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McDermid : A Place of Execution before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Place of Execution:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Brilliant WriterBy JackieVal McDermid is a superior writer and this is one of her best. It is a complex story that is set in a country English town. Very close knit. Complex, psychological book. It is interesting, as an American, to read about people from across the pond. This was the first of McDermid's books that I read and from here I became a close follower. A solid choice for those who enjoy in depth, police procedurals that are more than fluff. I highly recommend.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Village secretsBy Fred Camfield"You shall be taken in the place from whence you came, and thence to a place of lawful execution, and there you shall be hanged by the neck until you be dead..."A 13 year old girl has gone missing in a small insular English village - a village like a small medieval fiefdom that does not deal well with outsiders. A body cannot be found, but there is an accumulation of circumstantial evidence. This is a police and judicial procedural novel. It follows the case through investigation, charges and arrest, trial and execution. You would think at that point it is at an end.But then there is book two, taking place 35 years later. A woman is writing a book about the case. Sometimes when you dig into the past you can dig too deep. Most of us were involved with things as children, or knew about things, that were not discussed outside the small group we associated with. It is sometimes better to let sleeping dogs lie, and take some knowledge to the grave. But something is discovered that requires explanation. So what do you do at that point?This is a well written story with a lot of detail. It is not a quick read. It will give you a good picture of the English justice system, but there is more than one form of justice. It will also give you a good picture of

a tight knit group of people who prefer to handle their own problems in their own way. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Val McDermid Goes On My A-List of Writers By SeattleBookMama I ordered this novel partly because a writer I really enjoy recommended her (I don't mean via book blurb, but actually mentioned her in a book of her own). The trouble with being a bibliophile is that I can read faster than my favorite writers can write. I am always on the lookout for someone new, who is good. If you are part of the instant-gratification generation, with a life that started with video games when you were young, you may not have the patience for this writer. The general librarian's rule of thumb is to give a book 5 chapters before you reject it; I am so glad I held out. The story takes off slowly, but then builds. It goes from okay, to interesting, to actually quite interesting...and by the time you are halfway through the 465 pages, it is a can't-put-it-down. The writer isn't a word-painter like Elizabeth George. She won't make you say "Ahhh" on page 1. She specializes instead on originality, character development, and foreshadowing. Her setting is also rich, original, and believable. I confess I quibbled a tiny bit with the ending. I didn't entirely believe it would shake out that way in real life. But read it and see what you think; as for me, I have to conclude this review so I can go order some more Val McDermid books!

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