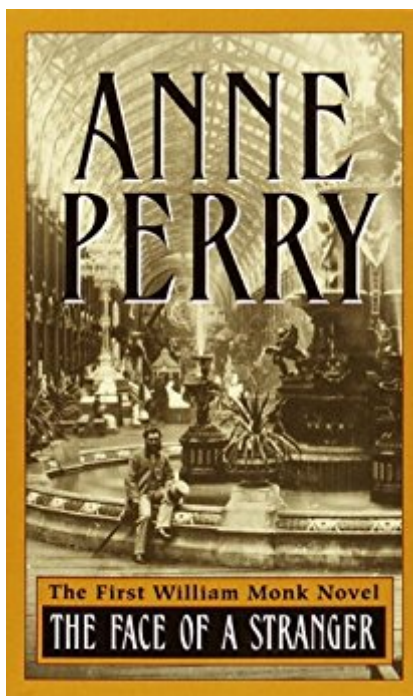


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The Face Of A Stranger: A William Monk Novel



Synopsis

In this exhilarating series debut, police detective William Monk must solve the mystery of his own past. His name, they tell him, is William Monk, and he is a London police detective. But the accident that felled him has left him with only half a life; his memory and his entire past have vanished. As he tries to hide the truth, Monk returns to work and is assigned to investigate the brutal murder of a Crimean War hero and man about town. Which makes Monk's efforts doubly difficult, since he's forgotten his professional skills along with everything else. Richly textured with the sights and sounds of London and its countryside . . . Solidly absorbing and Perry's best to date. Kirkus Reviews

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Customer Reviews

I began reading the Monk series a long time ago and always eagerly await the next book from Ms. Perry in the series. She NEVER disappoints! I've recently got a friend started on the series and she cannot put these books down!

Ann Perry has become my very favorite author and I am grateful that she is a prolific writer! She is addictive. Each book is even better than the previous one.

I decided to read books from a different era and came across the books by Anne Perry. I enjoyed reading the first three books as they are set in Victorian England. The main character in the book William Monk is a policeman who doesn't suffer fools gladly and treated his subordinates and others before his accident with contempt, sarcasm and impatience. After his accident and loss of memory he has flashbacks to his past and doesn't like what he remembers about himself. I like the way the other character in the book Hester Latterly a nurse who served in the Crimean War stands up to him and tells him exactly what she thinks of him in *The Face of a Stranger*. In the the next two books they become to understand each other as they both fight injustice. I would recommend this book to lovers of murder mysteries as Anne Perry gives us an insight into the lives of the people living in Victorian England and the restrictions placed on the women during that era.

A great first book in the William Monk series. Sets out all the background and the main characters that people the rest. Good character development and has the surprising plot twists and turns for which Anne Perry is known.

I loved this book. I do like historical fiction and mysteries, so this was perfect. I've ordered 2 more of Anne Rice's books in this series. I think what I liked best was the character development. There were a lot of characters with some depth - not just the one or two main ones. I guessed by about half way through who the murderer might be, just because of how I imagined they might feel. But I was never sure, and sometimes thought I was wrong along the way. Ross McDonald is my favorite ever - and compared to him, this would not be a 5. But compared to the alternatives, it is.

This story got my attention so that I want to read all the others!

I had to read the first book in order to go on to the rest. I was very released when Monk got his memory back.

After a couple years, I returned to Anne Perry mysteries and read the first Monk novel. I found it hard to engage with the writing style, but the storyline was worth pursuing. Character development was primary for me, and I enjoyed seeing the relationship between Monk and Hester begin. Will

read next Monk mystery and decide whether continuing the series is of interest.

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