



PORCELAIN: Flesh of Innocents

by Lee Cockburn

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Detective Sergeant Taylor Nicks is back and in charge of tracking down a sadistic vigilante, with a penchant for torturing paedophiles, in this unsettling crime thriller by a real-life police sergeant.

High-powered businessmen are turning up tortured around the city of Edinburgh with one specific thing in common—a sinister double life involving paedophilia. Leaving their 'victims' in a disturbing state, the individual responsible calls the police and lays bare the evidence of their targets' twisted misdemeanours to discover, along with a special memento of their own troubled past—a chilling calling card. Once again heading the investigation team is Detective Sergeant Taylor Nicks, along with her partner Detective Constable Marcus Black, who are tasked not only with tracking the perpetrator

down, but also dealing with the unusual scenario of having to arrest the victims for their own barbarous crimes. But with the wounded piling up, the predator's thirst for revenge intensifies and soon Nicks discovers that she is no longer chasing down a sinister attacker but a deadly serial killer.

Meanwhile the trial for the murder of John Brennan—the vicious killer from Cockburn's first book—has begun, with Susan Hamilton in the dock and the public and media keen witnesses as to whether justice will play out or if she will be sent to prison. And DS Nicks' romantic life continues to cause trouble as her long-term partner Kay, another victim of a vile and sustained assault at the hands of Brennan, hits the self destruct button leaving Nicks seeking comfort in the arms of not only a previous lover but also her boss.

Inspired by her vast professional experience as a police officer, both on the beat and in specialist riot squads in Edinburgh, **Porcelain: Flesh of Innocents** is the second in Lee Cockburn's DS Taylor Nick's series. Themes of good vs. evil are intricately woven into each of the characters' lives creating a complex, and heart-stopping, account of the cruel unspoken world that goes on unseen in our everyday lives.

Vivid, dark and deeply unsettling **Porcelain: Flesh of Innocents** is the perfect next read for serious crime and police thriller fans.

About the author: Lee Cockburn has worked for Police Scotland for sixteen years including as a police sergeant in Edinburgh for seven years and also as a public order officer. Before joining the force, she played for Scotland Women's rugby team for fifteen years, earning over eighty caps for the Scottish ladies and British Lionesses teams. She also swam competitively for twelve years, successfully representing Edinburgh at the age of fifteen in the youth Olympics in Denmark in 1984. Lee lives in Edinburgh with her civil partner Emily and their two young sons Jamie and Harry. Her first book *Devil's Demise* was published by Clink Street Publishing November 2014. **Porcelain: Flesh of Innocents** by Lee Cockburn (published by Clink Street Publishing February 2017 in paperback and ebook RRP TBC) will be available to purchase from online retailers including amazon.co.uk and to order from all good bookstores.

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