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The Secret Place: Dublin Murder Squad, Book 5



Synopsis

The sensational new novel from "one of the most talented crime writers alive". (The Washington Post) The photo on the card shows a boy who was found murdered, a year ago, in the grounds of a girls' boarding school in the leafy suburbs of Dublin. The caption says I know who killed him. Detective Stephen Moran has been waiting for his chance to get a foot in the door of Dublin's Murder Squad - and one morning, 16-year-old Holly Mackey brings him this photo. "The Secret Place", a board where the girls at St Kilda's School can pin up their secrets anonymously, is normally a mishmash of gossip and covert cruelty, but today someone has used it to reignite the stalled investigation into the murder of handsome, popular Chris Harper. Stephen joins forces with the abrasive Detective Antoinette Conway to find out who and why.

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Customer Reviews

I have read all of Tana French's books and she is on her mark with her latest, *The Secret Place*. It is filled with atmosphere, great characterization, language that calls for the reader not to skip even one word, and a story that keeps getting better with each page. Ms. French writes literary fiction that just happens to be a mystery as well. *The Secret Place* is about a lot of things: friendships, jealousies, love, teenagers, police investigations, and murder. Holly Mackey, 16 years old and the daughter of a detective who was featured in one of Ms. French's earlier books, is a student at St. Kilda's, a posh girls' school in Ireland. *The Secret Place* is a noticeboard in the school. If you have a secret, you put it on a card and tack it to the board. "The students use images and captions to convey their messages anonymously." Holly finds a note on the board that says "I know who killed him". The

note refers to the murder of Chris Harper, a student at the boys' school next door. His head was bashed in about one year ago and his murder has become a cold case. Holly takes the card to Detective Stephen Moran, a detective in the cold case department of police headquarters. Detective Moran is 32 years old and wants to move up. "Cold cases is good. Murder is better." "I'd been wishing for the murder squad for a long time." He takes the card to Detective Antoinette Conway of the murder squad who was the lead detective in the Christopher Harper murder. Her partner recently retired and Moran sees an opening for himself. "Conway wasn't going to want me. She was getting me anyway." Together, the two of them go to St. Kilda's and re-open the investigation. What they find at St. Kilda's shakes them to the core. The adolescents are secretive, mocking, and altogether not helpful.

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