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Kim and Mia Timmers were ten years old when they were accused of murdering the rest of their family and the lead singer of the world famous band, The Cupids. The evidence seemed irrefutable at the time, and the sisters, who have been in a Marken institution for ten years, are now due for release. Pieter Vos, DI in the Amsterdam police, is given cause to re-open the case when the girls disappear along with a nurse who was supposed to escort them to a half-way house in Amsterdam. As the police investigation continues, it soon becomes evident that there is more than meets the eye at Marken, and senior staff at the institution are beginning to panic as they fear certain secrets might come to light. Even Vos's boss, De Groot, seems to have something to hide which is relevant to this case. When the dead body of the nurse washes up on the beach at Marken, and the case takes a different turn as the various band members are implicated in the murders, it becomes clear that someone is posing as the third sister, Little Jo, who died ten years ago. Who is it, and is there a cover-up at a higher level to protect those in power?

## Little Sister Details

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## From Reader Review Little Sister for online ebook

### Hermien says

This was a real page turner for me, but maybe I am a bit biased because of the setting. A good series.

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### Anne Robinson says

Third in a really great crime series set in Amsterdam. I have thoroughly enjoyed all three. The plots have been unusual with great twists and a lot of atmosphere. Will definitely put Hewson on my long list of authors to read! Read this in one sitting.

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### Lisa says

Well I was sucked in by the blurb on this one & YES it started off at a fast pace which kept me turning the pages, I had never read David Hewson before & I am not sure I will again. Let me explain my reasoning the plot worked well but I found it dragged a bit was skipping through the chapters to see if the pace picked up I was right it didn't.

The Characters were written okay but thought there was way to many each one did his or her job well finding Kim & Mia's whereabouts as they were being held for murder after the killing of their Mother Freya, father Gus & sister Jo, Detective Pieter Vos & his team come in to find the missing sisters.

When all who were involved in the incarceration were found murdered one after the other Vos intensifies his search what he finds is a lot of secrets about their mother Freya who would use anybody she could to get what she wanted.

As the plot deepens Mia shows she has a weakness unlike Kim who is totally opposite they kill to avenge their parents & sister Jo's death.

I also thought the ending was poor a major letdown & kept going from one situation to the other which confused me a little & the pronunciation of the places & people a little hard to pronounce if you know what I mean 2.5 stars.

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### Maud says

wat een geweldig schitterende ontknoping van een subliem en spannend verhaal  
megagoed dit 3e deel van de "Amsterdam "serie

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## Paula Phillips says

Every now and again, I love my mystery and serial killer novels but I like them to be captivating and have a great storyline otherwise I have no interest as if they can't grab me then I put them back and when it comes to this genre, I find I am quite fussy. Little Sister by David Hewson had a great blurb and I was intrigued to read it as another favourite of mine to read in this genre is when the children have committed the crime as it makes it more fascinating without sounding like a psychopath. In Little Sister it introduces us to two girls Kim and Mia who are the remaining two of their family left as ten years ago, their mother/father and sister as they were triplets were murdered. Kim and Mia decided to take revenge into their own hands and kill the person they thought was responsible for their deaths. The girls 11 years old at the time were sent to a juvie mental institution where they have been patients until now. Since the girls have aged out and the doctors agree they are no longer a risk to the society, they are being let out into the "real world". Turns out though that in the "real world" they are not in for sanctuary as now that the girls are out and can tell the actual truth of what happened that night, someone is cleaning house and harming everyone involved and of course who better to frame than the two girls who already have murder on their rap sheets. I have to admit, I did find the storylines good but once it became a massive and I mean massive conspiracy, the book started to lose my interest but I kept reading hoping to come to the truth and discover what really happened that night with Kim and Mia. When we finally did get the answers, I have to admit I was a little disappointed in the ending especially when the truth was revealed about the final moments of Kim and Mia's family. This was the first of David Hewson's books I had read and I have to say that though I did enjoy it, unless there is another captivating blurb he won't be one of my go-to authors for mystery and serial killer novels.

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## Thebooktrail says

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There's something very moreish about this author. Having read his novels in order, I am always left wanting more and wanting to return to Amsterdam. He's one of the authors who for me not only uses his settings well but really weaves them in and out of every aspect of the plot. His writing and characters are just so evocative of time and place and really make the settings more than backdrops. The island setting in particular shows a unique side to the Netherlands and the contrast to bustling Amsterdam.

This one had the added chill of being set outside of Amsterdam for the most part and the idea that an island 'prison' was at the heart of the story. There was a great sense of foreboding, a chilling sense of unease throughout and two lead characters who were the most unreliable narrators I've ever encountered. I kept imaging them as ghostly figures staring straight ahead whilst holding hands – or maybe I've been reading too many ghostly stories with children at the centre.

There's always something new and different about Hewson's novel and writing – Vos in particular is a great character – different, unique and lives on a boat which gives him an odd and endearing quality. It's a wonder his many faults and foibles don't sink it but then that's part of the plot.

With an old case being reopened and a new one set to explode, this is a great standalone and third episode in the Vos series. Very evocative and the writing always takes it that level higher.

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### **Bianca says**

Boeiend tot de laatste pagina. Het decor: Amsterdam, Volendam, Marken. Dubbele lagen en dan nog de politie zelf... ingrediënten voor een uitstekend derde deel in de serie over rechercheur Pieter Vos. Wat jammer dat deel 4 nog niet vertaald is anders zou ik direct het volgende deel pakken.

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### **Syndi Siahaan says**

At first, looking at the book cover and reading the summary, I expect a mystery/horror story. I am severely disappointed. Frankly, I don't know how to categorize this book. Mystery? Pieter Vos is a super detective that he can guess what's going on based only on so few leads (sarcastic mode on). Horror? I think the scary part has already been broken if you read the summary.

In the beginning, the readers were presented with a complicated storyline that turns out on a very disappointing result. It's also hard to read with so many conversations (too many, in my opinion) going on. Furthermore, the characters are not developed until the end.

I just couldn't get myself into the story and I have to force myself to finish it.

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### **Rosa says**

This is the third installment of the Vos/Bakker series and it was suspenseful like the other two and kept my interest. I did find it a little less gripping than the first two. A few too many characters and not enough on Vos or Bakker -- at times they seemed almost like secondary characters. I hope there is a fourth installment.

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### **Ken Fredette says**

I like David Hewson's take on the Netherlands. It's so real with his descriptions of the land and the water. The boat he lives on is so like what I would like to have it's crazy. I like to let my mind work out as if I am working the case with Vos. This time he makes DeGroot do the impossible. Wonder what's next.

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### **Roxanne says**

A good premise but unfortunately David Hewson just can't write very well and the book reads as though it was written by someone for whom English is a second language they don't speak very often. But the worst thing is that the author seems to have an aversion to the word 'said' and does everything in his power to avoid using it. Everyone insists, adds, cries, interrupts, announces, asks, screams, cuts in, agrees, whimpers, pleads or declares - anything but says! Once you notice this the book is almost impossible to read.

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## **Ceesfransen says**

Goed boek een mooie 4 sterren.

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## **Dini Van heumen-hoekman says**

Heerlijk boek weer, alleen jammer dat de flaptekst niet klopte.  
Hier is die al enigszins aangepast maar staat nog een foutje in.

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## **Paul says**

Little Sister – Another Lowlands Thriller

Kim and Mia Timmers are twins who have spent the majority of their life locked up in a mental health facility, after being found guilty of murdering the lead singer of a once world renowned band called The Cupids. What little is known from that time is shrouded in mystery, and all the locals of the Dutch fishing village, Voldendam.

As the Timmers twins reach 21 they should no longer be kept in the facility out on the edge of the island of Marken, hidden away and forgotten, all local people knew was that it was a facility for female juvenile criminals. The girls are being assessed to see if they should be released out to a safe house in Amsterdam, where they would be able to integrate slowly back in to society.

When they do not turn up at the safe house, and nobody has heard from their nurse escort, after nearly 24 hours the police are finally informed. Pieter Vos is given the job of finding the girls and what happened to the nurse, it does not help when he tries to find the old police files on the Timmers has been deleted and paper copies shredded.

When Vos travels out to Voldendam with Laura Bakker his colleague they are in for an investigation, that the authorities want closed rapidly and no mention of the history. When they travel out to Marken, they are sure that they are not being told anywhere near the truth. When the body of the nurse escort turns washed up along Marken they know they are going to be up against things.

David Hewson draws the reader in very quickly and feel that you are at the heart of the investigation, and can see the various characters, how they think and act. Kim and Mia are written well and are completely dislikeable girls, who are angry, confused and not sure what is happening to them, there is a sort of innocence but even that does not help them.

Vos is an effective but slightly defective detective, someone the leaders can trust to get the job done, but absolutely terrible at the internal police politics. How Vos likes and trusts those officers around him and does not enjoy change, any challenge to that and it throws his equilibrium off kilter.

As the story unfolds there is an uncomfortable truth that all the police and the locals need to deal with which slowly seeps in to the story. Which helps to understand why the Timmers twins are so damaged and shows them in a more favourable light.

David Hewson's story telling is second to none, using the skill of a scriptwriter to draw the reader in and keep them at the centre of the story throughout. The thriller with its various twists and turns, shocks and occasional violence keeps the read intrigued and wanting to know what happens next.

A truly excellent book, Little Sister is an excellent development of the Pieter Vos series, and shows why it will continue to go from strength to strength.

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### **Desiree says**

Really haunting thriller about two sisters who (allegedly) murdered a man 10 years ago when both their parents and their triplet sister got killed. A real pageturner. Although I'm Dutch I'm not very familiar with the region Waterland, though everybody knows Volendam ofcourse.

For me this was the best book in the series so far.

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