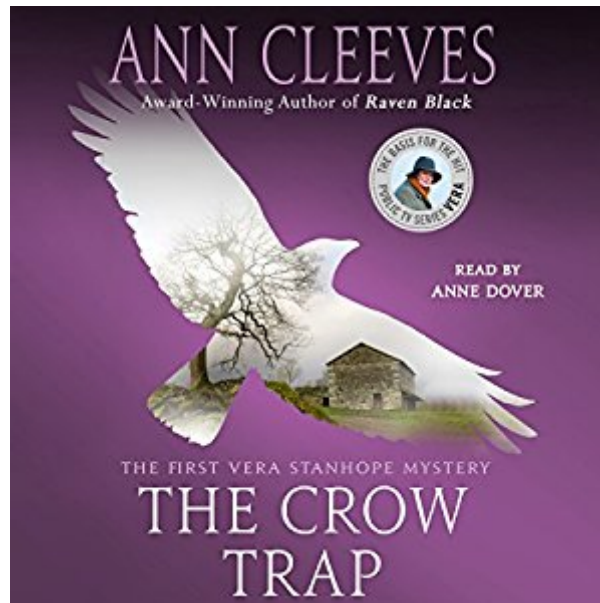




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# The Crow Trap: A Vera Stanhope Mystery



## Synopsis

Three very different women come together to complete an environmental survey. Three women who, in some way or another, know the meaning of betrayal.... For team leader Rachael Lambert, the project is the perfect opportunity to rebuild her confidence after a double betrayal by her lover and boss, Peter Kemp. Botanist Anne Preece, on the other hand, sees it as a chance to indulge in a little deception of her own. And then there is Grace Fulwell, a strange, uncommunicative young woman with plenty of her own secrets to hide.... When Rachael arrives at the cottage, however, she is horrified to discover the body of her friend Bella Furness. Bella, it appears, has committed suicide - a verdict Rachael finds impossible to accept. Only when the next death occurs does a fourth woman enter the picture - the unconventional Detective Inspector Vera Stanhope, who must piece together the truth from these women's tangled lives.

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## Customer Reviews

Ann Cleeves pulls the reader into each and every novel she has written. I've enjoyed reading her works and watching the 2 series made from her novels. You are in for a treat with this gifted storyteller.

I enjoyed the setting and the interaction of people in a close-knit community. Vera was introduced rather late in the novel. This allowed the author to develop other characters, but led to a flatness of narrative somehow. I saw the TV dramas and the interjection of Vera early on helped drive the narrative sooner and more effectively. A wonderful read if you like slow going and detailed writing.

Shetlands featuring the Jimmy Perez character brings Ann Cleeves' writing to a fine point.

I have read Ann Cleeves for years and each book is a delight unto itself. Very quickly, one gets drawn into the diverse personalities and backgrounds of her characters and sincerely wants to know their part, if there is one, in the murders that just keep happening!

im a fan of ann cleeves books cause i watch the show vera and the its pbs and another good thing there is no ads and i like that very much i do wish they would put it back on pbs tv

I've read all of the Shetland series and thoroughly enjoyed this book. As in the other series, the characters come to life. I will continue on to the next book.

THE CROW TRAP was Ann Cleeves first Vera. I found her organization extremely interesting. She sectioned the book on two main characters and Vera. The overlap of their perceptions was intriguing, phenomenal introspection and diverse reactions to shared experiences. Clues were simple and apparent to good readers but the who-did-it was tough. The reveal was logical and expertise. So enjoyable and highly recommended!!!

i watch Vera, the show, thought i would read one. it is a good read. show is great! actress is perfect for role. but book is great story.

Sleeves builds the suspense by introducing each character who gives us part of the story until Vera arrives to radically of salt and vinegar .

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