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**In Nicci's French's thrilling fifth book, London psychotherapist Frieda Klein herself becomes the prime suspect in a murder**

A bloated corpse turns up in the Thames, throat slashed, and the only clue is a hospital wristband reading *Dr. F. Klein*. Frieda is taken to see the body and realizes with horror that it is Sandy, her ex-boyfriend. She's certain that the killer is Dean Reeve—the man who has never stopped haunting her. But the police think he has been dead for years, and Frieda is their number one suspect. With few options, Frieda goes on the run to save herself and try to uncover the truth.

**Praise for the Frieda Klein Mystery series:**

“Fierce, fascinating, and full of insight, Frieda Klein is irresistible.” —Val McDermid, bestselling author of *Splinter the Silence*

“Sophisticated, gripping, addictive. Crime novels that stand head and shoulders above the competition.”  
—Sophie Hannah, bestselling author of *Woman with a Secret*

“Complex psychological suspense at its best.” — *Booklist* (starred review)

## **Friday on My Mind Details**

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### Chrissa Vasileiou says

Η κριτική μου για το βιβλίο στο site του "Book City". :)

Οργισμένη Πορασκευή

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### Irene says

Another gripping Frieda Klein thriller.

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### sue says

This is the 5th book in the Frieda Klein series. I didn't realise that when I wanted to read it.

I think that I've missed lots of things having not read the previous ones, however, I soon got into this plot. Mostly I missed out of knowing Frieda but the plot soon made up for this.

A dead man's body is found, a hospital name tag on his wrist traces back to Frieda herself. It's made the police suspect her and they really are convinced it's her who killed him.

She goes on the run, doesn't want to be arrested for something she's not guilty of. She wants to find out who killed her fiancé.

It's clear this is going to be a complex story and it was.

What I wasn't expecting was that thud in the face that makes you do a double take.....what in the hell was that!

This author is so well known for her fabulous books, I need to go to the start of this series.

Highly recommend this.

My thanks to Penguin books UK via Net Galley for my copy

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### Carolyn says

In the opening scene of this novel a man's naked body is spotted floating in the Thames. His only means of identification is a hospital bracelet with the name Dr F Klein on it. When she is tracked down and shown the body, psychotherapist Frieda Klein is shocked to see that it belongs to her ex-lover Sandy Holland. Sandy

has never accepted the end of the relationship and when his wallet is found hidden at Frieda's home the police decide to charge her with his murder but instead Frieda cuts all her ties and takes flight.

This is the fifth book in the Frieda Klein series and although it would work well as a stand alone novel, it is definitely enriched by prior knowledge of Frieda's character and friends. That she would go on the run from the police in a cool, calculated way, thinking that she can solve the murder herself is definitely within the bounds of her personality. Her friends, accumulated over the past four episodes, Josef, Sasha and DCI Karlsson, know her well and support her as much as she will allow. She is always in control of the situation with only occasional glimpses of her emotions breaking through, such as when she thinks about the good times with Sandy. In the shadows we also glimpse Dean Reeve, a killer from her past, believed to be dead by the police but very much alive to Frieda.

The story develops slowly but relentlessly, building up tension as Frieda fights to find the truth before the police catch up with her. The twist at the end is unexpected as the perpetrator is unveiled. Definitely a page turned and a book to be read in a short span of time. Fans of Frieda Klein will not be disappointed.

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### **Shelleyrae at Book'd Out says**

I launched into Friday On My Mind, book five of the Freida Klein series by Nicci French, directly after finishing Thursday's Children.

Fast paced and tense this is another page turning installment of the series. In Friday On My Mind, Frieda is accused of murder when the body of her ex lover, Sandy is found floating in the Thames, his throat slit. While the police focus their investigation on Frieda, she immediately suspects her obsessive stalker, Dean Reeve, is responsible and unable to convince the police of her innocence, goes on the run, determined to expose the killer and clear her name.

Frieda is of course expecting her search for evidence will lead her to prove Dean Reeve is alive and culpable, but as she delves into Sandy's recent past, she begins to wonder if someone else could be responsible. In her methodical and fearless way Frieda insinuates into the lives of those closest to Sandy, doggedly hunting his killer all while trying to keep a low profile but as the mystery unfolds a shocking twist proves the murderer is closer than she thinks. Even though Frieda manages to stay one step ahead of the police, a reckoning with the killer has consequences for all of them, both deadly and unexpected.

*"That's part of Freida's problem. She doesn't want to get off. She wants the truth."*

Though Frieda is determined to protect her loyal friends from the fall out of the case, they rally to support her, even when it puts them at risk of prosecution. Karlsson in particular faces trouble when he defends Freida against the vindictive police commissioner and his pet psychiatrist. Josef shrugs off threats of deportation, doing everything he can to aid Frieda's fight, and even the emotionally fragile Sasha doesn't hesitate to offer her refuge.

*"I just follow where the evidence leads me, and in this case the evidence suggests that where Frieda Klein goes a trail of chaos follows. What her precise role in this happens to be has always been difficult to pin*

*down. As you will probably discover, Frieda Klein also has some strange associates. How these things happen, I don't pretend to know, but they happen, and they continue to happen"*

I'm looking forward to learning what happens next.

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### **Petra says**

This is the fifth book in a crime series about Frieda Klein, a psychoanalyst in London. I would suggest reading them in order to get the most out of the recurring characters' development plus the thread that runs through all of these. However, there are no cliffhangers, and it would work as a standalone thriller. In this one, Frieda becomes the prime suspect in a murder case and decides to go on the run and find out who the true culprit is. I love this series, but Frieda is an acquired taste. She can come across as terribly aloof, is exceptionally calm and collected at all times and fiercely independent. However, she has a great circle of friends, such as Joseph, a Croatian builder, and DCI Malcolm Karlsson, who help her. Fast-paced and engaging, this is a really enjoyable story. The audiobook narration is fantastic. Looking forward to the next one.

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### **GreekReaders says**

Το συγκεκριμ?νο μπορ? να πω ?τι πα?ρνει την πρ?τη θ?ση στην προσωπικ? μου κατ?ταξη της εβδομ?δας, παρ?α με τη "Δευτ?ρα".

?πως συμβα?νει σε κ?θε βιβλ?ο της σειρ?ς, μ?σα στο πρ?το κεφ?λαιο ?χουμε ?δη το πρ?το πτ?μα, πρ?γμα που σε κ?νει να θες να συνεχ?σεις να διαβ?ζει και το επ?μενο κεφ?λαιο και το επ?μενο μετ? απ? αυτ? και π?ει λ?γοντας, Γιατ? θες απαντ?σεις. Και τις θες τ?ρα. ?πως και η κεντρικ? ηρω?δα, η Φρ?ντα, που τ?σο στην "Π?μπτη", ?σο και στην "Παρασκευ?" μ?χεται ?χι μ?νο για τις απαντ?σεις, αλλ? και για την επιβ?ωσ? της. Σε αυτ? το βιβλ?ο ?,τι γν?ριζε ως σταθερ? στη ζω? της, ως δεδομ?νο, ανατρ?πεται. Τ?σο η ?δια, ?σο και οι φ?λοι της θα προσπαθ?σουν να τη βοηθ?σουν να βγει απ? το αδι?ξοδο. Μπορο?ν ?μως;

Γρ?γορος ρυθμ?ς, με την ανατροπ? που, ως ε?θισται, εντ?σσουν στο τ?λος του κ?θε βιβλ?ου οι συγγραφε?ς, ?τσι ?στε να σε κ?νει να αναφωνε?ς "μα ?χι, δεν το πιστε?ω!!! Αλ?θεια τ?ρα;". Και ε?ναι αυτ? που αγαπ?με σε αυτ? τα βιβλ?α τελικ?, ?χι;

M.

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### **Cora ? Tea Party Princess says**

#### **AUDIOBOOK**

**5 Words: Murder, relationships, police, loyalty, set-up.**

I just really didn't care about Frieda or what happened to her.

This was my first Nicci French book and I doubt that I will read more. I just didn't care at all about Freida or what happened to her, I couldn't warm to her. I think it has a lot to do with the character herself. She was aloof, unreachable.

I struggled to listen to this despite the fantastic performance. I found it all too easy to turn off and not turn back on again.

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### Anna says

Λ?γω αυξημ?νων επαγγελματικ?ν υποχρε?σεων (sic!!!) ?ργησα να τελει?σω το βιβλ?ο, αν και ο ?γκος του δεν ?ταν και τ?σο μεγ?λος, εν? σ?γουρα η πλοκ? σε προκαλο?σε να το διαβ?σεις μονοκ?μματα. Επ?σης πριν αρχ?σω την ουσ?α των εντυπ?σεων μου, να σημει?σω ?τι το επ?μενο βιβλ?ο (Σ?ββατο) βγα?νει στα οιγλικ? κ?που τον Ιο?νιο (δηλαδ? να θυμηθ? να το προπαραγγε?λω απ? το amazon ?στε να ?ρθει στην ?ρα του...), αν και δεν νομ?ζω ?τι θα αργ?σει η ελληνικ? μετ?φραση, αλλ? ποιος περιμ?νει ?στω και δυο μ?νες.....

Για να μην πολυλογ?, στην π?μπτη περιπ?τεια της Φρ?ντα, ε?μαστε 18 μ?νες μετ? τα γεγον?τα της Π?μπτης, ?που η ζω? της δεν ?χει αλλ?ξει ριζικ?, μετ? τις αποφ?σεις που π?ρε τ?τε, ?σο και αν κ?ποιοι απ? εμ?ς δεν τις εγκρ?ναμε. Τ?ρα, το πτ?μα εν?ς ?ντρα βρ?σκεται στον Τ?μεση, ο οπο?ος ?χει το βραχιολ?κι της Φρ?ντα απ? το νοσοκομε?ο μετ? το ατ?χημ? της, περασμ?νο στο χ?ρι του. Για κ?ποιον ηλ?θιο λ?γο, η αστυνομ?α κατηγορε? τη Φρ?ντα ως βασικ? ?ποπτη (ω ναι, ε?ναι απ?λυτα λογικ? να υπογρ?ψει ?τσι ?νας δολοφ?νος!) και ?λη η πλοκ? διαδραματ?ζεται με τη Φρ?ντα να προσπαθε? απ? τη μ?α να ξεφ?γει απ? την αστυνομ?α εν? απ? την ?λλη να βρει τον πραγματικ? δολοφ?νο - βλ?πτε, ο δολοφονημ?νος ?ντρας ε?ναι γνωστ?ς της (και δικ?ς μας).

Ως γενικ? εντ?πωση, το βιβλ?ο δεν μου ?ρεσε. ?σως σε ?να μεγ?λο βαθμ? να φτα?ει ?τι αναγκαζ?μουν να το κ?βω συχν? και δεν μπ?ρεσα να μπω στο mood του βιβλ?ου, ?σως απ? την ?λλη ?τι ?θελα κι ?λλο, λ?γο επ?σης ?τι κ?ποια πρ?γματα νομ?ζω ?τι δεν εξηγ?θηκαν στο τ?λος (πχ ποιος π?ρε το βραχιολ?κι, πο? το βρ?κε, γιατ? τ?ρα και ?χι παλι?τερα), συν ?τι το ποιος ?ταν τελικ? ο δολοφ?νος και ο λ?γος που δι?πραξε το ?γκλημα με ξεν?ρωσε. τζ?μπα ?χασε τη ζω? του ο καημ?νος ο ?ντρας..... Απ? την ?λλη τα 5 αστ?ρια τα ?βαλα γιατ? αγαπ? πολ? τη Φρ?ντα και νομ?ζω ?τι πλ?ον ε?μαι κι εγ? μ?α απ? τις φ?λες της, εν? το τ?λος με επηρε?σε τ?σο πολ? που ?λη μ?ρα το σκεφτ?μουν. Θα θεωρ?σω λοιπ?ν μια ατυχ? παρ?νθεση αυτ? την περιπ?τεια, θα ?θελα πολ? βασικ? να μην ε?χε πεθ?νει αυτ?ς που π?θανε.....

Δεν συνεχ?ζω για να μην μου ξεφ?γει κ?ποιο σπ?ιλερ, οι φανατικο? (?σοι ?χετε φτ?σει ως την Π?μπτη) θα το διαβ?σετε ο?τως ?λλως, οι υπ?λοιποι θα ?χετε αφ?σει τη σειρ? νωρ?τερα!!!!

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## Evangelia says

Φρ?ντα... Αχ Φρ?ντα!! <3 Λοιπ?ν, πριν αρχ?σω να εξυμν? την τελει?τητα αυτο? του χαρακτ?ρα ας το πι?σω λ?γο πιο γενικ?. Η Οργισμ?νη Παρασκευ?, ε?ναι το 5ο βιβλ?ο της σειρ?ς του συγγραφικο? ζε?γους, Nicci French, με πρωταγων?στρια την ψυχαναλ?τρια Φρ?ντα Κλ?ιν. Κ?θε βιβλ?ο ε?ναι μια μ?ρα της εβδομ?δας (εννοε?ται πως δεν εξελ?σσεται ?λη η πλοκ? σε μ?α μ?ρα) και στις μ?ρες αυτ?ς βλ?πουμε τις "περιπ?τειες" -ας πο?με- της Φρ?ντα.

Το συγκεκριμ?νο βιβλ?ο, ε?ναι πολ? διαφορετικ? απ? τα 4 προηγο?μενα, ?χει περισσ?τερη αυτονομ?α. Θα μπορο?σε κ?ποιος/α να το διαβ?σει και χωρ?ς να ?χει διαβ?σει τα προηγο?μενα αλλ? ε?ναι κ?τι που ΔΕΝ το προτε?νω σε καν?ναν/μια. ΠΡΕΠΕΙ να τα διαβ?σουν ?λοι/ες απ? την αρχ? (Blue Monday), για να βυθιστο?ν στον κ?σμο της Φρ?ντας και των υπ?λοιπων χαρακτ?ρων, να τους αγαπ?σει, να τους μ?θει, να τους καταλ?βει, να θυμ?σει, να χαρε?. Να νι?σει ?λων των ειδ?ν τα συναισθ?ματα που μπορε? να σε κ?νει να βι?σεις ?να -πραγματικ?- καλ? βιβλ?ο.

Απ? την αρχ? ακ?μη σε β?ζει στο κλ?μα. ?νας ?ντρας βρ?σκεται νεκρ?ς ? μαλλον δολοφονημ?νος, στον Τ?μεση με το μ?νο στοιχε?ο για την ταυτ?τητα του, ?να "βραχιολ?κι" στον καρπ? με το ?νομα Φ.Κλ?ιν. Απ? εκε? και π?ρα, τα πρ?γματα για την Φρ?ντα δε θα ε?ναι τ?σο ευνο?κ?. ?να συνεχ?ς κυνηγητ?, με τη δρ?ση να χτυπ?ει πραγματικ? στο κ?κκινο. Κ?θε κεφ?λαιο να σε αφ?νει σε τ?τοια αγων?α που να μη θες να το αφ?σεις απ? τα χ?ρια σου. Το απ?λυτο pageturner... Ε?μαι ενθουσιασμ?νη και που να ?γραφα και την κριτικ? χθες που το τελε?ωσα. Επ?σης, δε συμφων? με αυτ?ς που λ?νε ?τι θα ?θελαν κ?τι που να ε?ναι πιο σχετικ? με τα προηγο?μενα. ?ταν ακριβ?ς ?πως θα ?πρεπε, να δο?με την πρωταγων?στρια μας με ?λλο μ?τι και να την αγαπ?σουμε ακ?μη περισσ?τερο.

Να συνοψ?σω, γιατ? απ? τη χαρ? μου φλυαρ?. Δεν κ?νει πουθεν? κοιλι?, δε σε αφ?νει να το αφ?σεις και δεν απογοητε?ει ο?τε στο ελ?χιστο τους φαν της Φρ?ντα και των Φρεντς. Πρ?πει οπωσδ?ποτε να ε?ναι η επ?μενη σας αγορ?. \*?σχετο αλλ? θ?λω τη Φρ?ντα και τον Καρλσον μαζ?. Ε?μαι η μ?νη; <3\*

5/5 το καλ?τερο της σειρ?ς!!!!

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## Phryinne says

After five books I still do not like Frieda Klein. She is such a cold fish. Nevertheless I still enjoy her books so kudos to the authors!

In this episode Frieda is suspected of the murder of her ex partner and instead of doing the normal thing and waiting while the police investigate she chooses to disappear and investigate the murder herself. She is blessed with amazing luck and a bunch of friends who will do anything for her including giving up their own careers.

So just a tad unbelievable but it is fiction after all and the authors write it so well. They are masters of the art of writing page turners and this is no exception. 384 pages vanished in the twinkling of an eye and I have to say I really enjoyed them! Now on to number six.

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## Gary says

This is the 5th book in the series that features psychotherapist Frieda Klein. Having read and enjoyed the previous four books I was eager to read this one and overall was not disappointed. This story is slightly different from the previous ones in that we find Frieda Klein on the run after her ex lover is found dead.

Frieda starts to investigate the case while trying to stay clear of the Police which leads to a fast paced and nail biting thriller. This book would just about work as a stand alone thriller but in my opinion works so much better when the books are read in series order allowing you to follow all the side issues. Not the best book in the series but a good read.

I would like to thank Net Galley and Penguin UK for supplying me with a copy of this book in exchange for a honest review.

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### **Elina says**

Απόθανοι οι Nicci French για ακούμα μια φορά!!!!!

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### **Christine says**

We get to Frieda's Friday adventures Friday On My Mind in this wonderful series, from the Nicci French team. I am happily anticipating Saturday and Sunday.

The story starts very differently from previous ones. The police are investigating Frieda, convinced that she is responsible for the murder of her ex-boyfriend. It takes a while to get to Frieda's point of view and to see where this will all go. It seems very bleak for her. There seems to be evidence pointing to guilt. Frieda ends up searching for the truth, in her own unique way.

It is good to be back in Frieda's world and revisiting Josef, Chloe and of course Karlsson. I love Frieda's gang of friends and the way they help each other out. They know she is innocent. Frieda is calm and cleverly follows the trail of those who knew and loved her ex-boyfriend. Who had motive to kill him?

I love the friendships, the pace of the story and how we get perspective of contemporary social issues, like homelessness and immigration. Frieda comes into contact with a wide variety of people and she never judges. It all feels very fresh and intelligent.

A marvellous addition to the series. I'm very much excited about the next book. I very much hope we get some kind of resolution with the Dean Reeve thread and we see Karlsson and Frieda get together.

Thanks to Netgalley and Penguin UK, Michael Joseph for my review copy.

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### **Julie says**

Friday on my Mind by Nicci French is a 2015 Penguin publication.

This is the fifth book in the Frieda Klein series.

This book started off with a real shocker! Frieda's former lover is found murdered and so naturally, Frieda becomes the prime suspect in his death.

Instead of going through the due process, Frieda goes AWOL, sliding just under the radar and one step ahead of the cops, while she investigates the murder. But, it soon becomes clear that Frieda could be a target, and must tread very carefully.

The developments that took place in the book four was the segue into book five, but I never could have imagined things turning out like this.

I thought Frieda did the right thing by avoiding arrest and taking the risks she did. Once the police hone in on her as a suspect, they were like a dog with a bone, refusing to open their minds to other possibilities. If something like this happened for real, Frieda would probably have been sent up the river, innocent or not.

However, her actions do cause some problems for her friends, and for Karlsson, who gets stuck between a rock and a hard place.

The revelations that came out during the investigation totally blindsided me! Wow, who could have seen THAT coming!!

I read this installment at warp speed, so I guess I was really into it this time around. The ending was truly chilling and literally sent a shiver down my spine.

Overall, I thought this chapter in the series was a lot better than the last. Now if I could only find a copy of the sixth book somewhere, I'll be set to go.

4 stars

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