. I mean, it wasn't explained why the killer did that and I really thought the two cases were connected. With Mark being in the same hotel and all, I really thought it meant something. Anyway, it's still a good book if you give it a chance. Hope you enjoy!

Sonja says

3.5

Jane Myers says

Not one of her best. Bit muddled with 2 stories going on, and no real reason behind the killing method.

Selia says

I enjoyed this so much that I plan to read the three that precede this one - Die With Me, Our Lady of Pain, and Evil in Return. I prefer reading novels like this in chronological order to enjoy the evolution of the protagonist along with that of the author. I am hoping these three will be just as engaging as Jigsaw Man! I do recommend reading these four books in order.

Grace J Reviewerlady says

I love the fact that although this is book 4 it doesn't give away any more than is necessary for this storyline from previous novels, so I can go back and read them. This was a book club read and I thoroughly enjoyed it. You need to keep your wits about you though, several twists in the plot but a book you can really get into. Much discussion was had about who would play 'our' Mark Tartaglia .. excellent characterisation when that happens. Definitely recommend to lovers of Uk police procedurals - a cut above the norm.

David says

Thoroughly enjoyed this, gone from 4 to 5 stars from the previous book.

Ann Tonks says

I haven't read any of the previous books in the series but it does work as a stand alone novel. It's really a 3.5 star for me - just not quite good enough to meet my 4 star standard for police procedurals. It's a solid piece of story telling with some well-crafted characters.

Jenny says

Jigsaw Man is book four in Mark Tartaglia series by Elena Forbes. Detective Inspector Mark Tartaglia through his day could not get any worse after bar hopping with his cousin the night before. However, this was not the case. When Detective Inspector Mark Tartaglia arrives at a murder scene, he realises he knows the women, and he was in the same hotel the night before. Readers of Jigsaw Man will continue to follow Detective Inspector Mark Tartaglia to see what happens to him and this investigation.

Jigsaw Man is the first book I have read of Elena Forbes, and I am impressed with the way she describes the plot and her characters. I like the way Elena Forbes intertwines Detective Inspector Mark Tartaglia throughout Jigsaw Man. Jigsaw Man is part four of the Mark Tartaglia series and is part of one of my reading challenges even though I usually prefer to read a series from the beginning. However, it did not affect my enjoyment of the Jigsaw Man. The only problem I have with Jigsaw Man they left the readers wondering did they find the body of Hannah Bird.

Readers of Jigsaw Man will learn about law enforcement procedures in Great Britain. Readers of Jigsaw man will start to think there must be a better way to help people who are suffering from mental illness than prison. Jigsaw Man highlights that men can be raped as well as women. Also, the consequences of the abuse on the individuals.

I recommend this book.

Alayne Emmett says

Brilliant. I will certainly read this author again.

Liz Barnsley says

So this is the 4th book in the Tartaglia series I believe, but it is the first one I've read. Which now I've read it surprises me because this is top notch crime fiction and usually I have a nose for that sort of thing, but anyway here we are and I really really enjoyed this one.

Here we have Mark Tartaglia working on a case that has come a bit close to home, involving someone he cares about. Meanwhile there is a macabre killer at work and Mark will have to keep his wits about him in order to prevent further deaths.

This had everything I look for in my crime fiction - some great characters, a well constructed and intriguing mystery and a beautiful flow to it, easily read as a standalone, I did not feel I was missing out by having come to it here. There are some great little twists and turns in there to keep you on your toes and the mystery element is well developed and perfectly paced.

Overall a terrific read - I have added this series to my must have list and very much look forward to what comes next.

Happy Reading Folks!

Betsy says

Thouroughly enjoyed this ; but liked the previous installments MUCH more.

Marianne says

Jigsaw Man is the fourth novel in the Mark Tartaglia series by British author, Elena Forbes. After a drunken one-night-stand at a boutique London hotel, DI Mark Tartaglia is called back to the same hotel just hours later on a murder inquiry. A young woman has been brutally strangled. Adding a complication to the case, Mark recognises the victim. But before he can do much investigating, his boss forces him to shift his focus to another case: a body in a burnt-out car, bizarrely not one corpse, but parts of four different people.

Elena Forbes has crafted a brilliant novel. Her plot is original, her characters are multi-faceted and her attention to detail is impressive. Her description of police work, scouring for tiny details that eventually fall into place to form a lead, gives the book a truly authentic feel. Forbes throws in a few red herrings that will have the reader wondering about motive and opportunity and whether the cases are related. This fast-paced thriller charges to a gripping climax (or two) that will have the reader's pulse racing.

While this is the fourth book in the series, it can be read as a stand-alone, although the mention of a previous case may be a spoiler for readers who decide to read earlier books in the series. And many will do so, as this is such a compelling read. Recommended.

On a second reading, after having read the first three in the series, even better than the first time!
