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As DI Louisa Smith and her team gather evidence, they discover a shocking link between the two cases and the two deaths—a bond that sealed their terrible fates one cold night, under a silent moon.

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Editorial Review

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On the same day that Polly Leuchars is bludgeoned to death in a village near London, her neighbor Barbara Fletcher-Norman is found dead in a car that went over a nearby cliff. Forensics link the two cases into a single operation, the first investigation to be headed by newly promoted Detective Chief Inspector Louisa “Lou” Smith of Major Crimes. Beautiful, blonde, 27-year-old Polly, a groom at the horse farm owned by wealthy, crime-connected Nigel Maitland, started sexual relationships casually with both men and women (among them Maitland, his daughter Flora, and Fletcher-Norman’s widower), spurning the commitment that some of her lovers sought. While a quick and simple solution to the case presents itself early on, Smith and her team keep digging, despite her discomfort at working closely with DC Andy Hamilton, with whom she had a prepromotion fling. After three stand-alone novels—the latest being the suspenseful *Human Remains*, 2013—real-life police analyst Haynes debuts a promising procedural series featuring a strong lead character who could just become a genre stalwart. --Michele Leber

Review

“Haynes has written romantic suspense novels and psychological thrillers, but *Under a Silent Moon* is her first police procedural and it’s quite a departure from anything she’s done before....Should give puzzle fiends plenty to chew on.” (*New York Times Book Review*)

“If there’s anything Haynes excels at, it’s addictive, tension-filled reading.” (*BookPage*)

“Perfect for fans of police procedurals and British mysteries.” (*Library Journal*)

“Haynes debuts a promising procedural series featuring a strong lead character who could just become a genre stalwart.” (*Booklist*)

“You’ll want to stay up all night reading *Under a Silent Moon*. Best-selling author Elizabeth Haynes assembles a cast of memorable characters in this gripping murder mystery that combines police procedure with romantic desire.” (*National Examiner*)

“The first in a series of police procedural mysteries that undoubtedly will significantly increase her readership while retraining those who have been with her from the beginning....It’s as impressive a book, in any genre, as you will read this year....And the ending will leave you breathless.” (*Bookreporter.com*)

“[A] gripping page-turner.” (*Crimespree Magazine*)

“Like your novels racy? If so, this one will fit the bill....A strong opening to what promises to be a strong series.” (*New York Journal of Books*)

“This is an edgy, suspenseful story that will keep you up late at night, but make sure your doors are locked.” (*Suspense Magazine*)

“Haynes deftly weaves together the instructional style of most police procedurals with a taut, suspenseful mystery. It’s a captivating tale of jealousy, madness and murder that readers won’t be able to put down.” (*Romantic Times Book Reviews*, 4.5 stars)

From the Back Cover

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As DCI Louisa Smith and her team gather evidence over the course of the next six days, they discover a shocking link between the two cases—a bond that sealed these women's terrible fates one cold night, under a silent moon.

In this first entry in this "promising procedural series" (*Booklist*), Elizabeth Haynes interweaves fictional primary source materials—police reports, phone messages, interviews—and multiple character viewpoints to create a sexy, edgy, and compulsively readable tale of murder, mystery, and unsettling suspense.

Includes an excerpt from *Behind Closed Doors*, the next book featuring Detective Inspector Louisa Smith.

Users Review

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