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The Detective's Daughter

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Compelled by recent events to follow a trail of clues left behind by her father, Detective Chief Superintendent Darnell, Stella finds herself immersed in the details of the decades-old unsolved murder of Kate Rokesmith, a hauntingly beautiful and vibrant young mother, but no one is quite who they seem, and the players are closer to home than Stella could ever imagine.

The Detective's Daughter, first in a trilogy of mysteries from Lesley Thomson, is a virtual travelogue of London's side streets, gardens, and local riverside destinations as Stella and her erstwhile sidekick, Jack, clean house for a variety of notable characters. The narrative switches voices and points of view seamlessly, entering the psyche of a troubled child, an eccentric aging socialite, an estranged father and daughter, and ultimately a killer.

A cerebral thriller, *The Detective's Daughter* evokes chills from more than just the frigid winter nights, and Stella's methodical thinking coupled with Jack's curiously compelling style strike just the right note to keep things on edge as they navigate the snow covered, secret filled back alleys of London. Twists and surprises abound as Kate's secrets are slowly uncovered, and Stella learns to look at her relationship with her father through new eyes.

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