

Spending a Penny Sparks a Novel Idea for Award Winning Glasgow Author

Press release

Wishaw author, Jennifer Lee Thomson, won the Pitlochry Quaich award for a first crime novel from The Scottish Association of Writers with her crime thriller novel, *Vile City*. The novel set in Glasgow is published in paperback and eBook by Caffeine Nights Publishing. Jennifer is celebrating by having a launch at Waterstones Sauchiehall Street on Thursday 11th May from 7pm until 8pm. The event is free to enter.

Jennifer was inspired to write the novel after seeing a young couple get off a bus in Glasgow. "I came up with the idea for the book when I saw a young couple getting off a bus in Glasgow in Argyle Street and him going down an alleyway to answer a call of nature. I expanded the idea making the girlfriend worried when he doesn't return. When she finds him slumped down on the pavement, she gets kidnapped." Jennifer explained the genesis of the book.

"Sometimes it is the most innocuous thing which can spark an idea for a novel. Setting is also primary and Glasgow is the perfect backdrop for a crime novel, rich in character and rich with characters." Jennifer said.

Vile City is her first book featuring DI Duncan Waddell and his team, including friend and colleague DC Stevie Campbell who's in a coma since he was attacked by a suspect. Only Waddell can still talk to him, leaving the under-pressure detective to question his sanity.

Jennifer lives with her rescue dog and her partner and is a member of the Crime Writers Association. She's had a variety of jobs including a hospital laundry attendant where she nearly cut off her hand with a stray scalpel left in a doctor's white coat, a film extra and a board game inventor.

Vile City is published in paperback and ebook on May 11th and Jennifer will be in Waterstones Sauchiehall Street for the launch of her novel from 7pm the same evening.

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Editors notes

To interview Jennifer please contact Darren on 01634 681432 / 07958 304375 or email info@caffeenights.com

Review copies available on request.

Jennifer Lee Thomson - Bio

Jennifer also writes as Jenny Thomson and has published a crime trilogy with Limitless Publishing featuring feisty Nancy Kerr and her ex-Special Forces boyfriend Tommy McIntyre who turn detective. The books are Hell to Pay, Throwaways and Don't Come For Me.

An animal and human rights advocate, Jennifer also wrote Living Cruelty Free – How to Live a More Compassionate Life (originally published by Greatest Guides). She's also penned another five non-fiction books, including ones on bullying and dog care.

In her spare time, she enjoys watching true crime shows and planning for the zombie apocalypse.

You can visit her blog where she looks at real life crime cases at <http://ramblingsofafrustratedcrimewriter.blogspot.co.uk> or follow her on Twitter @jenthom72

Vile City - Synopsis

DI Duncan Waddell has big problems. He's borderline diabetic. The paperwork is piling up faster than the underwear at a porn shoot. Now his best pal DC Stevie Campbell, who's in a coma after being attacked by a suspect, has started to talk to him. Trouble is, only Waddell can hear him. The last thing he needs is the country's biggest case to land on his

lap. Three women have gone missing in the city he used to love, but is fast coming to despise, victims of the GLASGOW GRABBER, as their assailant has been dubbed by local hack and all round thorn in Waddell's backside, Catriona Hastie. Shelley Craig is the latest victim, snatched as she and her boyfriend took a shortcut through Glasgow city centre. And she'll do anything to make it home.