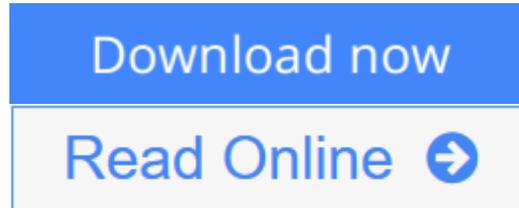


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### Editorial Review

Amazon.com Review

**An Amazon Best Book of the Month, September 2014:** A fallow murder investigation is resuscitated when Holly Mackey (daughter of Frank Mackey, both last seen in *Faithful Place*) brings Detective Stephen Moran (Mackey's protege in *Faithful Place*) a fresh clue she's discovered at her posh girls' school where the murder took place. Hoping this is his chance to trade Cold Cases for the Dublin Murder Squad and revive his own career, Moran finagles himself a partnership with prickly lead cop Antoinette Conway. Together the detectives try to find the truth inside the secrets, loyalties, and misdirection thrown their way by two rival groups of teenage schoolgirls. As in her previous books, just when you think you've solved the mystery another curious twist appears and French keeps you guessing right up until the very end. —*Seira Wilson*

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“a book full of giddy, slangy, devious schoolgirls who cannot be trusted about anything, at least not on the first, second, third or fourth rounds of questioning...Part of this book's trickiness is its way of letting characters hide the truth behind the smoke screen of language and let both readers and investigators gradually figure out who is lying.”

— **Janet Maslin, *The New York Times***

“There are echoes of Leopold and Loeb and Donna Tartt's *The Secret History*, but the language and landscape are unmistakably French's, as is the way she excavates the past to illuminate the present.”

—***O Magazine***

“Terrific—terrifying, amazing, and the prose is incandescent.”

—**Stephen King**

“Tana French is irrefutably one of the best crime fiction writers out there...[*The Secret Place* is] dizzyingly addictive...don't miss this one.”

—**The Associated Press\***

“clever and crude and vulgar and vicious in one breath and deeply, profoundly tragic in the next.”

—**Marilyn Stasio, *The New York Times Book Review***

“French is such a gorgeous writer: She's a poet of mood and a master builder of plots . . . *The Secret Place* is another eerie triumph for French.”

—**Maureen Corrigan, *The Washington Post***

“French pegs each [character] with cold, cruel precision, one by one, like a knife thrower popping balloons...it makes the world of *The Secret Place* pop into prickly-sharp focus and full color.”

— **Lev Grossman, *Time***

“*The Secret Place* will keep you up all night.”

—**Bustle.com**

“*The Secret Place* may be French’s best novel yet and that’s saying something. She’s that good.”

—***The New York Daily News***

“rendered vividly, with sharp dialogue and finely observed detail.”

—***The Wall Street Journal***

“*Gone Girl* fans will revel in this enthralling thriller.”

—***People***

“[Tana French’s] mysteries are less procedurals and more thoughtful, smart, stunningly clever and well-written literary yarns.”

—***USA Today***

“A twisting, teasing, and tense murder mystery that, while impressive in the matter of whodunit, soars on the psychological insights of whydunit. *The Secret Place* rips you to shreds, too, but in all the right ways. While channeling teens and cops alike, Tana French has – OMG, like, totes, amazeball – written a novel that seems all but certain to be among the best mysteries of the year”

—***The Christian Science Monitor***

“*The Secret Place* is Tana French’s latest extraordinary procedural... French’s plots are inventive and her prose is elegant, but she’s always been more interested in character development. Here, her steely gaze brilliantly nails the baffled and baffling emotions of teenagers on the verge of adulthood.”

—***The Seattle Times***

“French...writes beautifully.”

—***The Boston Globe***

“*The Secret Place* is an absorbing take on a hot subgenre by one of our most skillful suspense novelists.”

—**Popmatters.com**

“[Tana French] simply nails it...I just could not put it down!”

—***BookPage***

“*The Secret Place* simmers and seethes with skillfully crafted suspense, and French's prose often shines with beauty. But her strongest point is her characters, who are sharply observed and layered into complex and surprising people, revealed both in the wild memories of the flashback sequences and the crushing pressure of the interrogations in the present.”

—***Tampa Bay Times***

“If you’re a thriller fan and haven’t discovered the wonders of Tana French, her latest, *The Secret Place*, will surely get you hooked, and by hooked, we mean feverishly reading till the wee hours... An exceptional thriller. Be prepared — but the ride will be worth it.”

—***Dallas Morning News***

“Mesmerizing...French stealthily spins a web of teenage secrets with a very adult crime at the center.”

—***Publishers Weekly (Starred Review)***

“Complex characters and a vivid sense of place are at the heart of French’s literary success...”

—**Booklist (Starred Review)**

“[Tana French] has few peers in her combination of literary stylishness and intricate, clockwork plotting... Beyond the murder mystery, which leaves the reader in suspense throughout, the novel explores the mysteries of friendship, loyalty and betrayal, not only among adolescents, but within the police force as well. Everyone in this meticulously crafted novel might be playing—or being played by—everyone else.”

—**Kirkus (Starred Review)**

“Tana French expertly lays bare the striations of age, class and gender that keep people apart while making them need each other more. With carefully crafted characters and motives, French not only makes a boarding school murder seem plausible, she makes the reader wonder how teenagers could ever live in such close quarters without doing each other grievous bodily harm.”

—**Shelf Awareness (Starred Review)**

About the Author

**Tana French** is also the author of *In the Woods*, *The Likeness*, *Faithful Place*, *Broken Harbor* and *The Secret Place*. Her books have won awards including the Edgar, Anthony, Macavity, and Barry awards, the *Los Angeles Times* Award for Best Mystery/Thriller, and the Irish Book Award for Crime Fiction. She lives in Dublin with her family.

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**Deborah Green:**

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