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He's looking for his next victim. She looks just like his last.

Nothing To Lose Lyrics

Primrose Hill, London. Offender Profiler Ziba MacKenzie arrives at the scene of a gruesome murder with a disturbing sense of déjà vu. Nine days earlier, another woman's body was found: same location, same MO, same physical appearance. For the police, it's clear a new serial killer is on the loose. But for Ziba, it's even more sinister "because the victims look just like her.

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Ziba has been the focus of a killer's interest before, and knows that if she gets too close again this case could be her last. Still, she's not one to play by the rules—especially when her secret investigation into her husband's murder begins to attract unwanted attention.

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With someone watching her every step, can Ziba uncover what connects the two victims before she becomes one herself?

Blood for Blood was my Amazon First Reads selection for January and I absolutely loved (!) the book and the character, Ziba Mackenzie, a former special ops agent now freelance profiler working for the MET in London. When I found out there was a second book in the series, I was thrilled! NOTHING TO LOSE is the continuation of Ziba's story and she is back, despite her personal loss and her close encounter with a serial killer in Blood for Blood.

When Ziba gets a call in the middle of the night regarding the second murder eerily similar to one a few weeks before, she isn't thrilled to be called back to work and there are those at the MET who aren't there with open arms to welcome her either. Ziba has just discovered a hard drive with information pertaining to her murdered husband's last case and much of that information points directly back to dirty cops somewhere within the MET. However, when Ziba arrives on at the scene of the murder she realizes that the murder victims bear an uncanny resemblance to her. If anyone should profile this case, it is Ziba. With divided attention, Ziba throws herself into both cases but her split attentiveness could lead to danger.

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Ziba Mackenzie is a character full of flaws. She brassy, rash, drinks too much, is moody, abrasive and impulsive. These are her good qualities, actually. They are what make her an excellent profiler and an interesting person for a thriller. You know from the beginning that she will end up in trouble; there's simply no way for her to avoid it. You also know that if you needed someone working on your case, you'd want someone like Ziba. Victoria Selma does a fantastic job bringing this character to life. I can envision exactly what Ziba would look like, how she sounds, even to the point that I want to tell her to cut out the slang already when it gets to be too "over the top." When you, as a reader, can feel the character's persona then you know the writer has done their job. In addition, the plot is ripped from today's headlines. It's gripping, suspenseful and not so horrific - although it is quite awful - that I would think it's unbelievable. Selma even goes to the point of explaining a fugue state involving one of the victims and a nuance of that state of which most people are unaware. It's attention to detail like this that puts Nothing to Lose in category of top-notch thriller. If you like action as well as old fashion detective work, you will love Nothing to Lose. And yes, you can read this as a stand alone, there is plenty of back story included, but I highly encourage you to read both books.

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Nothing To Lose Soundtrack

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This story is told over a series of days as Ziba works to discover who is behind two gruesome murders. To complicate matters, Ziba seems to be a target herself, adding an extra layer of suspense. While the women's murders presents an interesting and twisty case, I also enjoyed Ziba's investigation into her husband's death.

A highly entertaining read for fans of crime fiction. Fast-paced, suspenseful, and exciting.

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There are two compelling strands to the plot; both are credible and interesting enough to engage with any problem for the duration of the story, and although I predicted quite a lot of what happened ahead of time it was so well written with a cast of such stellar characters that it did not put me off wanting to read it in its entirety. I'm pleased I did as there were still a few surprises in store for me. I'm looking forward to seeing if I warm to Ziba a little more in future books and hope we see a softer, more human side to her personality as right now she's rather snarky and spiky but clearly intelligent and dogged in her pursuit of those who are to face the full force of the law.

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Nothing To Lose But Your Chains

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Meanwhile Ziba was called in the early hours to the grisly murder of lawyer Lily Abian. Her murder bared the same hallmarks to the murder of young mum Yasmin Pejman who worked at the same firm. Another clue was that both Lily and Yasmin looked similar to herself. Ziba decided that the killer was emasculated by a female and was taking his anger out on another female. Her boss DI Issacson did not believe in profiling preferring old fashion policework.

Nothing To Lose was a fast paced book with short snappy chapters which kept tempting me to read just one more page. I enjoyed both investigations especially the murder of Yasmin and Lily. The book was very twisty, turny and I loved the double bluff at the end which I did not see coming.

I thought Ziba was a very interesting character, intelligent and tough enough to join the special forces. Ziba's used military phrases which was not surprising, but as an English person she also used aye and scuttlebutt which stood out to me. I liked Wolfie who was Duncans's best friend, although Ziba was attracted to Wolfie she was scared to move on. I hope they get together in the next book.

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I am glad I have found another new author and look forward to her next book. ...more

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The novel is mostly told from Ziba's first person perspective with some interjections from an unnamed abused wife who suspects her husband of being the killer. This latter is extremely well done, bringing a whiff of smoke and mirrors to proceedings. Ziba's narrative is interesting as being in the first person it brings the reader up close and personal with her character and experience. I'm not sure that I like her all that much. She seems humourless, hard and driven with few soft edges but that may be due to the loss of her husband and her need for justice. It's difficult to tell on the basis of one novel.

Nothing to Lose is a good read which I have no hesitation in recommending. ...more

Nothing To Lose 2018

Nothing To Lose is a thrilling serial killer mystery. Twists and turns enough to grab your attention and keep it until the end. It's a good read overall.

Nothing to Lose is the second book in Victoria Selman's mystery series featuring Ziba MacKenzie, a freelance criminal profiler who consults with New Scotland Yard. (I reviewed the first book, *Blood for Blood*, here.) In it, Ziba investigates two crimes: the recent serial murders of young Persian women who look remarkably like herself and the murder of her husband some two years earlier.

The story begins in the third person, with the Saturday interrogation of a suspect. It then moves backward in time to Wednesday, when the serial murders started. The plot develops rapidly, and the time frame of both investigations is approximately one month. After the opening chapter, however, Selman tells the story in Ziba's first-person narrative voice, interspersed with occasional but increasingly frantic blog posts from a potential murder victim. These blog posts provide crucial data needed to understand the resolution of the serial murders case, so pay attention!

I enjoyed the book on the whole, though an editor really should've condensed its 143 short chapters into fewer but longer ones. It seems to me that the number of the chapters made the book feel longer than it actually is. The serial murders plot receives the lion share of attention and is the best developed of the two cases. It involves two hard plot twists. I had an inkling of the first twist about halfway through, but the second one caught me by surprise. So, good on the author!

The husband-murder plot was less successful, in my opinion. In murder mysteries, it's not uncommon for the lead character to investigate several crimes at once. (Think of just about any Bosch novel, for example.) Here, however, the second investigation distracted me more than it enhanced my enjoyment of the novel. Given the criminal enormity in the background of Ziba's husband's murder—he was with Scotland Yard too—it might've been better had Selman made this crime the focus of an entire book, not a sideline to the main plot.

One other small criticism: In my review of *Blood for Blood*, I mentioned that it had an ensemble of secondary characters that grow on you. Unfortunately, with the exceptions of Ziba herself and Jack Wolfe, her late husband's best mate and a potential love interest, none of the characters from the first novel reappear in the second, at least not beyond a mention on a page or two. That was

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disappointing to me, as I'd grown to like some of the secondary characters in Ziba's circle of acquaintance.

So, just four stars from me, not five. While *Nothing to Lose* wasn't as good as *Blood for Blood*, it was still an enjoyable read, and I look forward to Book Three.

Book Reviewed

Victoria Selman, *Nothing to Lose* (Seattle, WA: Thomas & Mercer, 2019).

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Nothing To Lose Full Movie

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In this sequel, Ziba once again finds herself being called for her profile expertise. As she builds the profile and as the serial killer continues to target victims, she realizes that the victims all look like her. Could she be the killer's next target? While trying to help police with the profile and catching their newest serial killer, Ziba also becomes determined to solve her husband's murder. He has left loose ends in his own private investigation and Ziba takes it upon herself to pick up where he left off. As she continues to get closer and closer to finding answers, she also becomes less and less sure of herself. Are there murderers and dangerous criminals that are truly "untouchable"? How much power is too much and can this power protect their secrets forever?

As Ziba continues to work on both cases, she finds herself paying more attention to the investigations than the dangerous situations she puts herself in. She has a few close calls and a few times where readers are sure that her luck will eventually run out. She almost gets distracted by trying to find answers to her husband's murder and this could give the serial killer an opportunity to make her his next victim.

Overall, this book was fast paced and I finished it pretty quickly. I really like the short chapters in Victoria Selman's books and sometimes they read like a criminal investigation TV show. Her writing is easy to read while still providing enough details, and of course suspense. At times, this book became a little confusing because of all of the characters involved in both of the cases she was giving attention to but all of the characters played a purpose. It wasn't as if someone walking down the sidewalk while Ziba was driving was given a random name for you to try to remember for no reason.

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I am really looking forward to seeing what else Victoria Selman has in store for Ziba Mackenzie. I'm definitely a fan.

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Excellent Read!

I came across this author randomly and was hooked from the first book, Blood for Blood. This book was even better and I am fully invested in the main character, Ziba. I can't wait for her next book in this series!

Nothing To Lose Song

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Fuck yes, this was intense!