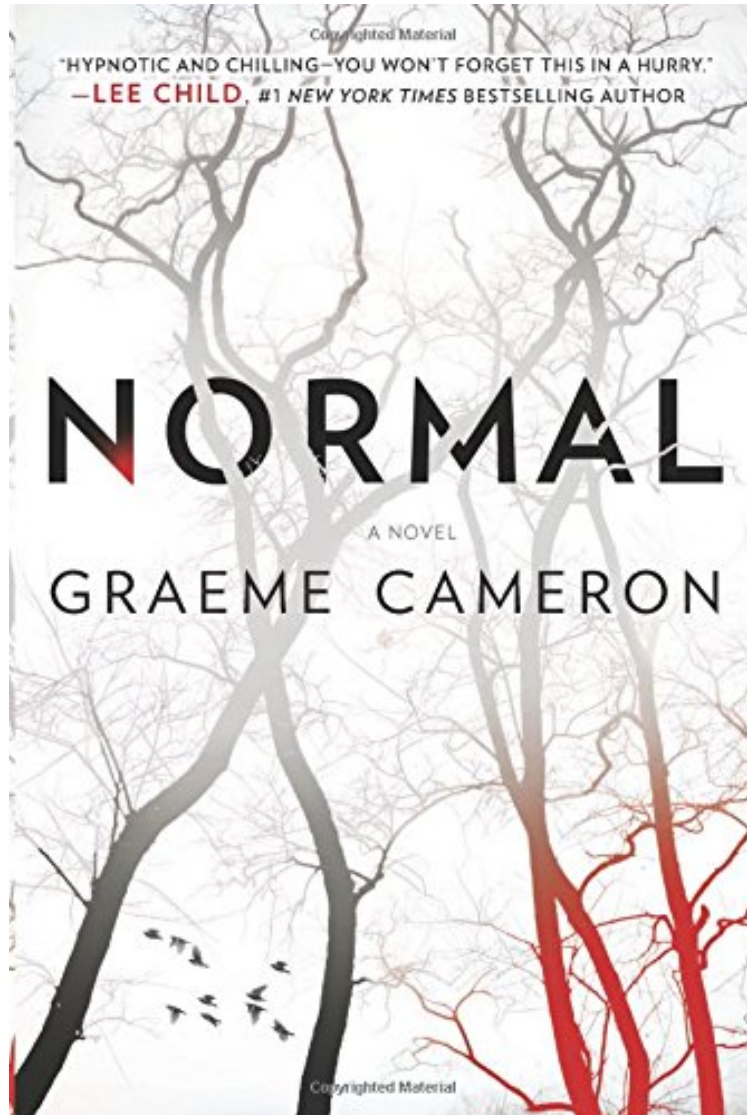


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Graeme Cameron : Normal: A Novel before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Normal: A Novel:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Creepy Serial Killer Who Appears Normal... That's NormalBy Lionyx2015Wow! This is one of the creepiest novels about a serial killer that I've ever read. It hooked me from the first chapter and kept me going to the very end.I don't usually give reviews for books, especially novels. It has to be one which I thoroughly enjoyed and kept me interested. And this one fits that description.There was one place I got lost and I almost gave up on the book. It was over a third of the way through the novel. It's where the narrator switches

back and forth between different locations/characters. I'm glad I continued to read from there because it turned out to be one of those novels I'll never forget reading. Even though there's this flaw, a small one, I rated the novel with five stars because its overall content and narration was excellent and quite different. For me I'd rate this book close to *Along Came A Spider*. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Anything but Normal... One of the most complex, haunting, and beautiful novels I've experienced. By Telltale_Tim It's very rarely that one encounters a book that will haunt you all the way into the darkest chambers of your soul. Normal is such a book. Cameron's stellar debut novel focuses on our nameless, faceless anti-hero who without question is a despicable person. He has cut a swath of terror and horror through innocents that would sicken anybody. Then a chance encounter with a soul who can seemingly gaze right into his own makes his compulsion-filled world begin to crumble from its foundation as love throws a wrench into his practiced mayhem. The fact Cameron succeeds in making him someone you have hope for by the end of the novel is major evidence of his true talent. It may seem implausible to envision a remorseless serial killer potentially falling in love but is it truly? Long time dark fiction fans such as myself have encountered many killers over time. If one is honest, many of them follow a template that is very rarely strayed from. What a mind-blowing, shock to the system of the jaded killer thriller fan to see a brutal murderer with dimensions and the ability to feel, the need to sacrifice, the yearning to be different when inspired by the right person. Also... do many of us not strive daily to commit good deeds that perhaps take the sharp, jagged edges off of our prior misdeeds? This was an incredibly relatable facet to Cameron's protagonist... we know in other circumstances we have done tremendous wrongs so we aim to shed some light on the darkness of those failings. Some may say this is unrealistic; I say it's human and well, normal. The humor in the book is black as night and whip smart. It's difficult to comprehend this is Cameron's first book as it zooms along at a thrilling pace and is impossible not to grow immensely involved in. If you are looking for a book that will make you question your rigid beliefs, make you squirm with discomfort, make you yearn for a bright outcome for someone you'd traditionally loathe but in the hands of a new master of dark fiction root for, pick up Normal now. After taking the journey, you'll never forget it. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Normal By Mary E aka Lockett I was really disappointed by this book. I had heard so many good things and was wanting a book from the serial murderer's point of view. This book seemed kind of scattered to me. The protagonist starts out as a someone who has no conscience of what he does but somewhere in the middle he develops a bit of a wishy-washy side. People compare it to Dexter, and yes, Dexter became a different person throughout the series too. But for some reason, Normal just never hooked me as Dexter did. It was like he became the hunted eventually, and he let others take over control in his life. I seem to be in the minority of the reviewers, so it's probably just my taste. Before this I read *Pretty Wicked*, by Kelly Charron. It's a book about a teen serial killer, the daughter of a sheriff. Even though it's a YA novel, it's pretty gritty and I much prefer this book being from the view of the serial killer. Yes, Normal is an okay book, but unfortunately I felt it wasn't great, like most of the reviews. Maybe it's just one to judge for yourself.

"The truth is I hurt people. It's what I do. It's all I do. It's all I've ever done." He lives in your community, in a nice house with a well-tended garden. He shops in your grocery store, bumping shoulders with you and apologizing with a smile. He drives beside you on the highway, politely waving you into the lane ahead of him. What you don't know is that he has an elaborate cage built into a secret basement under his garage. And the food that he's carefully shopping for is to feed a young woman he's holding there against her will—one in a string of many, unaware of the fate that awaits her. This is how it's been for a long time. It's normal... and it works. Perfectly. Then he meets the checkout girl from the 24-hour grocery. And now the plan, the hunts, the room... the others. He doesn't need any of them anymore. He needs only her. But just as he decides to go straight, the police start to close in. He might be able to cover his tracks, except for one small problem—he still has someone trapped in his garage. Discovering his humanity couldn't have come at a worse time.

"Hypnotic and chilling—you won't forget this in a hurry." -Lee Child, #1 New York Times bestselling author "This is simply a brilliant book—utterly compelling and unforgettable. I loved it." -Jamie Mason, author of *Three Graves Full* and *Monday's Lie* "A black comedy... Cameron has written a painfully funny story that's littered with corpses, both intentional and unintentional, and proves that sometimes spotting the craziest person on the block isn't quite as easy as it seems." -Kirkus "Blackly humorous." -Publishers Weekly About the Author Graeme Cameron lives with his family in Norfolk, UK. Normal is his first novel.