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Editorial Review

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Gold Dagger Award–winning British crime writer McDermid offers a canny new twist on Jane Austen’s early novel. Fans of the original will know that Cat Morland is a book lover eager for her own supernatural adventure. In McDermid’s tale, when Cat’s neighbors offer to bring her to Edinburgh for a festival, she leaps at the opportunity to spread her wings. There, Cat meets two siblings, John and Bella Thorpe. She and Bella become fast friends despite Bella’s occasional shallowness, but Cat can’t abide John, who only seems to care about driving fast cars and showing off to try to win Cat’s affection. Instead, she prefers mysterious Henry Tilney and his delicate sister Eleanor, who bear striking similarities to the vampires in her favorite books. When the Tilneys invite Cat to stay with them at their ancestral home, Northanger Abbey, she feels chills at the thought of both staying with Henry and uncovering a centuries-old macabre mystery. McDermid’s brilliant update of the characters’ outlooks, philosophies, and attitudes within a modern context makes this a reimagined delight for Austen fans. --Amber Peckham

Review

Praise for *Northanger Abbey*:

“The unmitigated pleasure here is the obvious relish with which McDermid relocates Austen’s Regency England tale of romantic intrigue in Bath’s high-society circuit and imaginatively-spun Gothic intrigue at a rural abbey to 21st-century Britain. . . . McDermid’s success lies in her ability to allow her version of *Northanger Abbey* to dovetail tidily and enjoyably with Austen’s original while infusing it with her own humor, wit, and style. . . . Long before Cat is off to the Tilneys’ abbey, long before our modern-day crime author draws a final, canny ace from her tartan sleeve, you’ll have succumbed to the delights of *Northanger à la McDermid*.”—Daneet Steffens, *The Boston Globe*

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“Scottish crime writer McDermid adeptly reworks Jane Austen’s Gothic satire for the modern audiences. . . . Following Austen’s storyline but diverging in distinctive ways of her own, McDermid captures the naivete of the protagonist of Austen’s prose. . . . Rife with conflicts of love, gossip, misunderstandings, and updates on social media, it is an accessible and enjoyable read, especially rewarding for young readers as a gateway into appreciating the classics.”—*Publishers Weekly*

Praise for Val McDermid:

“Val McDermid . . . has the ruthless psychological scalpel that forms part of the equipment of all good novelists, whatever their genre. And, fortunately for us, she knows just how to use it.”—Andrew Taylor, *The Guardian* (UK), on *The Retribution*

“McDermid is a whiz at combining narrative threads, shifting to the viewpoints of her various characters . . . and ending chapters with cliffhangers that propel you to keep reading. . . . She’s the best we’ve got.”—*New York Times Book Review*, on *Killing the Shadows*

“One of the most accomplished crime novelists in the UK, Val McDermid has an acute reading of the psychology that lifts her out of the genre strait-jacket. She delivers pulse-raising set-pieces when necessary, but truthfulness of characterization is always more important than the exigencies of plot.”—Barry Forshaw, *The Independent* (UK), on *The Vanishing Point*

“Smooth. Confident. Deeply satisfying. What else can you say about McDermid’s writing?”—*Entertainment Weekly* (editor’s choice), on *The Torment of Others*

“Her work is taut, psychologically complex and so gripping that it puts your life on hold.”—*The Times* (UK)

About the Author

Val McDermid is the best-selling author of twenty-seven previous novels, which have been translated into over forty languages. She lives in the north of England.

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