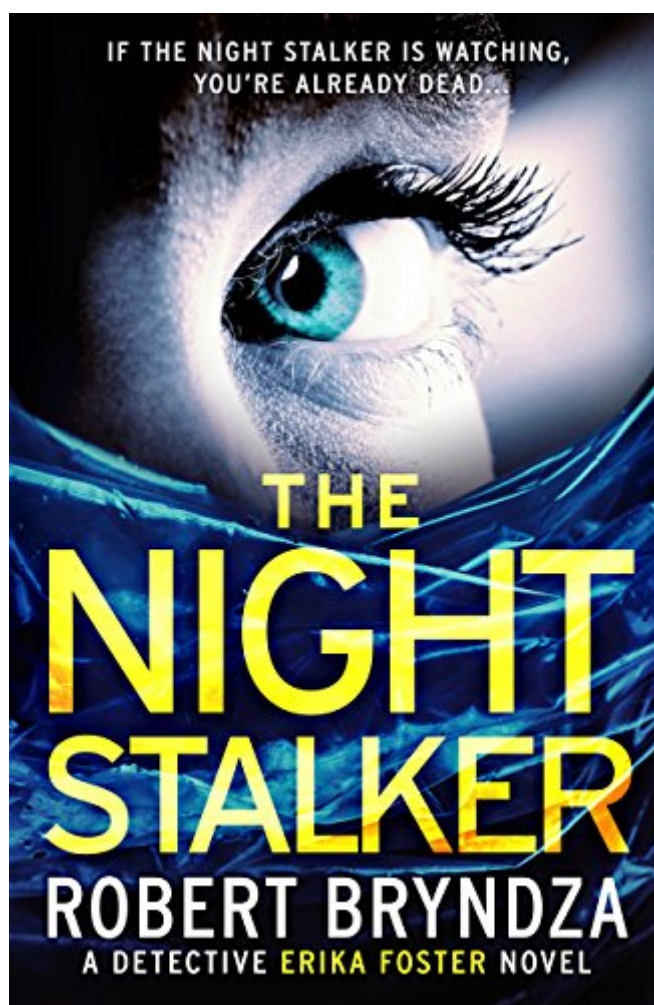


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# The Night Stalker: A Chilling Serial Killer Thriller (Detective Erika Foster Book 2)



## Synopsis

“Absolutely brilliant” “Impossible to put this book down! ... A must read” “The Quiet Knitter” If the Night Stalker is watching, you’re already dead” “In the dead of a swelteringly hot summer’s night, Detective Erika Foster is called to a murder scene. The victim, a doctor, is found suffocated in bed. His wrists are bound and his eyes bulging through a clear plastic bag tied tight over his head. A few days later, another victim is found dead, in exactly the same circumstances. As Erika and her team start digging deeper, they discover a calculated serial killer stalking their victims before choosing the right moment to strike. The victims are all single men, with very private lives. Why are their pasts shrouded in secrecy? And what links them to the killer? As a heat wave descends upon London, Erika will do everything to stop the Night Stalker before the body count rises, even if it means risking her job. But the victims might not be the only ones being watched” “Erika’s own life could be on the line.” The global bestselling author of *The Girl in the Ice* is back with a heart-racing, electrifying thriller. If you love Angela Marsons, Rachel Abbott and Peter James, you’ll be hooked on Robert Bryndza. Read what people are saying about *The Night Stalker* “The Night Stalker is dark, fast-paced and shot through with wit and psychological insight. I couldn’t put it down.” “Mark Edwards “Erika is fast becoming one of my favourite detectives” “I absolutely loved this heart-pounding, fast-paced, chilling crime thriller.” “The Book Review Café” “Just when I thought it couldn’t get any better... From the first page, we’re sucked in with tension that had me holding my breath.” “The Suspense is Thrilling Me” “A truly brilliant crime series” “The Night Stalker made me feel like I had been swept up in a whirlwind and had me clinging on for dear life, only letting me go right at the very end.” “By The Letter Book Reviews” “Intense, suspenseful, and clever” “...a gripping page turner that is disturbingly real, and I highly recommend it.” “What’s Better Than Books?” “A truly fantastic and exciting serial killer chiller!” “Booklover Catlady” “The Night Stalker is a very gripping, engaging read full of nail-biting tension. Once I started reading it, I couldn’t stop!...an amazing work of fiction no reader of the crime genre should miss.” “Relax and Read Reviews” “I think any fans of a good police procedural will become completely engaged in this series featuring a gritty and determined strong female lead.” “Carrie’s Book Reviews” “This book grabbed me by the throat and didn’t let go till I got to the end.” “Sincerely Book Angels” *The Night Stalker* now a Wall Street Journal #1 best seller

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## Customer Reviews

On a sweltering hot summer night the Night Stalker is watching. Watching a man from inside his house. Watching him heat a meal, shower, drink a glass of red wine and then stagger off to bed. The man is later found dead, tied to his bed and asphyxiated by a plastic bag. When a second victim is found in similar circumstances a few days later DCI Erika Foster knows she has a serial killer on her hands. This is a brilliant sequel to *The Girl In The Ice*. Gripping and compelling reading, it hits the ground running and doesn't stop. Who the Night Stalker is and why the victims are selected does not fit the usual profile of the serial killer so well known to crime fiction. Mr Bryndza has invented a serial killer we can feel some sympathy for, despite the creepiness of this killer stalking and then lying in wait for the selected victims to come home. It was good to get to know DCI Foster better in this novel. Still grieving the death of her husband mark two years ago in a failed police operation led by her, she is still racked with guilt and loneliness. But she is a strong, dogged woman who will take risks and go against her Chief Super to find the killer. Her new team in London are warming to her and it was good to see their personalities develop more in this second novel of the series. Can't wait for the next instalment of this brilliant, well written series!

The Night Stalker by Robert Bryndza kept my interest throughout. The Night Stalker and the

investigating detective shared many of the same traits. Both thought out of the box for solutions to problems, were clever women who were discounted and used by men who were then given positive accolades for accomplishment. It was a novel idea to have a woman avenging the wrongs done to her. The lack of recognition not given to either the pursued and the pursuer (both women) is endemic to both the medical and law enforcement communities where women are often relegated to second class citizens and used for clean up and ancillary functions. I was amused that DI (detective investigator) Foster did have the brass ovaries to call her boss on his having used her and asking for a transfer. I was also amused to think that men in comparable roles would have been exonerated for "thinking out of the box" and that the author relegated DI Foster to the often typical men stereotype of women being obstreperous and not following company policy. The same thing in a different context happened to Martha Stewart who sold bonds just like many of her male counterparts did with insider tips, but she was unrepentant and went to jail for 6 months for doing just what many men often do and get away with it. It's a good read, but Robert give your women characters a little more credit next time for their ingenuity.

The Night Stalker (DCI Erika Foster #2) by Robert Bryndza 4.5 stars!!!!

“If the Night Stalker is watching, you’re already dead”

Once again Robert Bryndza thrusts you into the world of police politics and a Rottweiler detective that won’t let anything go. DCI Erika Foster is once again presented with a case that is anything but predictable. With seemingly unconnected victims DCI Erika Foster has to dig deep to solve the mystery of The Night Stalker. This is one of those books that will have you checking under your bed for days, some things really do go bump in the night.

“My point is that bad people are everywhere. The world is filled with good, but it’s equally overwhelmed with bad.”

A reputable doctor is drugged and suffocated in his bed, a man who is newly separated from his wife and child and is seemingly breaking into the gay scene. DCI Erika Foster’s superiors want this passed over to hate crimes but Erika’s gut is telling her that this has nothing to do with the doctor’s sexuality. As in The Girl in the Ice, Erika soon finds herself ignoring commands and department politics and flies solo as she desperately tries to unravel the unfortunate demise of Doctor Gregory Munro. When a Jeremy Kyle type TV presenter becomes the second victim it is soon apparent that there is a serial killer on the loose, affectionately dubbed

“The Night Stalker.”

This is a killer that stalks their prey, knows the ins and outs of their lives, drugs and subdues them, disconnects them from the outside world and

then suffocates them with a "suicide bag." Methodical, clever and leaves without a trace, The Night Stalker is one clever cookie and Erika Foster and her team are up against it. "Did you watch from here?" Erika said softly to herself. "How long were you here? How much did you see? You're not going to get away with this. I'm coming for you." With this book, Robert Bryndza also expands on the many character's personal lives which really helps you to begin to paint a picture of each and every character, it is that character connection that has really made this an unputdownable series. Erika Foster is my spirit animal, a woman that is strong, fiercely independent, extremely intelligent and is a natural detective. She has the "nose" and is not afraid to put herself or her career on the line to reach an end result. Yes, she has her flaws, her personal life is shot to hell, but despite everything she has been through she is a Pitbull when it comes to her cases. Her superiors feel she is a loose cannon, but deep down they respect her and her results. While she bends rules, it is never for her own gain, it is to give closure to the victims and their families, she has a huge heart. I have a huge soft spot for our forensic pathologist, Isaac Strong, I adored him in The Girl in the Ice and he has only cemented himself as a firm favourite in The Night Stalker. The whole team are characters that I have come to "know" and with every case they work, that connection only gets stronger. With chapters in the voice and mind of our Houdini like Night Stalker, Robert Bryndza really ramps up the suspense and anticipation as the net closes. The unhinged and evil ramblings really add to that bone chilling feeling every time the Night Stalker is mentioned. With twists and turns aplenty and a brazen "I am untouchable" contact with The Night Stalker, Erika Foster and her team have to dig deep to solve this case. With a third victim, one that comes a little too close to home for Erika and her team, the battle really commences. The team are like family, no one touches the team and you never leave a man behind. "When everyone else seems to have departed the world, the insomniacs are alone, stranded in the half-light." I cannot wait to read more from this series, compelling and totally addictive. "This is the problem when you create enemies, Erika. They go off and plot, and often flourish in the shade."

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