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It is Fall in Manchester New Hampshire as Naimh Caton buries her aunt Miriam, victim of a senseless hit and skip. Now that she is alone in the world she decides to complete her Family Tree. Three thousand miles away across the Big Pond. Detective Chief Inspector Tom Caton is surprised to learn that he and Naimh are cousins. He is drawn into her obsession to trace their ancestors, and any living relatives. As each new member of the Caton clan is identified at home, and in Kerry in Ireland, they are cruelly murdered, The cousins find themselves in a frantic race to track down the perpetrator before they become the killer's final victims, and quite literally the end of the line.

"Mystery, Murder, and Genealogy merge in this satisfying suspense novel that brings together the Old and New World." - Publisher's Weekly

A Trace of Blood was an Amazon Breakthrough Novel Award Semi-finalist

Number six in the bestselling series by Bill Rogers - awarded the ePublishing Consortium Writers Award 2011 for The Cleansing.

## **A Trace of Blood Details**

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## From Reader Review A Trace of Blood for online ebook

### Cathy Millington says

#### Families!

Another well written and researched novel by Bill Rogers. What I found particularly interesting was all the places it is possible to visit in order to trace family members to construct a family tree

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### Ray Melville says

While I found this a good read, I didn't like it as much as the previous books in the series. Still a tense narrative, but little of the procedural content that the others had. Thought the ending was a bit weak, too.

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### Lisa says

#### Another interesting installment...

in the Caton series. So far each book has flowed on from the previous, however there is one glaring omission in this book. The story is based around the remaining descendants in the Caton clan being eliminated by a mysterious killer. During all the research into the family tree and given its the basis of the storyline, I was mysteries with there being no mention of Tom's son. The son he didn't know he had until the previous book seems to have never existed? Very confusing!!!

Otherwise a good story well told x

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### Mickey Hoffman says

I prefer not to know the identity of the killer. This is a story about family histories and greed, but most of the relatives are already dead when the story begins. I never warmed up to the female lead, so I didn't care enough about what happened to her. The book needs editing in many respects, but most of all for paragraphs that didn't need to be there.

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### Bill Hill says

Not your typical Tom Caton book, more of a genealogical mystery with Tom almost a secondary character, but this is still an entertaining read.

If you're a Tom Caton fan, you'll enjoy this. If not it is still a good book worth reading. But I'd recommend reading the previous Caton novels to get the back story.

A point for the publishers to note. The editing needs to improve on this book. There is a least one instance of

a character being referred to with the wrong rank. Secondly, throughout the book there are no blank lines between sub-chapters to indicate a change of topic. This is sloppy and annoying.

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### **barbara jones says**

**Interesting, especially if you are interested in genealogy.**

I found it to be slow. But it does tell you something about your relatives either dead or alive. Hopefully, they won't try to kill you for any inheritance that may be involved.

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### **Ned says**

A good follow-up to Rogers first Tom Cayton procedural, this one features Tom's distant cousin Niamh Caton and a very complex family tree in which a withered branch contains a murderer.

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### **Ann James says**

This is a fab read if you're interested in genealogy and crime stories. It brings to life the ancestry trail between Manchester UK, Manchester US and Ireland, with the element of surprise, curiosity and excitement when you discover unknown stories from the past on a family tree. Although this particular skeleton is something I wouldn't wish to encounter!

I did get slightly confused when I started to read the first chapter, as it had a very Americanised feel to it. Then remembered the synopsis that mentioned it was based in two cities called Manchester. After that, it all fell into place.

The way the author uses language specific to a location carries you away within that environment, so that there is little chance of getting confused as DCI Caton moves from one location to the other.

My one bugbear isn't with the book or author, but with the Kindle version. Yet again too many errors, not as bad as some previous DCI Caton books, but enough to be irritating.

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