

An absorbing read from the start with writing that is crisp and deeply layered, *Bad Blood Rising* proves a great start to Carmichael's *Bad Blood* series and is unreservedly recommended.

Smartly put together, with interesting characters in many respects *Bad Blood Rising* is a conventional thriller, but it's much more densely plotted and intelligently scripted than the majority of new releases these days.

Brilliant and exciting novel by this stylish new author. Gripping and fast-moving story. Very well written.

There's a lived-in believability about *Bad Blood Rising*'s depiction of how the morally corrupt and the criminally rich intersect. Unlike the majority of today's crime genre releases, it certainly feels unique and sets itself apart from the majority of new releases in its stark refusal to paint its dominant character, Karl Maddox, as likeable or indeed anything other than the vicious and unprincipled sociopath he is.

A well-woven tale. The characters are believable and the action keeps you gripped from the start to the finish.

He's a cruel, sadistic man and it's impossible to find any redeeming qualities. He's obsessed with his indulgent bubble of money, booze, and power and has no aspirations beyond his criminal life as he revels in the brutal realities of murder, revenge and retaliation.

I bought this book today. All I can say is WOW! You are one very talented lady. Absolutely loving it

There's a lot here to feed crime-fiction enthusiasts, but as with Carmichael's 'A Twisted Mind' her narrative's captivating details are in the wider character arcs. These include Karl's wife Erica who has learnt to navigate her sinister husband's moods, Chief Superintendent David Glendenning, an amoral police officer with an expedient streak of self-aggrandizing, Karl's long-suffering henchman Joe, who has learned to chart a perilous course through Karl's world of debauchery, and Charlotte, who becomes the catalyst for shocking acts of vengeance and Karl's ominously shifting fortunes!

I absolutely loved it. I am gripped and almost finished. I cannot wait for the next. Please finish it soon.

Told in two parts with timelines a couple of decades apart, each character arc finds Carmichael confidently negotiating a twisted web of deceit which makes the morally corrupt tone of Karl's dealing all the darker, whilst Carmichael's inherent

sense of story structure ensures the suspense rarely wanes as we hurtle towards a powerful and perfectly pitched denouement.

Really enjoyed the book. I felt engaged with the characters and wanted to know what happened next. Looking forward to the next one!

Bought this book on Saturday and could not put it down. I cannot wait for the next book.

The realistic tale of the seedy underbelly of the sex industry and of the ruthless men in control of it. Well written dialogue moves the gripping story along. A real page turner!

Fabulous first book from this new author, keeping the reader hooked from the first page to the last. A realistic and gritty crime drama with fast-paced dialogue that moves the story through to its exciting and gripping conclusion.

Simply fabulous!